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**Michele Grim**  
State Representative

January 18, 2024

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services  
30 E Broad St, Columbus OH 43215

**RE: Comments on Gender Transition Care Rules**

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to express my deep concern for proposed rule changes to O.A.C. 5122-26-19 and 5122-14-12 regarding gender transition care and how that care may be provided while an individual is receiving psychiatric care. 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.

Time after time Ohioans have demonstrated that they want to keep their most intimate medical decisions between themselves and their doctors. My concern is that the revisions of O.A.C. 5122-26-19 and 5122-14-12 do not account for every unique case. It will limit the number of Ohioans who are able to access the lifesaving care they so desperately need. We must trust that transgender adults and their licensed doctors are capable of making these case-by-case decisions.

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