

To the distinguished members of the Senate:

I am writing to express my opposition to language in the state budget bill that would define “sex” as “biological sex,” and would require all Ohioans to have an ID which records their “biological sex” or be at risk of a misdemeanor charge. This legislation, if passed, would cause irreparable harm to Ohio’s transgender, nonbinary and intersex residents and taxpayers.

If trans people are required to have ID which does not reflect their gender identity, it puts them at risk of great harm. From harassment and violence, to difficulties with travel, to the possibility of being denied gender-affirming care and other healthcare, the risks are very real.

Transgender people are such a small segment of the population that it makes no sense for the Senate to devote this much time and energy to harming them. All we want is to live our lives peacefully.

I urge you to please remove this language from the state budget bill.

Sincerely,
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