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**Michele Grim**  
State Representative

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Ohio Department of Health  
246 N High St, Columbus, OH 43215

**RE: Comments on Gender Transition Quality Standards and Reporting**

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern for proposed rule changes to O.A.C. 3701-3-17, 3701-59-07, 3701-83-61 regarding gender transition quality standards. As State Representative of Ohio's 43<sup>rd</sup> District it is my duty to represent the people's will to the best of my ability. This is why I must speak out and express my apprehension.

As a member of the Ohio House Public Health Committee, I heard testimony from several individuals and medical organizations testifying to the importance of gender affirming care, and the necessity of accessing that care. My concern is that the revisions of O.A.C. 3701-3-17, 3701-59-07, 3701-83-61 will unintentionally limit the ability of adult transgender Ohioans to access that healthcare.

By requiring the inclusion of a medical ethicist in a gender affirming care plan, the availability of such care will become increasingly limited. There are already best practices outlined for providing this type of healthcare, these proposed additions are limiting and misguided.

I trust that my comments will be given full and fair consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact my office if you have any questions or concerns or would like to discuss further.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michele Grim".

Michele Grim  
State Representative  
District 43