

Chair Eklund, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Minority Member Thomas, and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

My name is Susan Ballard and I am submitting this testimony in support of Senate Bill 11.

I have lived in Ohio all my life. I am a proud lesbian who has been with my spouse for 34 years. I got my undergraduate degree in elementary education and was excited when I got a job. After 1 year of teaching, I made the very difficult decision to leave that profession because of the stress of worrying about losing my job if the school administration found out about my sexual orientation. This bill will prevent future teachers from having to leave a profession they love. A profession that needs more good teachers.

I urge you to pass Senate Bill 11.