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Hello,

I'm writing in support of Ordinance 231032 to establish a hate crime penalty as a proud Queer, Transgender person! This is more important than ever in a time where hate crimes against the LGBTQ+ community are escalating, as well as systemic attacks that seek to strip us of our rights and humanity.

This is especially pivotal in a country where it's STILL a legal defense in 33 states, including this one, to excuse hate crimes committed against queer people because of our genders and sexualities.

This ordinance will be groundbreaking in our city that continues to defy this bigoted state and protect and uplift the "Other" that the world deems broken and sinful. This ordinance is saying, "We will finally hold accountable those who still weaponize bigotry with hatred in their hearts!"

Thank you so much for your efforts and care about the lives and rights of LGBTQ+ people, especially after Jackson County banned conversion therapy! Onward to progress!!!

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