

Opponent Testimony for HB 249 The Indecent Exposure Modernization Act 3/17/26

I have been a resident of Columbus for 9 years. I am currently represented by Rep. Meredith R. Lawson-Rowe and Senator Michele Reynolds.

I oppose HB 249. It steps on personal freedom and artistic freedom.

This bill is clearly intended to be used to police transgender and gender nonconforming people and performers.

Being anti-transgender is a losing issue with electorates right now. North Carolina's most prominent anti-transgender Democrat, Nasif Majeed, [fell to progressive challenger Veleria Levy](#), who ran on a pro-LGBTQ+ platform, by more than 40 points.

(https://www.erininthemorning.com/p/anti-trans-democrats-blown-out-in?utm_source=publication-search)

HB 249 does not benefit a single citizen in Ohio. It will explicitly be used to make many citizen's lives materially worse.

Please, do not allow HB 249 to continue any further in the legislative process.

Thank you.