

Dear Chair Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1522. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

If this bill passes it will have a detrimental effect on trans youth, who are already vulnerable. Disallowing the use of preferred pronouns negatively impacts the mental state of trans youth. Not allowing trans youth a gender neutral bathroom to use where they feel safe will negatively impact their mental state, and may put them in a position where they feel unsafe or will be bullied.

73% of trans youth do not feel safe at school most of the time or always and 61% have been bullied on school property. 75% of trans youth have seriously considered suicide and 46% of trans youth have attempted suicide. We should be working together as a state to make these statistics better, and not actively trying to make them worse.

I cannot imagine that our legislators would pass a bill that would actively harm trans children. I know you will do the right thing and give this bill a Do Not Pass.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service to our state

Best regards,

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