

Submitter: Percival Okoben

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Higher Education

Measure: HB3456

Chair Lively, Vice Chair Ruiz, Vice Chair McIntire, and members of the House Committee On Higher Education,

My name is Percival Okoben. I am a college first-year and I am testifying in support of HB3456.

Though I have not myself experienced sexual assault, living in our society as a person who is regularly perceived as a woman, regardless of my gender-fluid and transmasculine identity, I have received and witnessed harassment and discrimination based on my identity and presentation to varying degrees. I have felt fear and been told of others' fear of being sexually assaulted or harassed both on and outside of college campuses, and all this has impacted my ability to be who I am for fear of sexual violence.

I urge the committee to vote HB3456 favorably out of committee and help end the epidemic of campus sexual violence. Thank you for your time.