

Dear State Senators,

My name is Emmanuel Gutierrez, a Dominican 9th grader at Cleveland Heights High School. I have a younger brother, an older brother, and two older sisters. **Do not add SB 113 and its hateful content as an amendment to the budget bill.**

As a student in a public high school, I see so many unique personalities of many different people, and I also hear how they don't feel accounted for and respected for their differences. No matter the race, no matter the sex, no matter the identity. Students don't feel *respected*. This hurts my heart as it should yours. These are the future people in our government. The people who will be in your very seats in the future. This bill is restricting children with differences from being successful. Why can't they have the help they need to have success in their lives? I am living proof that diversity, equity, and inclusion matter. Please don't turn your back on students like me, who just want an equal opportunity to learn. Thank you, and I am urging you **not to allow any part of Senate Bill 113 in our Ohio schools.**