

**Opponent Testimony for HB 68
Senate Government Oversight Committee
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Brian W Elswick

Chair Kristina Roegner, Ranking Member Paula Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Brian W Elswick, and my pronouns are he/him. I am a concerned parent who is in opposition to HB 68.

As a parent to 3 children, it greatly concerns me that the people closest to me would not be able to make a personal medical decision if they deemed necessary.

Families like mine exist every day just trying to make the world a more inclusive and loving place. My children should always feel loved, respected, and included. They should feel empowered by our government's action and not oppressed by it's action. Not every family is the same, but that's why we should all be trusted to make our own personal decisions.

I am testifying because my children should always be welcome here in Ohio. They should always be free to make personal medical decisions in Ohio. We've all grown up here; this is our home too. Please consider my testimony and vote no on HB 68.