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LD 227

As a preschool teacher, I have a unique perspective on the development and understanding of young children. So I'm going to speak against LD227 as it relates to preschool aged children. As the creators of this bill, your lack of insight into the innocence and lack of comprehension regarding gender in 4 and 5-year-olds is troubling. It is abundantly clear for anyone who spends time with this age group that children are simply exploring and absorbing the world around them without fully grasping the complexities of gender identity.

The proposed bill LD 227, which would allow someone to potentially kidnap a child from their parents and facilitate a gender transition without parental consent, is not only deeply concerning but alarming. It goes against the natural rights of parents to make decisions on behalf of their children and could lead to irreversible consequences for the child involved.

It is essential that common sense and law prevails in matters of children's well-being and that parental rights are upheld and respected. Parents are the primary caregivers and decision-makers for their children, and it is their responsibility to act in the best interests of their child. YOU KNOW THIS yet you're trying to push this bill through anyway. In good conscience, can you vote to open the way for strangers to have control over your children and grandchildren and all of the children in this country? Allowing outside parties to dictate such crucial decisions such as gender and abortions undermines the fundamental rights of parents and could have devastating consequences for the child involved.

As a preschool teacher, I have a duty to advocate for the safety and well-being of the children in my care. My concerns about the potential implications of bill LD 227 are valid and should be taken seriously. It is crucial that we prioritize the protection of children and uphold the rights of parents in matters of their child's health and well-being.