

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

I have witnessed the heartbreak of seeing my fellow human beings excluded from the right to live their lives to the fullest expression. This legislation is right and needed. As a Jew, as an Ohioan, as a former journalist, and as a person living in a country where we are supposedly blessed with opportunity, I am ashamed to believe that we are not yet protecting each other. Let Ohio be a leader and show the nation that we care about all our citizens.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.