



Ohio House Democratic Caucus

December 14, 2023

Governor Mike DeWine
Riffe Center, 30th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine:

On behalf of the Ohio House Democratic Caucus, the millions of Ohioans we represent, and the innocent trans children across Ohio, we urge you to use your executive powers to veto House Bill 68. This harmful legislation is nothing but state-sponsored bullying of trans and gender non-conforming Ohioans.

During your administration, you have emphasized the importance of fostering a nurturing and positive environment for the young children of our state that offers them the best opportunities to succeed in life. If this cruel bill which ignores evidence-based science becomes law, we are further normalizing the bigotry facing the transgender and non-binary community, especially in this case of trans youth and their families.

Statistics show that the LGBTQ+ Ohioans are already facing higher rates of violence, suicide, and mental health issues simply because targeted prejudices. We must act to help the LGBTQ+ community by providing support and creating a state where everyone is accepted. As we have heard from hundreds of trans youth, their families, medical and mental health providers, and countless others, House Bill 68 does the opposite. Not only does it deliberately target our LGBTQ+ citizens, it also criminalizes healthcare providers who deliver or refer patients to evidence-based, patient-centered care.

Hate, as you yourself have said, has no place in this state. We respectfully request that you prioritize the dignity and safety of all Ohioans and veto House Bill 68.

Sincerely,

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C. Allison Russo
Minority Leader
7th House District

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Dontavious L. Jarrells
Assistant Minority Leader
1st House District

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Jessica E. Miranda
Democratic Whip
28th House District

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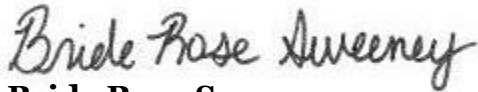
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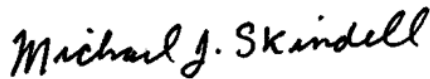
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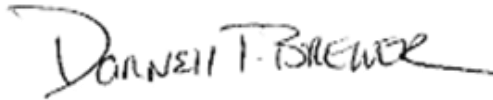
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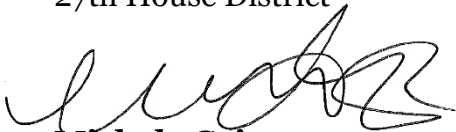
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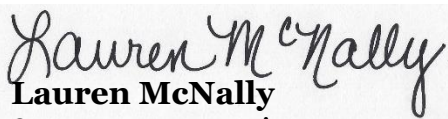
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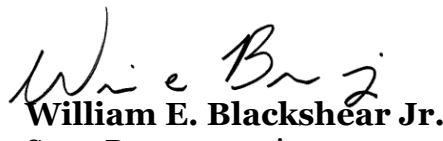
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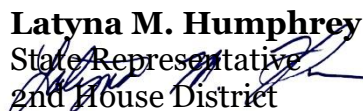
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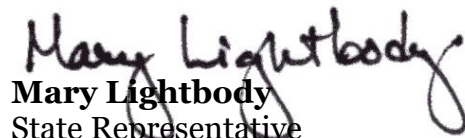
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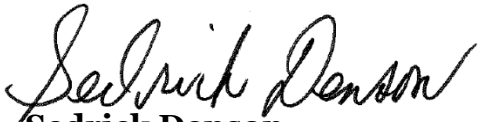
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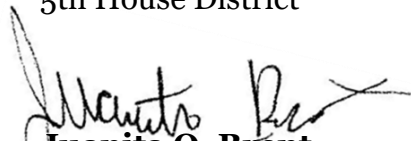
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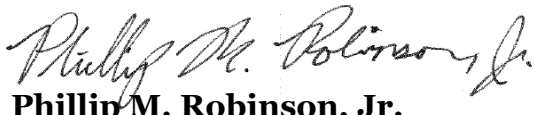
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