

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 04/24/23 _____

Name: Karen Burton _____

Are you representing: Yourself _____ Organization _____

Organization (If Applicable): _____

Position/Title: Ohio Voter _____

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? Yes No _____

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): 68 _____

Specific Issue: Prohibit Gender "Reassignment" Surgery on Children _____

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent _____ Interested Party _____

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? Yes _____ No _____

(If yes, please send an electronic version of the documents, if possible, to the Chair's office prior to committee. You may also submit hard copies to the Chair's staff prior to committee.)

How much time will your testimony require? Written Testimony Only _____

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

You have already heard testimony that includes first-hand accounts of children who were permanently scarred, physically and emotionally, as a direct result of treating gender dysphoria with medical procedures.

I am not a doctor or a lawyer. I am an Ohio voter with enough common sense to know it is always wrong to allow children to be abused in any way, including surgical removal of healthy body parts.

I strongly value personal freedom, and believe an adult who desires to mutilate their own body has the constitutional right to do so. Similarly, medical professionals have the constitutional right to decline participation in any medical treatment for any reason of conscience.

I fully expect the Ohio legislature to perform its duties in a manner that ensures full protection of civil liberties for all Ohio citizens, never affording civil liberties to one group of persons at the expense of another.

Children must be protected from all forms of destruction, including physical mutilation and pharmaceutical treatments that are administered for the sole purpose of redesigning, or "reassigning", a child's physical gender.

Children under 18 years of age have parents and legal guardians for a very good reason. Their bodies and minds are not yet fully formed. Allowing a child to make permanent, irreversible decisions about their future is parental neglect because a child's mind is not mature enough to fully weigh the risks and benefits of short-term and long-term risks and benefits.

Ohio citizens stand firmly against child abuse of all kinds, including genital mutilation. This bill must be passed, and fully enforced, immediately.

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