

**Opponent Testimony Regarding House Bill 68, the “SAFE Act”**

**Ohio Senate Government Oversight Committee**

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Dear Chairwoman Roegner and Ranking Member Paula Hicks-Hudson,

Thank you for allowing me to testify (written) today. My name is Abigail Drennen. I am a mother, wife, full-time worker and Ohioan (Akron). AND I am strongly opposed to House Bill 68/House Bill 6, the “SAFE Act”.

As a parent, there is nothing more important to me than my children’s happiness and living a life that is authentic to them, and that is why it so important that children who identify with a different gender than the one they were born with have access to the life-saving treatments that will be outlawed in this bill. Gender-affirming care is recommended and considered a best practice for trans youth by many accredited associations, including: the American Academy of Pediatricians, The Endocrine Society, The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the American Psychiatric Association.

The addition of HB 6, the bill banning transgender girls from playing on sports teams with the gender they identify with is also so harmful. Sports are a great place for children to learn, grow and become the people they will become later in life. Having a safe space to do that is so important. By removing the option for children to play sports with others like them, you are taking away an important part of growth.

I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on yet another incredibly dangerous bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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