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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB1368 Certificates of Birth, Licenses, and Identification Cards - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)

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TO: Chair Pena-Melnyk, Vice Chair Cullins, and members of the House Health and Government Operations Committee

FROM: Lauren Pollak

Hello,

I am writing to express my support for HB1368, the Birth Certificate Modernization Act. While I am a cis-woman, I have close friends who identify as trans and/or non-binary and they have the right to update their child(ren)'s birth certificates so that their name and/or gender identity is accurate. I am a mother myself, as are many of my friends, and they are excellent parents who should have their names, and the title Mother or Father correctly listed on their child(ren)'s birth certificates.

My friend is transitioning, and they changed their name and gender identity after giving birth and breastfeeding. They now would like to update their child's birth certificate to reflect their transition and new identity but have been unable to due to the convoluted process in place currently. Numerous states have already enacted similar legislation. Please consider this bill as it has support behind it and would improve the lives and wellbeing of your constituents.

Respectfully,

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