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LD 1735

Dear Judiciary Committee,

LD 1735 is morally repugnant.

Like lobotomization, gender affirming care is brutal pseudoscience masquerading as mercy. There is little moral difference between it and conversion therapy performed on gay youths in the 1950s. The people who advocate for this kind of poisoning and butchery are either misguided altruists or predatory monsters.

The answer given to awkward teenage girls who feel uncomfortable in their own skin is not to help them realize their intrinsic worth and beauty, or counsel them to value themselves as they are, but instead to take steroids and cut their breasts off.

The origins of childhood sex changes are nightmarish. In 1967, John Money, a psychologist at Johns Hopkins, was sought out to address the case of Bruce Reimer, a two year old Canadian boy who had lost part of his penis in a botched circumcision. Money's solution was to cut the rest of it off, give the child estrogen, and raise Bruce as Brenda. As part of the ongoing "affirmative care", Money forced Bruce and his twin brother Brian to molest each other beginning when they were six years old. Both brothers killed themselves in their 30s.

Regardless of postmodern sophistry, sordid history, or the capacity of a child to consent, this bill just legalizes kidnapping. It provides child traffickers with the thinnest of pretenses to avoid enforcement action.

Respectfully,  
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