

Good day Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am submitting testimony today in support of HB 1333. We need to protect our children from these confusing provocative displays. These men dressed as scantily dressed women is dancing seductively on stage is no different than what goes on at a “strip club, gentleman’s club, or a show girls performance”.

Minors are being exposed to adult entertainment featuring provocative performers with sexualized names and costumes and, in many cases encouraging to hand tips to the performers.

Exposing minors to drag queens as a way to teach kids to be kind and inclusive is merely a marketing strategy by activists. Instead, introducing children to drag is about teaching kids to “Live queerly”. There is no innocent, non-predatory reason for a man to dress as a woman in a sexually provocative costume and dance in front of children and teens. We must guard our youth’s innocence and protect them from this sexual and ideological grooming.

## Resources

[Taxpayer-Funded Tennessee Performing Arts Center Hosted ‘All Ages’ Drag Christmas Show As Republicans Propose Banning Similar Events](#)

[Queer Theory is Queer Marxism](#)

[Drag Queen Story Hour](#)

[Drag pedagogy: The playful practice of queer imagination in early childhood](#)

Thank You,

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