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Chairwoman Abrams, Vice Chair Williams, Ranking Member Brown, and Members of the Ohio House Criminal Justice Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify as a proponent of HB 245, the Adult Cabaret Act.

I come before you today as not only a mother of four beautiful children, an Aunt, Great Aunt, Godmother, and also County Recorder. As I am raising my children, I am constantly having to shield them from so many issues that our children should not have to face. These are children, that do not always understand what they are witnessing in front of their little eyes. Or understand why grown adults are acting the way they are in front of them.

I am a firm believer of not judging people on what their beliefs are, that is between them and God. However, I wanted to speak out about the Small-Town Pride event that happened in Celina. This event did not seem to be a family friendly event. Promoting adult novelty items, having provocative dancing performed by the drag queens, as little children were present and handing dollar bills to them. These types of performances should be put into adult establishments, not performed in front of little children.

We need to do better at keeping the parks safe for our children, they are meant for our children! Not for grown adults to “groom” the children out there. We need to be standing up for our children and our community to make sure that we keep our parks safe!

Thank you for your service to the citizens of Ohio and your time and consideration today of my testimony today in support of HB 245