

Dear Senator Eklund,

My name is Amy Phillips, and I am a resident of Belmont 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, 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 this includes myself and my protections of violence and discrimination. No one living in the State of Ohio should have to live in fear of losing their home, job, restrooms or just in everyday situations. I am living constantly in concerned for my safety on a daily basis. Even if I were assaulted or other wise. There would be nothing I could legally do about it. We are not second class citizens! We are human as anyone else in this state. Will you please take this all in consideration Wednesday, when the hearing is on the Senate Bill?

Thank you for your time and attention,

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