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Dear Chairman Gossage and Committee Members,

I am a proponent for SB 12. Maybe you can confirm but is KU hospital doing these gender reassignment surgeries? Kids can be influenced by their peers and don't always make the best decisions in hope to fit in. How do the kids feel with their choices once they are older? These surgeries will affect them the rest of their lives. This is why there is a safeguard for 18 years or 21 years before kids are allowed to enlist or vote or drink. Why? Because they are not fully mature. Why would this be any different. Let the kids decide when they are of age. There seems to be a lot of propaganda out there that is making people confused. Let's protect our children and let them experience life longer before they do something that will affect them the rest of their lives. It's just common sense.

Thank you,

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