

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

As the owner of a mental health private practice, I believe strongly in inclusivity of services and treatment for the LGBTQ+ community. At the Relationship Center of NE Ohio, we are an open and affirming practice, and I believe that the state legislature should support the health and wellbeing of all people, including LGBTQ+ people.

As a mental health provider, I am a firsthand witness to the discrimination experienced by the LGBTQ+ clients in my counseling practice.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.