

LD-227

Memorandum of Opposition

Date: March 04, 2024

To: Honorable Members of the Committee

Members of the committee, I would like to express my Opposition of LD-227.

I'll never forget the day my middle school teacher talked about female genital mutilation of African girls and young women.

My naive mind couldn't wrap my head around such an atrocity. Why would anyone do this?!
Much less ALLOW such things to happen?!

I must confess, I had the same shock as I read through this bill, LD 227.

Shocking things have a way of sticking around.

Sometimes these shocking experiences for are used for good: they motivate us to act, to fight against the injustices of society!

I grew up in a time, where right and wrong was clear, as kids we were held accountable for our actions. If I did something wrong surely my parents would hear about it and I'd be punished.

Where has accountability gone, I wonder?

This isn't the first time I've spoken out against genital mutilation. My first go around was with LD 1735 when I shared how I almost lost my daughter to the transgender ideology.

My husband and I went through hell to protect her and I'd do it again and again....for her and the the children who, if this bill passes, would be trafficked into our state to be mutilated.

Parents rights are God given and enshrined in our Constitution.

Where are all the adults who supposed to be the protectors of children? Where are the doctors swore an oath— to do no harm?

I go back to the questions I asked myself years ago in that classroom, Why would anyone do this?!

Why would anyone ALLOW such things to happen?!

That responsibility falls on you today. Are you going to allow the mutilation of minors to occur in our state? Will we be the blemish looking back on today in the future?

When countries like Norway and Sweden are pulling back on the gender affirming care model, we seem to be doubling down.

Perhaps we should take a lesson from them and spare our children the devastation of our mistakes.

Thank you.