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There are over 20 states in the US that have banned or severely limited gender affirming care to date. A Tufts University School of Medicine report stated that banning gender-affirming care will cause devastating consequences. These consequences range from jeopardizing the health and well-being of transgender individuals to the increase health care disparities for these individuals. Without this specific care this could lead to increased mental health distress, anxiety, depression, self-harm and suicidality. Also, denying this type of care can impact how these treatments help clients live authentically and more comfortably.

We know that banning gender-affirming care negatively affects existing healthcare disparities faced by transgender and gender-diverse people. This creates additional barriers to quality healthcare services...and can lead to negative health outcomes.

Why are we limiting the ability of families to get the healthcare that they need for their children/family here in the United States? Shouldn't families be able to have safe discussions with their health care providers without fear of legal repercussions?

As a mental health provider, I support this legislation. Limiting a woman's right to choose, and a patient's right to basic health care is harmful to clients and harmful to their well being.