

**Senate Education Committee**  
**March 15th, 2023**  
**HB 1473 - Testimony in Opposition**

Dear Chair Lee and the members of the Senate Human Service Committee,

My name is Shannon Krueger and I am writing in opposition of HB 1473. As an educator and high school counselor, I see firsthand the disastrous effects of anti-lgbt rhetoric—specifically when the basis is fear, not facts. LGBT children deserve our protection, not punishment. They deserve acceptance, not discrimination. When my students suffer at the hands of agencies who are entrusted to protect them, we all suffer. Ignorance is no excuse for mistreatment. All children are afforded the rights to safely exist in school spaces. I urge a “no not pass” on HB 1473.

Thank you.