

I am a mother of a transgender young adult who now lives happily as the person he was born as but we did not see because he was born female. While he was an adult when he underwent gender reassignment surgery and “transitioned” during his youth he was able to access mental healthcare so he had the professional help he needed.

I’m opposed to HB 68 because it restricts medical service provision from physical and mental health providers and places an undue burden on healthcare providers making it nearly impossible to treat young people just when they need it most.

I feel so much sadness for families of younger children and teenagers who are being made to feel like “others” in their own cities and state. How can Ohio be so unwelcoming to these youth and their families?!

It’s my hope that you will vote NO on HB 68 and work to create a welcoming space for our youth and their families. Let parents take care of their children and get government out of the way.

Thank you for considering my testimony.

Sincerely,
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