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Good morning, Senator Carney and esteemed members of the Judiciary Committee, I am here today to express why I am in agreement with this bill. In my opinion, this is a significant mistake that could lead to chaos and undermine societal boundaries.

There are absolute differences between men and women that are rooted in biology and creation. Simply wishing to be something different does not change the reality of one's biological sex. For example, if I decided I wanted to be an airline pilot, would an airline be required to hire me based solely on my desire? Of course not. Would I want to be a passenger on such a flight? Probably not.

We are on dangerous ground when we call good what God has called evil. This issue is deeply concerning to many parents and families.

As a mother of four, I have observed that children naturally understand their gender from a very young age. From the time my children could crawl, my boys loved playing with cars and trucks, and my daughter enjoyed cuddling her dolls—these behaviors are not learned but are natural.

I believe that changing these fundamental truths about gender and identity is harmful and, in some cases, can be considered child abuse. I urge you to consider the long-term impact on our children and society when making decisions on this matter.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my perspective.

Sincerely,
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