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LD 227

Hello, I am a wife, a real woman, and most importantly I am a stay-at-home-mother to 3 children. Kids are so amazing. I spend my days with my kids teaching them all kinds of things. Teaching them about such wonderful things. As they learn about things in this world they decide each day that they want to “be” something. One day it’s a cat, the next; a dog. They want to be super hero’s and have super powers. They want to be firemen, doctors, vets, mothers. But that’s the thing. What kind of mother would I be if I medically changed them into a dog, or a cat, or a giraffe? Are we supposed to medically change them daily as their feelings change? Or are we supposed to let them be kids? I choose to let my kids be kids. I oppose LD227 because we need to leave the children alone. Adults can do what they want, but we as parents need to be parents. We need to be able to have a say over our children because they don’t yet know the difference between right and wrong. This is why we have age limits on things. Age limits on tattoos, piercings, cigarettes, alcohol, etc. If a child can’t choose to drink, smoke, get a tattoo, or piercings then why would they be able to choose to mutilate their bodies? Why are we so for child mutilation and autonomy? What do we have parents for? My parents stopped me from making all kinds of horrible decisions when I was a kid. If I had no parents or they had no rights over me I’d be in a world of trouble. This is why LD227 is an awful bill that should not pass. Thank you.