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Most kids, pre-teens and teenagers go through an awkward stage or stages trying to find themselves, explore and question one's identity, but that doesn't give anyone the right, especially non-parents, the green light to manipulate and then exploit them into transitioning.

Kids who still believe in Santa Claus, Easter Bunny, and the Tooth Fairy are in no way mature enough to "select or pick" their gender. Kids who do, have obviously been manipulated and exploited by "unsafe adults."

"Adults" who tell students or kids in general to keep secrets from parents are not "safe adults."

Are you the same person you were five, ten, fifteen years ago? What's changed? How did it change? You are assisting in the destruction of a child's innocence and taking away their future.

All these resources, time, energy, and tax money would've been better spent if it went towards actual education and giving these kids the academic toolboxes, they need to succeed in life. Yet, we have "adults" who care more about what's between a child's legs than a strong education. Again, I urge this committee to vote against LD 394 Resolve, Regarding Legislative Review of Chapter 117: Rule Regarding the Duties of School Counselors and School Social Workers, a Major Substantive Rule of the Department of Education.

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