

Subject:
Opponent Testimony Against Ohio House Bill 68

To:
Government Oversight Committee
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From: Dawn Dole

My name is Dawn Dole. I'm writing from South Russell, Ohio and am opposed to the upcoming House Bill 68. As a person of Christian faith, I believe that God loves everyone, no matter their gender of birth, or by choice - my faith teaches me that everyone is created in the image of God, including people who identify as transgender. HB 68 will make life more difficult for people who choose to identify by a different gender than the one they were born with.

We know that most transgender people have contemplated suicide due to the violence and hate directed at them simply because of who they are. Aren't we on this earth to love and care for all people – not condemn them for choices they make that do not harm or hurt anyone? Please do not make the lives of these precious people more difficult.

Ohioans showed their support last month for the right for all of us to make our own choices when it comes to our bodies and health. We do not want politicians making decisions about our bodily choices. I implore the committee to vote NO to defeat this hateful bill.

With hope,
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