

### **How to Advocate for LGBTQ+ Youth at the State Level:**

Personal stories about you and the impact anti-trans bills (particularly H3454) will have on you, your family, and your community are important points for the state legislature to understand.

#### **Here is how to make your voice heard:**

- 1.** Find your representatives at [legislature.ohio.gov](http://legislature.ohio.gov) and identify your representative's district number.
- 2.** Send your letter via e-mail to [RepXX@Ohiohouse.gov](mailto:RepXX@Ohiohouse.gov) (with representative's district number in place of XX; for example, Gary Click represents the 88th district and would receive email at [Rep88@Ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Rep88@Ohiohouse.gov)). The primary sponsors of this bill are Gary Click (District 88) and Diane Grendell (District 76). It would be beneficial for the sponsors of this bill, as well as your local representative, to receive your letter.
- 3.** Tips for letter-writing: Provide an introduction (share details about your unique identity or demographics to your comfort level). State why you oppose HB454 (preventing trans/gender-diverse youth from receiving life-saving medical care). How will this impact your family? How will this impact all children? Consider including themes like: Parental consent is required for any trans or gender-diverse child to receive any sort of affirming healthcare; The foundation and focus of affirming healthcare care begins with behavioral and mental health assessments and treatment; The government should not interfere in the important healthcare decisions between parents and healthcare providers.