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RESOLUTION NO. _____ - 2023

EXPRESSING the condemnation of City Council of Ohio House Bills 6 and 8, which prohibit trans women and girls from participating in sports and require public schools to adopt a policy regarding parental notification on student health and well-being and instructional materials with sexually explicit content.

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 8 would have a chilling effect on teachers, creating an environment of distrust and forcing teachers into difficult situations regarding students' privacy; and

WHEREAS, historically schools have been places where children find external safe spaces with individuals who support and uplift them, and this bill would fundamentally change the perception of schools for those who already feel unsafe; and

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 6 seeks to single out transgender young people for increased bullying and harassment by preventing them from participating in the sports they love; and

WHEREAS, the National College Athletic Association and the International Olympic Commission currently have mechanisms for ensuring that people may participate in competitive sports in a manner that is equitable; and

WHEREAS, research has demonstrated that the sociopolitical climate and legislation targeting the LGBTQ+ community impair the mental and physical health of individuals in the community; and

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bills 6 and 8 and other proposed laws have a severe negative impact on LGBTQIA youth and their families, compounding the prejudice, discrimination, violence, and other forms of stigma they continue to face in their daily lives; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Cincinnati, State of Ohio:

Section 1. That this Council hereby condemns proposed Ohio House Bills 6 and 8, which prohibit trans women and girls from participating in sports and require public schools to adopt a policy on parental notification on student health and well-being and instructional materials with sexually explicit content.

Section 2. That this resolution be spread upon the minutes of Council and a copy be provided to the Ohio General Assembly by the Office of Councilmember Reggie Harris.

Passed: _____, 2023

Aftab Pureval, Mayor

Attest: _____
Clerk

Submitted by Councilmember Reggie Harris