

Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chair Thomsen, and members of the committee,
I'm here writing this today to support this bill. I have seen many people and myself go through some things from teachers, bosses and even their own parents or family when they all say they will love and support them no matter what. My dad is very hard headed, he says that the way you are born to look is the way you should always be. If you're a female you have long natural hair and if you're a male you have short natural hair and that's how it's supposed to be. Then there's me, his daughter that has short dyed hair and I know he doesn't love it but he has to put up with it because he loves me and wants me to be happy. When I talk about my future I don't know who I'll end up getting married to, I really don't have a preference as long as I am loved and I am in a supportive relationship. My dad thinks that if I marry a female or someone with female "parts" that I won't have children just because it won't be "natural". I believe as long as they are from my whom or from my SO they are my child and will be in a loving home with loving parents. No matter who and how they identify as. But I don't think my dad's that way. One of my exes is trans and my dad wasn't so respectful about it. He was good with pronouns up until he found out he was trans, then he started to say the wrong things and wouldn't treat him as my boyfriend and more as my girlfriend even when I introduced them I said boyfriend and anytime I talked about him I'd say boyfriend. So me being part of the LGBTQ community I'm scared to come out as non-binary because of how he will take it or if he'll ever actually listen to what I have to say about how I feel in my own body. I do want to say I love him dearly but there are things that kind of bother me at times. I just hope that when this committee happens that more people will be informed of how serious this really is and its effects on so many people.
Thank you for your time and effort to make this happen
Faith Miller
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