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I would strongly urge you to vote against any Legislation that makes it easier for a child to be mutilated. Such decisions should be made when the child has attained adulthood only. The development of a child's brain makes them very suspectable to doing something they might deeply regret when they become old enough to understand the ramifications of the decision. Child are swayed very much by being seen as acceptable in other people's eyes and not by what it may incur that is not healthy for them. Because a little girl wants to play with cars today does not mean they should become a boy. They need to know what it means to be a boy first. I grew up as a tomboy because I liked what boys like to do. That didn't mean I wanted to be a boy and, in fact, very much like being a woman! Parents need to have more say in how their children grow up. The State does not need to intervene with that process. An old saying is that a committee is like a bunch of cooks trying to better the broth when they only end up ruining it. Don't let them destroy these children's lives. Thank you.