

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

Myself and my business practices at Jolie Occasions fully support the Ohio Fairness Act (SB 11). To live in a world where everyone is accepted and treated equally should not be a dream, but a reality in which we live. It's shocking to know that my beloved state of Ohio has laws in place that allow discrimination against those who are simply human and happen to also be LGBTQ. We are all human, and how we define ourselves should have no effect on others, which is why I am in support of this bill. Though my business is small, we are inclusive and welcoming to all. Why shouldn't we be?

I urge you to pass the Ohio Fairness Act.