

Greetings Ohio Representatives,

I am writing to express my firm **OPPOSITION** to HB68, as well as any and all proposed legislation that would restrict the freedom of any transgender Ohioan from their inalienable individual liberties. As an Ohioan myself, I demand that you likewise **OPPOSE** HB68 and any other such limiting legislation, and instead vote to uphold **LIBERTY** in America, the **LAND OF THE FREE**.

For nearly 250 years, the Constitution has protected the individual freedom and liberty of all Americans. Throughout its history the Constitution has been amended only **ONCE** to restrict liberty, a change that proved so antithetical to American values it was shortly thereafter removed. Otherwise, the Constitution has only ever served to protect and expand the ideals of individual liberty and freedom – it was even eventually changed from its original condition to expand those ideals to African Americans and women.

After you were elected into office, you took an oath to uphold and defend the Constitution of America. As a State of Ohio Representative, you have the added obligation of upholding the Ohio Constitution. Article I of our state Constitution secures the inalienable right of all Ohioans of "seeking and obtaining happiness." This includes transgender Ohioans.

Wherever questions or doubts arise, our government representatives should **ALWAYS** vote for whatever **PROTECTS** and **EXPANDS** individual liberty. It matters not how long-standing or firmly entrenched our social institutions may be: we have historically **ALTERED** or **ABOLISHED** institutions in the name of liberty, as we did with **SLAVERY**, **WOMENS' SUFFRAGE**, and more recently, **MARRIAGE** (interracial as well as same sex).

America has a long history of defending the ideals of **DEMOCRACY**, **FREEDOM**, and **LIBERTY**; and we are faced now with the opportunity to defend these ideals for thousands of individuals seeking only to obtain happiness through affirmations of their personal experiences of life on this planet.

It is **YOUR DUTY** to secure this **RIGHT** for them, your fellow Americans.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
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