

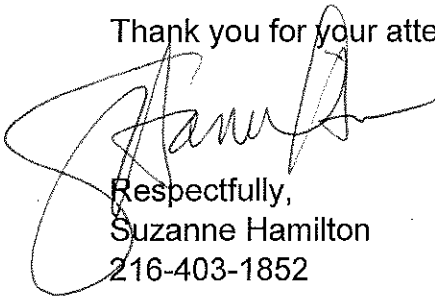
April 5, 2019

Chair Eklund, Vice Chair Manning, Ranking Minority Member Thomas, and the members of the Senate Judiciary Committee.

My name is Suzanne Hamilton, and I am on the Board of Directors of the Human Rights Campaign and a 15-year member of the Cleveland HRC Steering Committee.

In this statement, I represent myself personally. I have been a resident of Ohio for 48 years. I love this State. But I abhor discrimination of any kind, and I do not believe that the majority of Ohioans disagree. The lack of protections for LGBTQ people makes it impossible to live a full and rich life. I know. I have at times lived in fear of losing my job and being able to support my son. When he was younger, my son feared being bullied because his parents are of the same sex. With the support of the law, LGBTQ citizens will have the assurance they need to live as full, respected members of society with the confidence needed to be their best.

Thank you for your attention,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne Hamilton', written over the typed name and phone number.

Respectfully,
Suzanne Hamilton
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