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Dear Senators,

I'm writing in support of SB12, and ask you to support it as well.

This bill protects children, plain and simple. Neuroscientists confirm that the brain doesn't mature until age 25. For this reason, any alteration to a child's body (with the exception of life-saving surgery or procedures) is child abuse.

We are living in an anything-goes culture in a virtual reality world, and it is not surprising that young people are confused. As adults, it is our job to help these young people to understand reality, and not to affirm their confusion by offering the choice to be a different gender or non-binary.

Hormone therapy and reassignment surgery are BIG business. It's no wonder that we are seeing an attempt to normalize gender transitioning of children by the media. It pays very well.

However, there is a growing number of de-transitioners who say that the surgery did not pay off in the end. They have permanently mutilated, infertile bodies with numerous health problems.

Allowing a CHILD to make a life-altering decision is WRONG. Please vote YES for SB12.

Respectfully,

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