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To the House Judiciary Committee  
Rhode Island

While likely well-intentioned to protect children, H. 5756 is unnecessary, overbroad, and likely to have unintentional consequences that will harm already vulnerable communities. As a queer Rhode Islander, I can imagine many ways this type of legislation could and would lead to censorship and First Amendment rights of gay, lesbian, transgender, and non-binary Rhode Island citizens and children. I ask the Committee to ensure this bill does not move forward in the legislative process. In light of all that is happening at a national level, Rhode Island has a responsibility to protect ALL of its residents and citizens.

Thank you,  
Holly Fisher  
Newport, Rhode Island