

My name Benjamin Mazik, and I am writing to express my deep concern and opposition to House Bill 68 currently under consideration.

As a concerned citizen and advocate for human rights, I believe it is essential to address the potential negative impacts of this legislation, particularly on transgender children. The proposed measures to ban access to healthcare and participation in sports for transgender students, along with restrictions placed on custody courts regarding transgender-related issues, are alarming and warrant careful consideration.

1. ****Access to Healthcare:****

Restricting access to healthcare for transgender children poses significant risks to their well-being. Numerous medical professionals and organizations emphasize the importance of gender-affirming care in fostering positive mental health outcomes. Denying access to such essential services can contribute to heightened stress, anxiety, and other adverse effects on transgender youth.

2. ****Participation in Sports:****

The proposed ban on transgender student participation in sports may perpetuate harmful stereotypes and further marginalize an already vulnerable community. Inclusivity and diversity are fundamental values that should be upheld, allowing all students, regardless of gender identity, the opportunity to participate in sports, fostering teamwork, and physical well-being.

3. ****Custody Court Limitations:****

Preventing custody courts from considering transgender-related issues during cases is deeply concerning. It could potentially force transgender children into situations where their well-being is compromised due to transphobic environments. Every child deserves to be in a supportive and understanding household, and limiting the courts' ability to consider such crucial factors may have detrimental consequences.

I urge you to consider the human rights implications of House Bill 68 and its potential to negatively impact transgender children. It is crucial to approach this issue with empathy and an understanding of the unique challenges faced by transgender youth.

Please, I urge you to vote against House Bill 68 and advocate for the rights and dignity of individuals rights and freedoms. Let us work together to create a society that embraces diversity and supports the well-being of all its members.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I trust that you will make decisions that prioritize the well-being and rights of all constituents.