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Chair Thomas, Vice Chair Swearingen, Ranking Member Synenberg, and members of the House Judiciary Committee – thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in favor of House Bill 693.

My name is Libby Krieger, and I'm a Young Women for America ambassador as well as a resident of Ohio who hopes to one day raise children here. I support this bill because it's a commonsense affirmation of the rights of parents and families.

I don't pretend to know or understand how difficult – for both parents and children – going through gender identity conflict must be. But what I do know is that parents choosing to affirm the biological sex of their child is NOT child abuse. And frankly, it's offensive to those who have suffered from real abuse.

My dad is a criminal court judge in Pennsylvania, and before that, he was a family court judge. The real stories of abuse he has encountered are heavy and life-shattering. He's a former Navy Lieutenant who would come home exhausted and heartbroken over these horrific realities. Now imagine the reality of those who experienced the abuse themselves.

This bill makes a complete mockery out of real child abuse. I hope this is not the intention of opponents. This bill clouds the system of justice in this state that helps real victims by conflating a common sense confirmation of truth with physical harm.

I believe God made male and female, and the idea that a person's gender identity can differ apart from biological sex is radical – contrary to thousands of years of human history, common sense, and science.

But you don't even need to agree with me there to see why this bill is necessary. The law ought to provide families the right to make the decision that is in the best interest of their child without fear of being labeled an "abuser" or getting their child taken away by the state.

Some may say that this bill is unnecessary and I wish it was. Certainly no one would try to divide families like this, right? But, just a few years ago, a Hamilton County judge gave custody of a trans-identifying teenager to the child's grandparents because the parents refused to affirm the teen's gender-identity. It has happened, and it will continue to if we don't proceed with wisdom. It's happening all over this nation. The more we remove a parent's authority in the life of their children, the more lives will suffer for the progress of an agenda rather than the good of Ohio children. We must safeguard parental rights for the flourishing of all.

The good people of Ohio elected you to protect their rights and liberty to thrive and raise their families well. This bill protects the rights of Ohio families, and I'd urge the committee to pass it for a vote on the House floor. Thank you.