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Testimony of Jones Foster Against H.B. No. 96

Hello, my name is Jones Foster from Hamilton County and I oppose H.B. No. 96. This bill encourages fear-mongering around transgender and transsexual individuals, which is being proven to more and more cause death and harm to citizens. Trans individuals have the same aspirations as their biological counterparts: to be productive members of their community, to have families, to love, and to just exist in peace. Biological women shouldn't fear being harassed by police or others just because they "look trans," as these anti-trans laws are proven to result in not only the death and harassment of trans people but also non-trans people who are perceived to be trans. There are much bigger things to be worried about other than the genitalia someone was born with reflected on their documentation. As a young citizen of Ohio, I'd like to focus my worries on my work in a career I have dreamed of instead of getting a misdemeanor for having an "M" on my license while I walk around with a whole mustache on my face.

Thank you for your time and I pray that your hearts guide you to the right decision.

Sincerely,

Jones Foster