

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.

My name is Scott Taylor, and I have been married to my wife for 33 years and have four adult children working professionally or still in school. By profession I am a in my 37th year of working as a Software Engineer. For the last ten years I have served on the board of the Greater Dayton Real Estate Investors Association. I am a Distinguished toastmaster and a member of good standing in the "Downtown Morning Toastmasters club" in Dayton Ohio. However, behind my accomplishments I had a secret that I was hiding.

For much of my life I have suffered from Gender Confusion. I believe my confusion started when my father failed to teach me what it meant to be a man and I identified more with my mother. This was exasperated when I was exposed to pornography turning my disfunction into an addiction. Children should not be exposed to this.

Exposing children to gender confused men, dressed as women, reading stories to them in the name of "PROTECTING TRANS KIDS!" (abusing) should not be allowed in public spaces! From my experience, I know this is harmful!

Throughout grammar school, high school and College I felt confused about my gender role and never really fit in. After college I developed a secret life of dressing as a woman in private. I thought that marriage would cure me of my addiction. I was wrong. Denying it and hiding it

was not a solution. For the first ten years of my marriage, I kept this a secret. In 1999 through the advent of the Internet I encountered pornography and found that I was not alone in my addiction. There were many confused as I was. Over the next couple of decades, I purged off my addiction only to return to it. This is a common occurrence to those who have this addiction. Many give up resisting it and I was one of those. Through easy access I had through my phone and several climate-controlled storage facilities I lived a dual life. Social influencers on YouTube were a big part of my addiction. Over time I integrated more of my life into a female identity while being married and having children. I am thankful that my wife prayed for me, did not leave me, tried holding me accountable and never affirmed me.

In 2021 things started changing due to the consequences of my addiction. Revelation 3:15-17 states that “I know your deeds, that you are neither cold nor hot. I wish you were either one or the other!” I was living a life with my wife and children while embracing my addiction. The conflict was apparent to many causing issues in all parts of my life. I began making associations with people who helped me see the light.

I read the book “Irreversible Damage” by Abigail Shrier and “What is a Woman” by Matt Walsh. I was appalled at what I was seeing in my own life and what it is doing to our children. I began listening to “Focus on the Family Podcast” on my phone App and began learning what it means to be a husband to my wife. My phone became a tool of my redemption instead of my destruction. In 2023 I ran for the Miamisburg School board out of concern for my children. During the campaign I came clean about my past in a post entitled [“The Truth About My Past”](#). I am on a journey of freedom from this addiction and experience a freedom that I never had

before. I got my focus off myself and carrying about those around me. There is far more joy in giving and serving than focused on yourself.

“Protecting Trans Kids” is like a license leading them down a road of addiction, sorrow, and abuse. If we wish to protect them, we should help them understand themselves, the reasons for their feelings and the consequences of their choices.



Ohio’s children need protection from obscene performances in public spaces.

Adult performances and adult imagery, need to be in adult establishments where Children are not present. Protecting children from exploitation, robbing them of their innocence, and leading them into a life of sexual addictions should never be allowed. Support HB 245 for the sake of our children.

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