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LD 227

Good evening,

I am writing to urge that LD227 ought not to pass. This extreme proposal promotes unnecessary and dangerous medical procedures.

In the least extreme case, these patients would be administered puberty blocker drugs and cross sex hormones, the effects of which are not reversible, and are likely to reduce fertility later in life. These drugs may cause outright sterilization. Minors are not at a place in life where they should be making decisions about whether they ever want to have children. Unfortunate couples who are unable to conceive and start a family struggle with the pain of infertility and will go through great lengths to conceive a child.

In some of the worst cases, young patients may undergo surgery on their sex organs. Girls may have their breasts removed and will never be able to breastfeed their children. Others will never be able to achieve an orgasm. Worst yet, some botched surgeries will leave patients with complications that result in lifelong inconvenience, embarrassment, and crippling pain. I urge you to listen to the testimony of detransitioners online. There is a reason why insurance companies are starting to pull back from funding these procedures. They are risky.

This is such an extreme proposal and LD227 ought not pass.