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Chairwoman Abrams, Vice Chair Williams, and Members of the House Criminal Justice Committee, thank you for receiving my testimony in support of House Bill 245,

I write to urge your support for House Bill 245. As a longtime Ohio resident, former teacher, mother of two Ohio children, and a concerned citizen, I strongly support protecting children from inappropriate performances. There will be many who argue this bill teaches “intolerance”. I would argue tolerance should not be absolute for children. They should not be taught to tolerate inappropriate behavior targeting their innocence. We teach children to avoid dangerous and inappropriate situations. Adult-themed performances are inappropriate for children. The rights of children to remain innocent are more important than the desires of adults to “be seen” in drag.

Please vote yes on HB 245.

Many thanks for your service,

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