

Dear Senators:

I am submitting this testimony as a mother of a trans woman in Ohio. My daughter is authentic now as the day she was born. I am opposed to any budget language that redefines 'sex' as 'biological sex.' This harms trans and nonbinary Ohioans, and it does not belong in our state's budget. Please reject this cruel and unnecessary provision.

I urge you to oppose legislation of any kind that will criminalize people for living their full lives. You will not be protecting Ohioans, you will be targeting people who are living in and contributing to Ohio.

As an Ohioans, I want a world where we all belong and thrive. It is possible. This piece in the budget bill that targets transpeople is not the kind of Ohio I want to live in.

I urge you remove all language from H.B 96 that redefines 'sex' and criminalizes people for living with their authentic selves.

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