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The Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee

My name Kelly Fite and I am a resident of Franklin County. I'm writing today to express my support of Senate Bill 11, The Ohio Fairness Act. LGBTQ people still face significant violence and discrimination at the workplace, in the housing market, in restrooms and locker rooms, schools and in everyday interactions.

Civil rights protections **must** be expanded to include gender identity and sexual orientation as protected characteristics. This Bill is important to me, because I have a transgender child and he deserves the same protections and opportunities as every other human being in the United States.

Thank you for your time and attention.