

WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 5/23/2023

Name: Julie Hucke

Are you representing: **Yourself**

Organization (If Applicable): N/A

Position/Title: Parent of a transgender child

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Do you wish to be added to the committee notice email distribution list? **Yes**

Business before the committee

Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): HB68

Specific Issue: Ohio's proposed ban on gender affirming care

Are you testifying as a: **Opponent**

Are you testifying: **Written-Only**

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? **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? Five minutes or less

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I oppose HB68 because it will have an extremely negative effect on my child and my family. My 15-year-old child receives gender-affirming medical care that has saved his life. Before he began gender-affirming care, he felt suicidal from the constant stress of living in a body that does not match his gender. Countless peer-reviewed medical studies have shown that gender-affirming care SAVES lives; it doesn't ruin them.

HB68 is a governmental overreach. The state government has no business butting into decisions that are between parents/legal guardians, patients, and doctors/medical professionals. State governments are NOT equipped to make complex medical decisions for individuals; only those directly involved in the individual's care should

make those decisions. Parents and guardians should retain the right to decide the best course of treatment for their child.

Please vote NO on this harmful bill.

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