

Chairman Lipps, Vice-Chair Stewart, Ranking Member Liston and members of the Public Health Policy Committee,

I am writing to ask you to vote NO on House Bill 68. It is my understanding that Bill 68 gives the state the power to determine what care is available to trans kids. It is my belief that this right should remain with the parent.

Over the past several years, I have watched an extremely loving, intelligent and thoughtful set of parents make the best decisions possible for their trans child. None of these decisions have been made lightly. They have always been made with their child's best interest as top priority. Countless times, I have felt that this child is lucky to have such supportive and responsive parents.

Additionally, over the years, I have felt that we are lucky to have this child in our lives. He is creative, talented, and kind. Our community is better off with him in it.

However, should Bill 68 pass, his family would consider leaving Ohio to make sure they have the ability to make the best decisions to support their child. And though I would be sad to see them go, I would understand. Parenting is hard enough without having to fight for the rights to make the decisions you know are best for your own child. Please Vote NO to House Bill 68.

Thank you,

Sara Ramprasad