

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. The reason for this is due to personal impact on myself and those I love.

This bill impacts the people I care about, because as a transgender woman I know how painful and scary it is to be a child forced to hide who they are. Knowing that you can never express your true self, and that if anyone found out about it you would be harmed, is extremely damaging to the mental well-being of anyone, especially a child.

This bill will only force those who are already struggling to be further antagonized. They will be subject to further cruelty. They will grow knowing that those around them care so little for them that it is preferred that they do not exist, and the influx of these laws shows them the proof of this.

I beg you to not pass House Bill 1522.

Thank you for your time, consideration, and service.
Best regards,

-Jamie T