

Committee on Health and Human Services
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House Bill 2792

Elise Flatland
Testimony in Opposition

Chairman Landwehr and members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing me, Elise Flatland, a mother of four (two of which are currently receiving gender affirming care) to offer testimony in opposition of HB 2792, which would directly interfere with a doctor's ability to treat a transgender child.

Doctors should follow the current medical guidelines that are made by medical professionals. The guidelines of both the AAP (American Academy of Pediatrics) and AMA (American Medical Association) for treating gender dysphoria is to give puberty blockers and cross hormones. The state government should have no authority in how medical professionals treat medical conditions. Gender dysphoria is a very real medical condition with widely accepted medical treatments that do not need to be scrutinized by the state government that is not made entirely of medical experts.

In all our appointments so far surgery has never been talked about once. Surgery is uncommon until children are 18 years old or close to a legal age. If parents and doctors deem surgery necessary and this type of care is in concurrence with medical guidelines, it is not the state government's job to intervene.

I oppose HB 2792 and ask that the committee vote against this bill. Thank you for your time and consideration.

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