

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

My testimony is in opposition to HB 1522 and I ask that you give it a Do Not Pass.

This bill disregards the needs of transgender students in an effort to protect cisgender students from a made up threat. If it were truly about the well being of kids, why do republicans continue to ignore all expert testimony, parents of transgender students testimony, transgender testimony, the opinion of the entire medical community including that of mental health professionals? Republicans are basing law on untruths and using deliberately misleading statements to convince their constituents it's needed. This seems purely malicious as it's only outcome will be extreme harm to kids that simply want to learn without conservative prejudice forced upon them. We have a duty to ensure that schools are a safe place for all students. This bill does not do that.

Thank you for your time and consideration
Christina