



GOVERNMENT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Witness Form

Today's Date _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Organization Representing: _____

Testifying on Bill Number: _____

Testimony: _____ Verbal _____ Written See below Both

Testifying As: _____ Proponent _____ Opponent _____ Interested Party

Are you a Registered Lobbyist? _____ Yes _____ No

Special Requests: _____

This statement may be read by John Fisher on my behalf.

December 5, 2023

Dear Chair Roegner, Government Oversight Committee and my representative, Sen. Romanchuk -

I am an Ohioan.

I was not born in Ohio. I did not graduate high school in Ohio. I chose Ohio for college in 1998, and I subsequently chose to stay to start my career in 2002.

When my oldest was diagnosed with a rare medical condition in 2011, the Cleveland Clinic solidified our commitment to Ohio. No one questioned our decision to give our child a medicine every day in order to minimize his risk of death. And the medicine was not without other risks. But the benefit of a happy, healthy child outweighed any risk related to his medicine.

Today, you are questioning our medical decisions for our **second** child. And we are questioning whether we will stay here and continue to support the state's economy, unless you vote no on HB 168.

Today, I am more than 20 years into my career with an insurance company – one of Ohio's largest employment industries, which desperately needs talent. Because you are trying to take away our medical decisions for our second child – decisions that are proven to reduce death by suicide - my company is aware that I will have to leave the state. I will vacate a role in which I am seen as the expert.

We've already purchased a second home in a LGBTQ friendly state. That's money that should have gone to Ohio tourism – we would have preferred a boat for use on Lake Erie. You've made it clear you want to bully children, but do you want to mess with the economy like this? Flight by professionals who contribute to the economy in every way and have the privilege of choice? Ohio grads will flee. Not just those who are LGBTQ. Mark my words: your bullying will have an economic impact.

Make the right financial choice for Ohio. Vote no on HB 68. Leave children who are transgender and their parents alone – there are so many other needs that impact hundreds of thousands more children.

Vote no on HB 68.

Sincerely,

Amanda Fisher

Medina, Ohio