

My name is Mace Hill and I am a proud non-binary individual. I am testifying in opposition to HB 183, the "Bathroom Ban" bill, because it actively harms, inhibits, and invades the privacy and dignity of transgender youth. As a gender-variant person, all I want every day is to be seen as I am and accepted for that person, the same as each of you here. I deserve the right to my privacy and dignity, as does each and every transgender child. This bill is extremely invasive and puts children in active danger. What will happen when a child who doesn't look like their assigned gender walks into their assigned bathroom at school? This ban will without a doubt put trans kids in danger. Transgender children are children, and we all want to protect the children, right? I implore you to reject HB 183 to prioritize the safety of children in school. Thank you for your time and I hope you strongly consider the rejection of this bill.