

Proponent Testimony on HB 295

Chairwoman Cindy Abrams, Vice Chairman Josh Willians, and Members of the House Criminal Justice Committee

Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony supporting House Bill 295. My name is Greg Jevnikar, and I am the Director of *Protect Life in Ohio (PLO)* a new pro-family, pro-life group based in Mansfield, OH.

We wholeheartedly urge you to vote YES on Ohio House Bill 245, passing it out of your committee as soon as possible.

HB 245 prohibits sexualized adult acts from being performed in front of children. Allowing these performances to be viewed by or exposed to children amounts to grooming kids to accept sexual perversity and deviancy. These performances must be restricted to adult-only venues, such as nightclubs.

One of the major purposes of government is to protect society, especially children, from harm. Drag Queen performances are harmful to the mental and emotional health of Ohio's children, especially the youngest, the most innocent and vulnerable of all.

For the Children,

Greg Jevnikar