

Written Testimony of John Stover
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House Bill 68
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Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Stewart, and members of the Committee: my name is John Stover and I am the President of Ohio Value Voters. Our organization promotes the values of Faith, Life, Families, and Religious Freedom. Since 2007, our purpose has been to educate, inform, and influence voters and elected officials in Ohio. We are independent of any political party, religious organization, or political action committee. Ohio Value Voters is a registered 501(c)(4) organization.

Our organization is in support of House Bill 68 and urges the committee to pass this bill to the House Floor for a vote.

Based upon the review of potential radical transgender surgery on children, data reflects that the suicide rate for those transitioning from male to female, or female to male, is twenty times higher than in society. Data: [Sex Reassignment Doesn't Work. Here Is the Evidence. | The Heritage Foundation](#)

It is impossible to reassign a person's sex. Upon birth, an individual is born with either male or female DNA. It is impossible to change a child's DNA by way of surgery. There are children which have gender dysphoria, there are also children which have therian dysphoria. Some people believe they are animals: [Therians a community of people who believe they are animals - Bing video](#)

Ohio Value Voters is not aware of one child in Ohio, nor America, which has undergone reconstructive surgery due to therian dysphoria. Would a psychologist suggest that a child transition to a cat, or a wolf? Of course not! But it is advocated that children should go through mutilation surgery to change their sex. This is wrong and should not be permitted to occur in our state.

Children are not mature and should not be directed to life-changing surgery. When children become adults, if therian or gender dysphoria continues to be a psychological issue, the individual can pursue reconstructive surgery.

Many adults have turned themselves into some type of animal. Here is a story of a man that turned himself into a lizard: [LA man spends \\$84K to turn into genderless reptile | news.com.au — Australia's leading news site](#)

In conclusion, this bill must be passed by the committee and sent to the House Floor for a vote.

Thank you.

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