

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







My name is Giles Roblyer. I'm Director and Assistant General Counsel at The Procter & Gamble Company, a patriot to the core of my being, a person of faith, and I've been blessed by God with the joyous task of parenting and protecting a wonderful trans child, which is just more proof that God doesn't make mistakes. I'm here for the third year to protest this attempt to strip away my sacred, biblical, Constitutional parental rights to decide what is best for my child.

House Bill 68 is yet another abrogation of conservative, libertarian principles of limited government, ordered personal liberty, and the freedom and self-reliance of this great nation's citizens.

In 1986, President Ronald Reagan succinctly expressed these principles of governance when he said "The nine most terrifying words in the English language are: I'm from the government and I'm here to help." House Bill 68 is the embodiment of that terrifying prospect: a faceless representative of the government, perhaps well meaning, perhaps not, intervening in your private affairs, asserting the authority of the State to make medical decisions for your child instead of you, to inspect your kids genitals, telling you to ignore your own doctors and therapists, every major medical association, your own research of the risks and benefits, your own prayers and guidance from God, and just submit to the greater will of the State.

Ohioans fundamentally reject any paternalistic philosophy of governance in which the State thinks it knows better than its citizens, particularly when it comes to the relationship between healthcare professionals and their patients. Ohioans insist on bills like House Bill 631, which was introduced in 2021 with Representative Gary Click as a co-sponsor. The stated goal of HB 631 was to "protect the health care-professional patient relationship" and it would have codified the complete primacy of this relationship, preventing the State from interfering with the prescription of off-label, unproven, unstudied drugs for the treatment of Covid-19. Unlike gender-affirming care, which has been studied for decades, the drugs in HB 631 had never been tested on Covid. Despite this complete lack of evidence of short or long-term safety or efficacy, and a list of side effects a mile long, Representative Click wanted every Ohioan to have access to these drugs for themselves and their children. In fact, HB 631 permitted the prescription of "any other drug or therapy that may be proven effective or deemed beneficial." I wouldn't let my body or my children come anywhere near these drugs or a physician who would prescribe them, but if others decide that's what best for them, liberty demands that they be permitted to make the choice. The sponsor and proponents of this bill may not want to pursue gender-affirming care should God choose them as the best parent or grandparents for a trans child, but that's America. The sponsor and proponents can choose to get advice from one of the tiny number of medical professionals who don't like gender affirming care, that's America, but why should they dictate my parental choice? Meanwhile fathers of in Ohio are able to consent to risky, irreversible procedures such as tattoos anywhere on the body, breast implants, breast reductions, rhinoplasty, cheek implants, liposuction, stomach stapling, for their minor children. Yes, all these for minors. And you already know that fathers of non-trans children

with precocious puberty consent to the exact same reversible drugs to suspend puberty and will continue to be able to do so even if HB 68 passes.

Medical Treatment	Dad raising a trans child	Dad raising a non-trans child
Safe, reversible puberty blockers to delay puberty		
Hormones to confirm gender of child		
Rarely used surgery to confirm gender		 Parents can also consent to breast implants, breast reduction, nose jobs, cheekbone implants, tummy tuck, stomach stapling, tattoos, piercings anywhere on body.

Instead, there seems to be a belief among those who oppose gender-affirming care that parents only consent because they are the “victims of a deceptive lie that preys upon unsuspecting people.” I guide the leaders of an \$83 billion company through complex legal risks associated with cybersecurity and fraud. I am not a snowflake. I spend my days dealing with Russian ransomware gangs and European privacy regulators. I am not an unsuspecting person. I am not possessed by demons. I am not a victim, my child is a child not a victim, and I do not want and I do not need the government to hold my hand, pat me on the head, and tell me that it will take care of me. But “I’m from the government and I’m here to help” says House Bill 68.

I spent years analyzing clinical studies on P&G’s products and those of our competitors, including healthcare products, and guided our business on designing studies that would stand up in court. I’ve read all of the studies on the various elements of gender-affirming care, the risks, the benefits, what it is known, and what is still yet to be known. I’ve analyzed the handful of studies referenced in the sponsor’s 46-page epistle upon which my rights would be stripped away. I’ve even read all the sources from tiny fringe groups like the American College of Pediatrics, which begins its so-called scientific analysis from the premise that my child is a “blight upon the human soul” and that “Theology is the Queen of the sciences” and that my kid is “the inevitable culmination of the hubris which gave birth to the Enlightenment.” A scientific organization that wishes the Enlightenment never happened and blames it on trans and LGBTQ folks would be peak hilarity if they weren’t so serious. If you pass HB 68 you will be saying “I’m

from the government, your kid is blight upon the human soul, and I'm here to take away your rights because Theology demands it."

I only have 5 minutes so I'd love to meet with any of you to walk you through every step and study in my parental decision on how to best treat my child. Taking the totality of the evidence into account, social transition and pausing puberty is safe and reversible and leads to better mental health outcomes in kids like mine with persistent and consistent gender dysphoria instead of letting my child go through the irreversible changes of puberty, or in other words actively disaffirming his gender. Of the "possible" side effects listed by the proponents, the only one with any serious validity is the impact on bone density, which is why the protocol involves careful and consistent bone density monitoring. I'm not concerned for example, that my child will have trouble finding a mate, and it's not any of the government's business, even though the proponents list it as a reason for stripping my rights.

Will this Committee and the larger legislature do the same work that I have done? Will each of you go through the study design, population, endpoints, statistical analysis, potential bias, the cross tabs in the data? If this bill goes to the House and the Senate, will each of those legislators have the time and experience and competence to go through every research study before deciding to strip away my constitutional rights? This is why President Reagan trusted the individual citizen and not the government.

Over the 9 years that my 12-year-old child has been persistently and consistently identifying as transgender, I've carefully built a team, including two therapists, a social worker, multiple pediatricians, a clinic at a world-class Children's Hospital, and an endocrinologist. My child has been screened for ADHD, depression, anxiety, I don't let him on social media because of the absolutely vile things being said about trans kids and parents of trans kids, including, or especially, by politicians. Is this Committee ready to tell me that I can't trust my doctors, I can't trust my therapists, I can't trust my child, I can't trust God, I can't trust myself, but I have to trust the State?

In closing, as an American patriot with no desire and no need to co-parent with the State of Ohio, I ask this Committee to put an end to this nanny-state nonsense and reject House Bill 68.