

Dear State Senators,

My name is Cavan Bruce, and I am a freshman honors student at Cleveland Heights High School who has struggled with anxiety and outbursts since I was in elementary school. I am pleading for you to recognize the mentally and physically harmful effects of Senate Bill 113. As a student who has had a difficult experience in school because of anxiety, I can tell you that the nature of confusing and vague legislation could have disastrous consequences. Throughout elementary and middle school, I would occasionally have outsized emotional responses when under strong amounts of pressure; however, I have had support systems that have helped me eliminate these outbursts and provide a safe space for myself and my peers. If this bill does pass, this could strip all the support for students who have similar symptoms, which would be extremely harmful for those students and their peers. I believe that safety is the utmost priority for all those in academia and those outside of it. I strongly advise that you do not adopt a vague and harmful bill that will have massive consequences that people have not even begun to consider.