

I'm begging you not to pass this budget as written. There are cuts to vital programs that keep Ohioans healthy (namely cuts to clean water programs, pediatric health care, and Medicaid); it dilutes funding to public schools, ultimately reduces funding to libraries; and gives \$600 million dollars that these programs desperately need for a sports stadium. And most of all it has provisions that exist solely to cause harm to LGBTQ+ Ohioans. This budget contains provisions that have nothing to do with the state budget, and exist solely to inflict harm on people- justified by a cruel ideology. There is nothing Christian, or morally defensible about these provisions. It attacks things as benign as cotton products in men's rooms- which do nothing to harm anyone, and extends its reach to prevent any kind of aid to trans homeless teenagers. Jesus wept.