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My name is Ash Tifa, I am a City of Minneapolis - Ward 12 resident and I come today representing Outfront MN, the state's largest 2SLGBTQIA+ advocacy organization. I want to first thank Councilmembers Chavez, Choudhury, Chughtai and Council President Payne for bringing forth this initiative to make our city safer and welcoming for our community.

Minneapolis has always been a place where queer people from all over the state, midwest and country at large have felt drawn to for safety. We have an illustrious history of this going back decades through to the present day where we are proudly a trans refuge sanctuary city.

The welcoming and gender affirming Minneapolis ordinance expands upon that legacy to ensure trans people and intersex people are able to access the healthcare that they depend on, codifies city employees having this care covered by their insurance and helps bolster the city's defenses against harassment and discrimination of 2SLGBTQIA+ Minneapolis residents.

These actions come at a time where looking to our neighbor states, we can see plainly we cannot take these rights and protections for granted. Minneapolis has not only the opportunity, but the responsibility and the duty to continue to lead the region and the nation on protective policy for the queer community.

I urge the committee to vote in support of the Welcoming and Affirming Minneapolis ordinance.

Ward: Ward 12

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I am in support of the the city protecting and welcoming people of all genders and orientations. Please pass this ordinance. Why would you be opposed to protecting everyone? I fear the answer would be that you are discriminatory to people who are different from you.

This is a really important time to protect queer people, trans people, and women -- all of whom are being targeted by discriminatory legislation across the country.

Ward: Ward 2

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