

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: May 22, 2023

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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): House Bill 68

Specific Issue: Ohio's ban on gender affirming care would be harmful

Are you testifying as a: Proponent Opponent Interested Party

Are you testifying: In-Person Written-Only

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? _____

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

Gender affirming care saves lives. Passing House Bill 68 would, in fact, do the opposite. Children who do not receive support and acceptance for who they are, including, and especially, their gender identify are at [increased risk](#) for depression, anxiety, and death by suicide. The best way to protect children is to VOTE NO on HB 68. This no-vote will help support parents and training medical professionals as they work together to help children make the best decisions as they grow up and figure out who they are. Medical decisions, including those to provide gender

affirming care for youth, need to be kept between patients, patients' parents/guardians, and medical professionals. HB 68 would be an overreach by government into the lives of young people who the government does not know personally. My son receives gender affirming care, and in part because he has had this support he is able to be confident in who he is as a person and he is now working toward his BS degree at University of Cincinnati. Please, support children, support the rights of parents. Parents know what is best for their children. Vote NO on HB 68.

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