

Testimony in Opposition to LD 227

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I do firmly believe that the current dialog concerning the issues at hand, which simply pits one point of view against the other, is unproductive, and does nothing to encourage discussions that can bring just solutions to everyone. It is my intent to plainly share my thoughts, and to respectfully and civilly initiate dialog that will be helpful and just for all.

I have read the proposed legislation regarding “reproductive health care services” and “gender-affirming health care services”. I am extremely distressed to see this proposal which will attempt to legally protect, and set as state policy, (1) actions that will promote the killing of unborn children and (2) the gross assault and misguided attempt, through medical and surgical practice, of mutilation of the human body in overt violation of human decency and the intent of our Creator.

First, in regard to abortion. The proposed legislation, as is typically done by its proponents, labels this as “Reproductive Health Care”. This is a misleading label at best. The proposed “Health Care” is in regard to abortions. Period. There is no controversy concerning routine gynecologic care. This is about abortions. I fully realize that there is a very sizeable segment of today’s society that feel abortion is a “right”. Really? Really? The right to take the life of another human? I do also appreciate that those who support this practice feel that an abortion is at times the appropriate remedy for certain problems or circumstances. An unplanned pregnancy. A pregnancy out of wedlock. Unwanted social stigma. Economic difficulties. I do understand that these problems do exist, and are real. But killing an unborn child is not an acceptable answer. We need to instead address the primary issues at hand. To help the mother-to-be work through those issues. This will require a significant change in our social paradigms. It will cost money. It will not happen overnight. But this is how we can bring just solutions to our society without the taking of a human life.

The use of the term “gender-affirming health care services” is an absolutely terrible misnomer. If an individual is expressing “gender dysphoria and gender incongruence”, they need serious help. I am NOT suggesting we simply subject them to “conversion therapy”. These people need a lot of help. Where does anyone, particularly a child, even imagine that an attempt to change their sex is possible? Or desirable? Or logical? Or that is a solution to anything? Liberal policies and thinking are responsible for this. This practice is liberal thinking gone terribly wrong. This practice should never have been allowed to go anywhere, much less be accepted as a social norm that should be considered as a legal right. This is not an idea that our Creator would ever consider. It is an unacceptable assault on humanity. Traditional Judeo-Christian teaching (as well as other major religions) tells us that we are “created in the image and likeness of God”. And anyone who believes that they know better than God how to care for and respect the human body is only deceiving themselves, and trying to deceive society. We were not created with “spare parts”, or made with any concept that would suggest the use of “interchangeable parts”.

I certainly do not believe that this should be a political issue. This should not be right versus left, or Democrat versus Republican. But perhaps a portion of the current political environment we find ourselves in can provide an instructive example of how our thinking can be terribly wrong. I am sure that many, many people, both liberal and conservative, feel that Donald Trump is a threat to our Democracy. It is almost unbelievable that there are people who readily agree with his overt pack of lies and misguided thinking. This includes many good, respectable, well educated and well meaning people. But somehow they think they are doing the right thing.

And so it is with regards to abortion and “transgender” care. I am sure that proponents of these practices feel they are offering solutions to a problem. And just as Trump has successfully convinced some that he has the answers we need, so have the very real forces of evil – call it the Devil if you wish – have convinced some that killing unborn children or grossly assaulting the human body are an appropriate answer to social ills. You have been deceived.

These are very complex issues, and I do not pretend to have all the answers we need to solve them. I do know that the solutions being offered by LD227 are unjust and inhumane. I challenge anyone who will listen to engage in a dialogue to find real solutions that respect all, and respect our very basic dignity and humanity.

Respectfully submitted,

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