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Dear Legislators

Today I write in string opposition to bill LD 227. This is a dangerous direction for our State, as it does so much damage to families with children at a time when children need the most support they can get. By allowing non-parents to transport children to our State to receive life altering medical treatment we are opening the gates for human traffickers and others with bad intent to bypass parental rights. Transsexual surgeries have been ban on minors in other western countries of Europe, like the UK, because they sterilize children and conscript them to a life of constant medical interventions. This bill is misguided and ill conceived. It will bring only more dangerous and unconstitutional ramifications to our State as well as opening the State up to out of state litigation from disenfranchised parents, advocacy groups and adults treated here who later regret surgery or treatment and find themselves permanently disabled. Sterilization is permanent and should not be carried out on minors and certainly not on minors without parental consent.