Kansas MassResistance Statement for SB 12

My name is Arthur Schaper, and I am the Field Director for MassResistance. We are the international pro-family group that makes the difference.

Our Kansas MassResistance chapter is particularly alarmed by the growing craze across the United States, and the world, to allow destructive, harmful procedure on children to "change their sex" because the child is suffering from gender dysphoria.

The facts are evident from a growing body of research that although children may experiment with pretending to be the sex that they were not born to be, they end up growing out of that phase of life and become comfortable with their natal sex.

Parents, adults, and agencies (including government agencies) have a duty to reflect reality to everyone, especially to children. Just because a child "feels" a certain way does not mean that authority figures should capitulate to children's fantasies. In fact, in 94% of gender dysphoria cases, children enter into puberty and adulthood with no problems.

It is essential that the Kansas Senate Public Health Committee also understand that there are greedy interests behind this push to "transition" children. Big Business, which includes a large aspect of the medical industry in Kansas, wants to see these procedures continue. It's all about money, and not the well-being of children. Our organization is fully aware that the Kansas Chamber of Commerce has been bullying certain lawmakers about passing any bills to ban such gruesome procedures on children. The state legislature needs to put the needs of children and parents ahead of profit.

It is essential that the Kansas State Legislature take a stand and protect children from these ghoulish sex-reassignment surgeries.

Here are potential counter-arguments and responses:

- 1. "This is about parental rights. The state should stay out of the relationship between doctors and families." Wrong. This matter of child mutilation surgeries goes far beyond parental rights. Parents do not have a right to molest, beat, starve, or abandon their children. Imposing transgender surgical procedures on children is nothing short of child abuse. The state has a right and a responsibility to intervene to prevent these horrific procedures on children.
 - By the way, liberal interests like Planned Parenthood are staunch supporters of the government intervening between parents and children when it comes to abortion. On the subject of child transgenderism-disfigurement, they suddenly take this pseudo-libertarian stance.
- 2. "Kids who want to transition can change their minds, and not suffer any consequences." Wrong! Transgender surgeries maim a child for life. There is no restoring healthy limbs which have been removed. There is a growing body of research which is now debunking the previous research which suggested that cross-sex hormones, puberty blockers, etc. cause no lasting harm to children. All of that is a lie.
- 3. "This bill, SB 12, is transphobic bigotry, nothing more." Wrong. True "transphobia" occurs when responsible parties refuse to take a stance against the lies of the LGBT agenda and its political

allies. When people are too afraid to speak the truth: "There are two sexes. One cannot change their sex, etc." because they fear the virulent political lobby of LGBT militants, that is transphobia.

4. "A number of professional organizations have declared that so-called "gender-affirming care" prevents suicides, saves lives, and does not have long lasting, lingering effects. If the doctors say it's OK, who are we to disagree." The truth is that many of these professional organizations have been ideologically captured and politicized. They are pushing an agenda, not actual truth; they are pushing fantasies for financial gain, not facts to protect the family.

It is love, not hate, to speak the truth, and to ensure that the truth stays in place for children, that they do not undergo these horrific, irreversible surgeries in a vain attempt to change their sex.

Before ending this statement, I urge all of you to search YouTube using three words "youth transgender regret", all of which feature testimonies of children, now more grown up, who regret going through the horrific gender transition process, including the surgical procedures.

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=youth+transgender+regret&page&utm_source=opensearch

If the Public Health Committee has any other questions, feel free to contact me.

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