

Chair Eklund, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Minority Member Thomas, and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee, my name is Nate Paul and I am submitting this testimony in support of Senate Bill 11, the Ohio Fairness Act.

I am a bisexual male who wishes there were protections for LGBTQ people established into Ohio law. I often do not feel safe sharing information regarding my sexual orientation when applying for jobs and schools. I would like to be protected by law so that I no longer have to feel unsafe. I have many friends in the LGBTQ+ community and I wish the same basic protections for them as well. I believe The Ohio Fairness Act can make this happen.

I am submitting this testimony alongside members of the Queer/Trans Student Union at Bowling Green State University. The Queer/Trans Student Union is an organization that supports and educates queer and trans students at BGSU. Our organization supports the Ohio Fairness Act.

I urge you to pass Senate Bill 11, the Ohio Fairness Act.

Thank you for your time and consideration.