

Opponent Testimony for HB-68  
Senate Government Oversight Committee  
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Jillian Kyrrou

Chair Christina D. Roegner, Vice Chair Norah Antani, Ranking Member Paula Hicks-Hudson,  
and members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee,

My name is Jillian Kyrrou (she/her). I am a parent and girls soccer coach from Mansfield, and I am writing to oppose HB-68 in its current and/or future forms. This bill dangerously contradicts contemporary medical science and puts Ohio children and families at risk of life-altering crises.

Like many Ohioans, I have become familiar with the experiences of transgender youths and their families through the realization that I personally know trans kids. I personally know parents who are trying to navigate legal and medical systems, and are terrified of the possibility this bill presents—that they will be forced to choose between their home state or healthcare, between their own lawfulness and their ability to meet the individual needs of their child.

To my eye, the fact that these two bills have been combined to include prohibitions on care and on participation in sports is an obvious clue that the human rights of a certain group of children are under assault. The idea that there is a vested interest in experimenting on children is facetious and reads like conspiracy theory. Real danger is created when a culture of speculation about the biological sex of children is engendered through the law. I hope that my testimony will be considered, and that my community and my children will remain safe from zealots who do not totally understand that which they're attempting to legislate against.

Thank you. I'm happy to answer any questions.

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