

## SB 12 Gender reassignment prevention

Written Testimony : Proponent

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As a math tutor for over 30 years, I have personally dealt with the numerous challenges bombarding children as they are taught by family, friends, schools and churches. It is my belief that Kansans are constitutionally guaranteed the rights and freedoms provided by our founding fathers, guided by God the almighty. Nowhere in our constitution do I find Satan listed as any authority over law or governance. Children are deceived, bullied, and misguided. I find it unprofessional conduct for any professional of the healing arts to do harm to any human.

God created human genders for a purpose. No doctorate degree from any school of medicine provides justification for mutilating what God saw purpose in creating. If a child or adult feels led to undergo gender reassignment, I believe they are being misled mentally and psychologically. Society is confusing mental and emotional illness with the freedom to create physical happiness.

My personal experience with sex-change has been devastating to a friends' family. As a high school student, the young male began cutting himself as failed attempts to commit suicide. Following a year away in a treatment facility, the entry into a state university reintroduced the now legal aged man to transgender communities that encouraged him to pursue sex-changing hormone therapies. In reality, the treatment has changed very little mentally or emotionally. He still deals with anxiety and depression. He has chosen a she name, but doesn't seem to be happy or satisfied with his/her new physicality. Trans men are not biological men, and no amount of mutilation will provide the clinical therapy promised by reassignment. This young man gave up his identity to find another self-created identity and is no better for his change.

Statistically, the nation lacks the evidence to prove surgery or hormone therapies are providing benefits to outweigh the harm I see. My reality is that sex-change does not guarantee wholeness or happiness. High rates of suicide are still being recorded in the transgender community. Medical professionals have no business playing God, and there are consequences for mutilation and murder of God's creation, whether immediately visible to an unethical doctor or governing bodies. Mental health providers need moral and ethical training, not gender pronouns and surgical procedure protocols.

I oppose gender reassignment as much as abortion or murder.

Thank you for considering my testimony, and thank you for your service as representatives.

