

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

I am the parent of a 15-year-old transgender boy who is growing up in a state that does not protect him from discrimination. He lives everyday just trying to be himself and faces ridicule and rejection at every turn.

As a mother, it is heartbreaking to know that the world he is growing up in is not accepting, and is willing to persecute him just for being himself.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.