

HB 68  
Opponent Testimony  
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As a parent of an 11 year old transgender child I strongly oppose this bill and beg you not to pass anything that would prevent my child from accessing the gender affirming care that is so important to her. My child has been a patient at the Thrive Clinic at Nationwide Children's hospital since she was 8. At the clinic she has received both psychiatry services and behavioral health therapy. She has been treated here for 3 years and we have yet to discuss the details of puberty blockers or other medications that may be in her future. Her treatment team has gotten to know her as a whole person, identified and supported other issues and challenges and has allowed her to share who she is with them.

If and when the time comes for her to be on any of these types of medications I will feel confident that it is the best thing for her based on the excellent care and treatment she has received and the strong relationship we as parents have with her. Please don't take away our ability to do what is best for our child. My husband and I have begun to research other states and even countries where we might move to ensure our child has access to the medical care she needs. We love Ohio and have three children who are very happy here. We would be devastated if this HB passes and we need to seek medical care outside of our state.

Please do not pass HB 68 or anything like it. Please listen to the transgender community, their families and their doctors.