

Hello, My name is Avalyn Lund-Goldstein and I live in Franklin County. I'm writing today to oppose any language that attempts to redefine "sex" as "biological sex" in HB 96. This attempt at changing the language helps absolutely nobody but hurts thousands of Transgender Ohioans. Mismatched IDs create a whole host of logistical problems. This attempt will lead to needless harassment of many. It also knocks any trans individuals who have legally updated the gender marker on their birth certificates out of REAL ID compliance. We're normal law abiding citizens in any other aspect just trying to live our lives like anybody else and this transphobic animus of many gop lawmakers, especially in recent years, against us is Anti-American, Anti-life, Anti-liberty, Anti-pursuit of happiness, anti free-speech, and just plain anti-constitutional. Speaking of anti-life, this bill also makes cuts to youth homeless shelters. These lawmakers have lost their minds. I'm sure many of them call themselves pro-life in regards to abortion issues but here they're turning their backs and indirectly killing homeless youth by making these cuts.