

HB 5723

Hi, my name is Victoria Hively, i am 15, and an ally of the LGBT community.

If we were to get this bill passed so many people things would benefit from it. Right now people are being fired from their own job. People are being turned down for housing, high school and college students are being bullied, beat up, ignored by people they've known for years, all because they are or would like to be transgender.

These amazing people don't want to be considered "freaks." They just want to be able to be comfortable in their skin, you'd probably feel the same way if you thought you were born into the wrong gender.

“Gender identity” refers to a person’s internal, deeply felt sense of being either male or female, or something other or in between. Because gender identity is internal and personally defined, it is not visible to others. In contrast, a person’s “gender expression” is external and socially perceived. Gender expression refers to all of the external characteristics and behaviors that are socially defined as either masculine or feminine, such as dress, mannerisms, speech patterns and social interactions.

I'm an ally and even I have experiences with hatred, I love to wear guy shorts, baggy shirts, so i get called "dyke" as I walk down the hallways of my school, and even when teachers see it happen they do nothing. My brother happens to be gay, so i get gay jokes from my friends all the time. why is it ok for people i don't even know to hate me? What makes it right to turn someone down from buying a house just because they happen to be buying it with someone of the same sex.

Please help our community with this problem, i don't want to see my friends and family be hurt anymore from this issue. We need to pass this bill for our generation and the next one.