

Hate Speech Bills Being Discussed Today!

HB 4474
VIOLATES
FREE SPEECH



Dear Friends,

We have an urgent request. Your representatives are discussing a very important bill today. [HB 4474](#) (and [HB 4475](#)) would make it a felony to cause anyone to feel “frightened” based on their actual or perceived sexual orientation or gender identity.

This is a hate speech law targeted at churches and religious people most of all. But the vague wording in this bill will lead to more—not less—hate speech. It provides criminal penalties against those who don’t know which words are okay and which are not. This is a violation of our rights as Americans to due process of the law. Only speech “for a legitimate purpose” would be protected, but nowhere does the bill define what that means. The bill is unconstitutional, as it violates the Free Speech and Free Exercise of Religion clauses of the First Amendment. [Click here](#) to read an in-depth explanation by David Kallman, Senior Legal Counsel for the [Great Lakes Justice Center](#).

If this passes, we might soon see pastors arrested for speaking about the biblical view of sexuality and marriage or school board members put in jail for speaking up to protect our children's innocence by shielding them from a transexual agenda being taught in our schools.

ACTION NEEDED:

Reach out to any and all representatives listed below by clicking their name and calling or emailing them. They're the ones discussing the hate speech bills. Ask them to vote NO on HB 4474 & 4475 to safeguard your constitutionally protected freedom of speech!

- [Rep. Kara Hope \(Democrat\) District-74 — Chair](#)
- [Rep. Joey Andrews \(Democrat\) District-38 — Majority Vice Chair](#)
- [Rep. Graham Filler \(Republican\) District-93 — Minority Vice Chair](#)

- [Rep. Tyrone Carter \(Democrat\) District-1](#)
- [Rep. Kelly Breen \(Democrat\) District-21](#)
- [Rep. Stephanie A. Young \(Democrat\) District-16](#)
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- [Rep. Emily Dievendorf \(Democrat\) District-77](#)
- [Rep. Penelope Tsernoglou \(Democrat\) District-75](#)
- [Rep. Mike Mueller \(Republican\) District-72](#)
- [Rep. Robert J. Bezotte \(Republican\) District-50](#)
- [Rep. Mike Harris \(Republican\) District-52](#)
- [Rep. Brian BeGole \(Republican\) District-71](#)

You can also find your own representative and warn them about this bill. If it goes to the House floor soon, they will be asked to vote on it. Make your voice heard. Let them know where *you* stand.

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