Darbi Boddy Testimony HB 183 Bathroom Integrity in Schools October 2023

It is the proponents of policies that allow biological boys in girls restrooms and locker rooms who assign bigotry, and hatred to those of us who recognize the stark, biological differences and mindset between boys and girls, and men and women in an attempt to shame us for ignoring the "dignity" of transgenders.

We are told that those who identify to a sex they were not born into, should be allowed to feel safe and comfortable in the restroom or locker room of their choice. That it is not only shameful and harmful, but that it is dangerous to not recognize their needs in this way.

I could not agree more that this is about safety and dignity, but how do you attempt to snatch the moral high ground when you're denying the safety and dignity of more than 90% of students in favor of the tiniest of minorities.

It is insanity to think that a movement to so profoundly blur the lines between biological sexes was ever able to get so far that to counter its effectiveness requires constructing new laws... but it has... and the negative psychological impact to the vast majority of students across the country is immeasurable.

As a member of the Lakota Board of Education for the last two years, I can tell you that this mindset to ignore biological realities took hold because of the enormous amount of money and political power behind it.

Its supporters include the NEA that Lakota teachers' pay dues to, The Ohio school board association, and the national school board association, and conservatively speaking half of all of our administrators.

A reality that should scare and shake parents and community members to their core.

This bill is a fantastic start, and I commend those who are behind it, and implore those who are on the sidelines to recognize its dire need and support it.