

ATTN: Kansas Legislature

February 28, 2024

Dear Madam Chair and Committee,

I write in support of HB 2791.

We must safe guard our children from rash decisions that may lead to permanent debilitating health outcomes. Social media is a massive influence on children today, and even some "educators" promote an ideological agenda which includes the "religious belief" that human beings can change their sex or that children might be born in the wrong body.

Children are never born in the wrong body. Another point of fact is that brain development, including decision making capabilities, continues until our mid-twenties. Car insurance is much more affordable after we turn 25. Many European countries are correctly moving away from unsubstantiated "gender affirming care." For example, the majority of children do desist. There may be other causes of distress such as trauma or mental health issues.

Kansas does not have to allow the experimentation on children to occur before taking action. If it is not clear already, hormonal intervention and the surgery that often follows will be likened to lobotomies of the twentieth century.

I support protecting children from the harms of gender so-called transition, and the ability for anyone harmed by such experimentation (first do no harm...) have the legal backing and resources to seek retroactive punitive damages. I support parents having the inherent, undisputable say in the outcome and all knowledge related to a minor child's social or physical so-called gender transition, including the ability to fully protect their child from such interventions. I also support protecting children from this ideology in the first place.

Please pass HB 2791.

Sincerely,

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