

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

Please complete the Witness Information Form before testifying:

Date: 5/19/2023

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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): HB 68

Specific Issue:

Are you testifying as a: Opponent

Will you have a written statement, visual aids, or other material to distribute? N/A Written

testimony

only 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? N/A

Please provide a brief statement on your position:

I'm writing to voice my concern about a dangerous bill being heard in the House Public Health Policy Committee. HB 68, dubbed the so-called "SAFE Act," would harm the safety and well-being of LGBTQ+ youth. Please do not support this bill and vote no if it comes up for a vote. Gender affirming care saves lives.

We must protect our children and ensure that they have access to best-practice physical and mental health treatment, including LGBTQ+ Youth. HB 68 directly puts already vulnerable LGBTQ+ youth at risk of losing access to vital, best-practice healthcare, including mental health care, and forcibly re-transition all transgender youth in the state of Ohio. This legislation would upend the lives of Ohio families, many of which would be forced to flee the state to protect their children.

The so-called SAFE Act isn't safe. It's cruel and it represents government interference into decisions that belong with individuals and their medical professionals.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote NO on HB 68

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