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Opponent Testimony for HB68 Senate
Government Oversight Committee and
House Public Health Policy Committee

December 6. 2023

Sarah Campbell (Mother of a transgender
son)

To: Senator Roegner and all other To
Whom it May Concern,

My name is Sarah Campbell. I am an
Occupational Therapist at a large rehab
company in Cleveland, Ohio. My role
today is as a mother of a transgender
son. My son and I reside in Eastlake, Ohio.
I own my own home and I am an active
member in the community seeking to be
involved in city council and assisting in
school events.

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addressing the banning of gender
affirming care. Taking away the rights of
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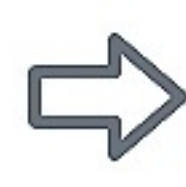
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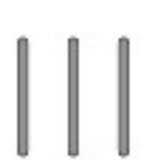
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I oppose bill HB68. Specifically addressing the banning of gender affirming care. Taking away the rights of parents to choose what is in the best interest of their children is extreme. When seeking gender affirming care the child, parents, medical doctor, psychologists, and psychiatrists are all involved in the process. It is not a team of one. The child must also undergo testing to prove they are healthy enough physically to receive treatment in the form of hormones.

Taking away hormones that children have already begun will be detrimental to their health. Children who have been planning to obtain gender affirming care, such as my son will have this ripped from them. This bill will cause death to several children in Ohio if implemented. Are you willing to be responsible for the deaths of these children if you pass this bill? You don't have to like transgender or even agree with transgender but it is of the utmost importance of be respectful of transgender.

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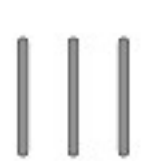
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Transgender youth have a higher rate of suicide than their peers. Personally, my son has been hospitalized due to depression and thoughts of suicide. He has been in intense therapy having up to 4 doctors' appointments a week at times. He also suffered from anorexia. He was depressed and suffered from anorexia because he hated himself, his words not mine. He hated being transgender. He told me he wanted to be normal. He did NOT choose this, this chose him. You see, you can support and love a child who is transgender and call them by their new name or you can write their obituary. I am NOT doing that for my son or any other transgender child.

I will hold all who pass this bill accountable for all deaths of transgender children who have care taken away from them and withheld from them. Their blood will be on your hands. I will hold you accountable to attend each of their funerals and sit with their parents as they scream and cry that their child chose to end their life because of the hate spewed in this world.



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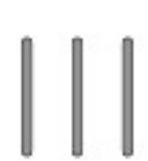
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Remember we are talking about children here. Parents deserve the right to be in charge of their own children and their medical care, NOT the government. Passing this bill could be considered child abuse.

I thank you for your time this day and listening to my testimony. I am happy to speak further about this issue, continue to tell my story, spread love and kindness, and answer any questions you may have for me.

Sarah Campbell

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