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LD 394

Senator Rafferty, Representative, Brennan, and members of the Education and Cultural affairs committee, my name is Vanessa Figgers. I am speaking in opposition to LD 394. Children are the responsibility of the parents and from birth, the love a parent has for their child goes beyond any feeling a stranger or teacher can have for a child. As a Mother of 3 myself, I am willing to protect others from harming my child, physically or emotionally, with my WHOLE LIFE. When the government pushes into or in between the relationship between mother and child, they cannot fathom any benefit they may think they can provide better than me (the mother). To assume any treatment with hormones or gender related ideology, as an educator, is not within the bounds of your duty. If there is mental health issues, a parent will find a provider (medically) if necessary. To place yourself into that role, is out of bounds and a violation of trust between educator and the pupils parent/provider. I hope you will consider this testimony and put yourself in the parents shoes. With all the detransitioning horror stories coming out and suicides plaguing our youth in our current society, it has been shown that the relation between hormonal imbalances and suicidal/self hate/self harm is clear. To create a space of secrecy between a child and a parent is unethical, immoral and irreparable. Breaking the trust between parent and child causes devastating damage to your community and your credibility and the future of the child. Please consider the harm you will cause to thousands of children if you pass this legislation and the fact that you are starting a trend that will effect future generations from ever wanting to have kids if they know the schools will destroy the bond, values and traditions/trust that are instilled by parents with their children throughout their lives. Thank you.