

Opponent Testimony for House Bill 68
House Public Health Policy Committee
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Liana Block

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Liana Block, and my pronouns are she/her/hers. I am a stay-at-home parent in North Canton. I am testifying to oppose House Bill 68.

I have two young children. If my children happen to be trans, I will do everything in my power to support them. This includes gender-affirming care. These personal medical decisions are private and none of the government's business.

Science supports my personal feelings on this subject. According to a study in the May issue of AEA Papers and Proceedings, "initiation of hormone replacement therapy is associated with a 14.4 percent decrease in the risk of ever attempting suicide if treatment started between the ages of 14 and 17." Gender-affirming healthcare saves lives.

In conclusion, I urge you to listen to science, rather than misinformed and prejudiced opinions about trans people. I ask that you please consider my testimony and vote no on House Bill 68. Thank you.