

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

I am a nondenominational pastor licensed in Ohio and West Virginia and I perform non-traditional ceremonies. I was incredibly happy when marriage equality became the law of the land. And I am heartsick that LGBTQ Ohioans are still legally vulnerable to discrimination.

We should all be free to choose who we wish to marry without fear of suffering discrimination. And we should all be free to love whomever we wish. Love is love.

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

Thank you for your time and consideration.