



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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I support this bill very much. Please pass it.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ANDRE VAN MOL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Testimony of Dr. Andre Van Mol, M.D., co chair Committee on Adolescent Sexuality American College of Pediatricians HB 33 protects already at-risk sexual minority youth from experimental and unproven gender affirming therapy (GAT). GAT permanently and prematurely medicalizes children for a condition that overwhelmingly resolves (desists) by adulthood. GAT is not proven effective, not proven safe, does not reduce suicides , and is not the international standard of care for gender dysphoric minors. Desistance is the norm for the minors with gender dysphoria (GD). GD youth have an overwhelming probability of desistance, resolving ON ITS OWN in 75-96% by adulthood. 12345. Medicalizing children for life for a psychological process that usually resolves requires strong scientific support that GAT does not have. 678 Gender Dysphoria in minors has no co morbidities. The overwhelming majority of youth with gender dysphoria have additional mental health conditions (depression, anxiety, bi polar disorder, psychoses, personality disorders, histories of self harm or suicidality, ect), neuro-developmental disabilities like autism spectrum, adverse childhood events, and family issues that pre-date or coincide with gender incongruence. 9 10 11. These issues need counseling, not GAT.Minors cannot give truly informed consent. 12 Children have developing brain, their minds change often and they don't grasp long-term consequences. 13 14 15. -The UK High Court in Bell vs Tavistock (2020) ruled that GAT in minors was experimental and could not , in most cases, be given to minors under 16 without court order, and that such was advisable for those ages 16-17: " There is no age appropriate way to explain to many of these children what losing their fertility or full sexual function may mean to them in later years. "16. -The Swedish Pediatric Society and Swedish National Council for Medical Ethics (2019) proposed a complete review of treatment of youth with gender dysphoria : "Giving children the right to independently make vital decisions whereby at that age they cannot be expected to understand the consequences of their decisions is not scientifically founded and contrary to medical practice". There is no medical proof that the long term benefits or safety of a child undergoing hormonal therapy or surgical transitioning. -World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) Standards of Care confirms, "To date, no controlled clinical trial of any feminizing/masculinizing hormone regimen have conducted to evaluate safety or efficacy in producing physical transition"-The 2017 Endocrine Society Guidelines on hormone treatment of gender dysphoria noted their recommendations for GAT were supported by "low" or "very low" evidence. Low evidence means low science but high ideology.-Professor Michael Biggs of Oxford (2019) found the GD children in the UK's Gender Identity Development Service's trial of puberty blockers showed greater self harm, more emotional problems and worsening of the GD.-Branstrom, et al(2019) published the first total population study of 9.7 million Swedes ultimately finding neither "gender affirming hormone treatment" nor "surgery" lead to reductions in mental health treatment.-Finlands Council for Choices in Health Care in Finlan (COHERE) in 2020 rejected routine "affirmation" pathway for minors with GD.Thy MYTH OF SUICIDE reduction from GAT-The threat of suicide is used as emotional blackmail for GAT-

**Psychology professors J. Baily and R. Blanchard stated : "There is no persuasive evidence that gender transition reduces gender dysphoric children's likelihood of killing themselves.-The Lupron (the main puberty blocker in the US) package insert warns of "mood swings, depression, rare reports of suicidal ideation and attempt"-A 2011 Swedish study of all their post -sex re assignment adults showed a completed suicide rate 19 times that of the general population 10 year out with nearly 3 times the rate of psychiatric inpatient care-A 2011 long term Dutch study of cross-sex hormone therapy revealed significantly increased mortality from multiple causes including suicide. The international standard of care for youth Gender Dysphoria is watchful waiting, including psychological evaluation and support of the child and family, not gender affirming therapy (GAT). Please approve HB 33.Written copies with the fact references will be distributed to members of the committee.Andre Van MolBoard Certified Family PhysicianCo Chair on the Committee on Adolescent Sexuality , American college of PediatriciansCo chair, Sexual and Gender Identity Task Force**



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I support this bill, to protect the health of children. Reputable veterinarians will not spay/neuter animals at a young age, because it greatly increases the animal's risk of cancer. It is no different in humans. When we suppress the body's physiologically normal, healthy development we create disease, or at the very least predispose to disease. Blocking puberty carries several serious health risks that are not immediate, but develop later in life. This is a decision that should not be made by a child, whose brain is still undergoing development. We must allow our children to decide transitioning for themselves, as adults, when they can better understand the consequences and take full responsibility for such an important decision.



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**Please trust and defend a parent's right to protect /raise their children.**



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As an educator in the Missouri public school system for over 35 years I have worked with hundreds of children and young adults. It is my firm belief that children and young adults under the age of 18 do not have the maturity to reassign their gender to the extent of surgical or medical procedures. So many of their actions and decisions are influenced by peer pressure, insecurity, family problems, etc. which can change from day to day.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVO</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I Support this Bill on its face.**



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>BEV EHLEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-608-0168</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA OF MISSOURI</b>		TITLE: <b>STATE DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>19335 PRIMROSE RIDGE</b>			
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**I strongly support this bill.**



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<b>SUPPORT</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>BOB EASLEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am contacting you as a Missouri resident, a parent, and a health care professional in support of HB 33. As the legal age in Missouri is 18, it is preposterous to think we should allow children to decide if they want to change their gender or that any parent would even consider this to be acceptable. I urge you to support HB 33. Thank you. Bonnie Clair, RN, MSN



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WITNESS NAME: <b>BRIAN HERR</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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<b>I thank you for your support of bill HB-33.</b>			



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<b>We need strong advocacy for family values</b>			





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WITNESS NAME: <b>CAROL WEBB</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**To allow children to make life changing decisions about their health is insane. Puberty blocker and other transitional services to minor are simply child abuse!**



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**I am in support of bill**





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**Our children need parental guidance before making irreversible, life-changing medical decisions.  
Please support this bill!!**



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<b>St. Louis City voter in support, to protect children.</b>			



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**Life altering medical procedures must be decided by adults, in line with hundreds of years of medical jurisprudence.**



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**Dear Members of the Children and Families Committee, Please vote HB33 "do pass" and work for the passage of HB33 for the protection of the children of the State of Missouri, from life-changing surgeries and treatments that go against the law of God. I believe the "gender identity" movement is diabolical in nature and is a movement designed to destroy the family and societal structures.**



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**I am in support of HB33**



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We don't encourage a schizophrenic child that their reality is correct, nor should we encourage a child with gender dysphoria that their perception of their body is correct. There is no other mental illness in which we encourage the patient to accept their mentality and promote their line of reasoning. We do not tell a patient with anxiety to embrace their crippling thoughts. We do not tell a patient with depression to accept their suicidal thoughts. We should not encourage a child with gender dysphoria to accept their altered view of their body. As a current medical student at the University of Missouri the acceptance by the majority of the institution of gender transition without scientific reasoning or evidence based practice is appalling.



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I've read many first hand accounts of how an individual was living a life as the opposite gender then in their 20s realized that they were wanting to go back living their life as the gender they actually were. Some unfortunately had the surgery to change themselves, and others fortunately had not. The regret, heartbreak, and psychological damage done by those who had the surgery is heartbreaking. We cannot allow children (or the adults in their lives) to choose this surgery until well after their brains are developed (which can happen in their 20s).



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<b>I AM IN FAVOR OF THIS BILL</b>			



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It is my opinion that a minor should not be allowed to have such a life altering decision made by, or for him/her. There is not enough evidence to support the long term health implications or safety of such a procedure or long term psychological impact of such. In the absence of this and not withstanding any moral consideration, I believe the biological identity of a human as given by birth should be preserved. Therefore, I strongly support HB33



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JACLYN RIEBOLD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JACQUELYNNE MCCLELLAND</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a parent of two young children, I strongly voice my support. If we do not allow children to vote until they reach the age of 18 and are considered an adult, and prohibit drinking until the age of 21 due to the physical effects that are more drastic on youth, then I believe we should take a similar stance regarding gender transition.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JENNIFER GORE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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<b>I am in favor of HB 33.</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JEREMY MAXWELL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 33 MOMy name is Jeremy Maxwell. I am a concerned citizen, husband, father of 4 kids from ages 15 -23, small business owner in Columbia MO and practicing doctor of Chiropractic for over 20 years now. Homeostasis is the mechanism that enables us to keep our internal environment relatively constant – not too hot, or too cold, not too hungry or tired. The level of energy that an organism needs to maintain homeostasis depends on the type of organism, as well as the environment it inhabits. Definition of disease1: a condition of the living animal or plant body or of one of its parts that impairs normal functioning and is typically manifested by distinguishing signs and symptoms These are some simple definitions that are necessary to understand basic human physiology. The body by design when in homeostasis will express normal function. Meaning our genes are designed to express normal function as long as there are no deficiencies, toxicities or interruptions to the genes. It is what epigenetics is all about. Lupron-Depot which is the most common drug used to help delay puberty is an extremely powerful disruptor of homeostasis. It influences the pituitary and blocks luteinizing hormone from communicating with the testes or ovaries halting the steroid production of testosterone and or estrogen. Your genes determine your sex, therefore one is already preprogramed for certain amounts of hormone in order to develop into the gender one is. In other words, Lupron Depot is an endocrine disruptor. By definition, if you interrupt homeostasis you are putting the body into a diseased state. It may not yet manifest symptoms yet, but it is well documented that one is well on its way to a symptomatic diseased state once this interruption or variant away from normal has occurred. Once these pathways have been interrupted or manipulated in this way it can be very challenging to restore and reestablish normal. Especially once individuals have taken extreme barbaric measures to remove breasts and or alter their genitalia. The bottom line is this, manipulating hormones for “x” amount of time will never change ones gender. If that were the case then taking enough estrogen could change a penis into a vagina or vice versa, taking testosterone could change a vagina into a penis. I am quite certain this has never been seen or documented. I am for HB 33 Sincerely Jeremy Maxwell DC





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This Bill helps prevent child abuse. There is No Way a child under 18 can give Honest Informed Consent for these Permanent life altering medical procedures.Children are being taken advantage of and Used to promote a Radical Political Agenda. Plus there is Big Money in Profits that is being made by those practicing this medical malpractice.And the bottom line is that It Does Not Work. You can not use drugs and surgery to change your sex. This legislation is needed to protect children in much the same way as the sale of cigarettes to children under 18 is not allowed.



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**As a retired teacher, I realize children go through stages. Each child should be allowed to develop as an individual. Parents/Guardian should not enforce life altering decisions before the child reaches maturity.**



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It is a shame there are parents and guardians who would agree to mutilate or chemically alter a child. They deserve to be held in check both morally and legally as this bill proposes. I would suggest however thatt a sunset of 20 years be placed on this bill so that a cultural shift does not have something on the books that is no longer necessary. Case in point-- speed limit set at the speed a horse can trot. Any law like HR 33 can, if necessary, be renewed.



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**As a concerned citizen I wanted to reach out today to voice my approval of this bill to protect our children! I would like to see this bill passed as it would protect them from future surgeries or anything to do with transgender transition. Thank you for hearing my voice!!**



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I am writing this due to a push from my medical school to have students testify in opposition of this bill. I am in favor of this bill due to the scant medical evidence in support of gender-affirming care. Medical organizations such as the APA revised care for transgender patients out of fear of being viewed as bigoted, not out of robust scientific inquiry. Healthcare for transgender individuals is highly important and they should never, ever be discriminated against on account of their gender identity. But to perform what can only be described as medical experiments on children with puberty blockers and "sex reassignment" surgery is, in my opinion, child abuse. There is a reason we do not let those under 18 years old vote. There is a reason we don't let individuals under 21 drink alcohol. The reason is because the brain is not fully developed until approximately 25 years old. There are no long term studies evaluating the efficacy of puberty blocking hormones and transgender surgeries, and, therefore, what is being done to transgender youth across America is nothing short of pure experimentation without evidence. Children are not mature to make life altering decisions, such as blocking the natural course of puberty. I say natural because that is what it is. It is not "abnormal" for puberty to occur and normal sexual development to take place. If transgender individuals that are capable of making such decisions desire to (i.e. individuals over 18 years old), they should be able to receive care from a physician in support of gender-affirming care. But that is entirely different from an 8 year old child doing the same thing. For these reasons, I think this bill is correct to prevent children from receiving life-altering medical therapies with no long term evidence to support such therapies.





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My name is Kevin Whitt formerly known as Dominique O'Hara Skyy. I lived a childhood of sexual, verbal, and physical abuse. All the abuse lead to much gender confusion, depression, and sexual brokenness which caused me to believe I was born "gay" and even in the "wrong body". When I was 15 years old I came out of the closet as gay and soon after I began dressing as a female. I was living full time as a transgendered woman by the time I reached the age of 18 years old. I was quickly embraced by the gay community and I was indoctrinated into the club scene and began performing in drag shows. As a young kid, of course, I loved all the attention I was getting. It wasn't long before I starting working in all aspects of the adult sex industry that you can think of. After becoming addicted to the money I mainly worked as a full-time "escort", which we all know is just a fancy word for "prostitute", for many years. The men made me feel wanted and valuable for the first time in my life. After living that lifestyle for over 20 years and through a series of circumstances including going with my friend to an Easter Church Service I received the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep in mind that I did not come to Christ seeking change, I went with an open mind, a loving heart, and a desire for a healthy life. I was introduced to Living Hope Ministries which is a ministry that helps people with unwanted same-sex attraction. Through the guidance and counseling, I received at this ministry the Lord began to heal those broken areas of my life. As I stand here today, I am a Christian man, with a little residue from my past, who loves Jesus Christ. I feel I have been blessed with a second chance at life. I now volunteer to help others on a path to healing, similar to my own story. Pediatric Gender Transition is Child Abuse , if a child can't get a tattoo until they are 18 they definitely can not make such a permanent life altering decision as a child. I ask that you vote against this child abuse by voting yes to HB\_\_\_\_\_ Long Version: I am Kevin Whitt, I discovered my true identity in Christ after having lived as a transsexual woman named "Dominique" for over 20 years. I grew up in a dysfunctional home with a very abusive father. As a child, I endured , physical, and sexual abuse. Starting around the 1st grade, everyone called me "gay" and "faggot" because I seemed more feminine than other boys. Words are powerful, and I believed those lies. The abuse continued at home and at school throughout my entire adolescent and teen life. I was severely bullied for my feminine mannerisms and high pitched voice. I began questioning my gender identity at a very young age after being raised by my mother and sisters and really only trusting females because most males I was ever around abused me. Yet at the same time I longed for a father like other kids had. Wishing so badly I could just be a normal boy like the rest of the guys that wasn't feminine , awkward or get made fun of. I wanted to be one of the popular guys, with a lot of friends and the perfect body who everyone wanted to be around. But unfortunately that wasn't what I was, I was a very feminine boy with a high pitched voice and was mistaken as a girl most of the time. I would go places with my mom and people would say " Awww your daughter is so pretty" and she would have to correct them saying " This is my son". I remember getting so depressed and trying everything I could to be a masculine guy like the rest, but it never worked. Deep down I hated

my femininity but there was nothing I could do to change it and society said If your a even a slightly feminine boy you must be gay and tossed out deemed a degenerate. I began having same-sex attraction by the age of 15, I came out and immediately started dressing in drag. I decided if I couldn't change my femininity I would just use it to my advantage. Immediately I was embraced and accepted into a community of people that I could relate to, gaining the attention and friendships I always wanted. For once in my life I felt wanted, loved, and I fit in somewhere in society. I loved the recognition I received when dressing in drag so as you can imagine it became addictive. As soon as I was old enough, I got into the club scene and became a drag performer. I began to question my gender identity more and more. I remember thinking that maybe this is it, maybe I was supposed to actually be born a female. I decided I would seek counseling because I really wanted to make sure and also get help for the abuse I endured. I found a therapist that specialized in Gender Dysphoria so I quickly made an appointment. When she first saw me she said "You are beautiful I would have had no idea you were actually male". As we proceeded with our appointment I explained how I had been abused by my father and even bullied at school. She said I'm sorry you had to go through that but you have gender dysphoria and my treatment was to present as female as much as possible. She seemed to have dismissed the abuse I explained to her that I endured. So I went on with my life but at least then I had reassurance from a "therapist" that I was supposed to be born female. That's when I began living full time as female. Later desperate for money, I started working in the adult industry as a transsexual prostitute, phone sex operator, dominatrix, and webcam "model." I thought this would be temporary, but earning over \$1k a day became addictive and I couldn't stop. Men made me feel sexy and wanted. I hated Christians because all I'd ever been taught by the Church was that gay people were going to hell and their punishment from God was to contract AIDS and die. So, I figured, if I'm going to hell, I might as well have fun doing it. Eventually I realized how toxic and addictive my lifestyle had become. Many friends and acquaintances had died young from HIV, and I saw others ruin their lives with drug and alcohol addictions. One day, while working in a male strip club, one of the stripper boys invited me to go to church. I thought it was weird, but I was open to it and I went. That day a seed was planted in my heart. A few months later, I got invited to church on Easter Sunday. God grabbed my attention through a modern-day version of the resurrection of Christ being played out on stage, and I began to cry. I saw all that Jesus had done for me. That was the first day of my walk with Christ. Eventually my desires to do drag, party, or have sex lessened. God began speaking to me and I got rid of all of my female clothing and accessories. My heart began to change dramatically as God continued to change as my relationship with Christ drew stronger. I began going to a faith based discipleship program called "Living Hope". It was there that I learned my true identity in Christ and the scientific reason why I had the feelings I had throughout my life. I did not come to Christ seeking change in my sexuality. I simply came to Him with the desire for a healthy life, and kept an open mind and loving heart. He did the rest. I now understand that my sensitivity and interests in art, fashion, and beauty do not equate to homosexuality. American culture places a stigma on men. If we don't watch football and act a certain way, we must be gay. But that is a lie. I am created in God's image, and He gave me a creative mind. I love being a man just the way I was designed to be.



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<b>No minor should be making this type of decision.</b>			



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Dear members of the Missouri House Children and Families committee: I am writing this letter in support of House Bill 33. Though many opinions may be heard on this issue in support of either side, I speak from personal experience and from first-hand knowledge of many others I have met who have transitioned and now regret their decision. I am a former transgender, having previously lived as transgender and medically transitioning between the years of 2007 and 2016. I believed, like so many young people, that I was born transgender and had no possible course in life but to transition. Yet nearly nine years later I had learned the hard way that transgenderism is not real and it is only a cosmetic change that masks the deep inner wounds that cause rejection of one's gender. In 2007, I did not know any other transgenders until I looked up the issue online and found a local support group. Within minutes of meeting me, they agreed that I was definitely transgender, and recommended a therapist to me that could help me begin the legal process of transition. I had no interest in counseling at the time, but since it was a legal requirement at the time, I agreed to the minimal number of sessions. After mindlessly answering the questions and just wanting to progress through the process and begin hormones, the therapist stumbled on some deep issues. She put down her notebook, looked right in my eyes and said, "Wow, you really have issues with your mom...". I was stunned. I could not see how we had gotten from talking about me being a man trapped in a woman's body to talking about my mother. She had stumbled upon the source of the problem without realizing it. I had deep, bitter roots against my mother because I felt she loved my brother more than me because of the difference in the way she treated us. But I had not consciously realized that. I blew up at her and I said, "I am not here to talk about my mom." I still did not see the connection (and wouldn't until many years later). She asked, "So you just want me to give you the diagnosis?" "Yes, that's all I'm here for," I responded curtly. She gave me a letter that I was then able to take to a doctor indicating that I had been diagnosed with Gender Identity Disorder (later updated to Gender Dysphoria in the DSM-IV) and begin hormone therapy to "transition" to male. She saw the root of the problem but was afraid to act in the correct manner. Let me ask you, what other disease or condition do we allow the patient to dictate their medical care when it is contrary to the evidence the doctor has uncovered? It might not seem like a big deal to someone who has not walked the path I did, but because no one was willing to stand up and fight for me (granted, against my own wishes at the time) I have serious consequences in my body to this day. I took testosterone for nearly nine years which caused a wealth of medical problems including increased blood pressure, increased body fat, increased heart rate, scar tissue buildup in my leg muscles from the injections, and trouble with memory and brain organization. I was twenty-five when I began transition and so I was young to be experiencing these types of health problems. My blood was so thick that my doctor finally forced me to go to a blood bank monthly to have a therapeutic withdraw.

They would take a pint of blood each time and I was still in great danger of having a stroke. In addition, the chest binders I wore for over a year prior to my double mastectomy severely altered the muscular structure in my back, solidifying the fascia to a nearly solid state. It took over three years of regular massage therapy to undo the damage from the binders. In 2009 I had an outpatient double mastectomy and two years later had all of the female organs removed. After several years of transitioning, I was devastated as I began to realize that none of it was real. At the time I didn't regret transition, I had no desire to be female. But I was beginning to see the truth that no matter what I did to my body it was never going to make me a man. All I was doing was changing the appearance. In fact, the more I transitioned the more paranoid and reclusive I became. Whereas before I was proud of being transgender, once I was fully passing as male, I was afraid of people finding out the truth. My life became a living hell as I was spending all of my money trying to come up with ways to make the transition real. I tried every product and gimmick available, but nothing helped. The dysphoria was not going away. I was beginning to become suicidal as I didn't see a way out. But finally, after I gave my life to my Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, He began to call me out of that lifestyle. I left everything behind including that identity, my job, my home, and my partner to follow Him. In doing so, God has revealed to me what my therapist had stumbled upon years earlier and much more. In forgiving and reconciling with my mom, the feelings and desires to be male began to fade away. I have since met many transgenders, some former and some currently living with that identity. I have heard the same thing over and over again: it is never real. It becomes extremely depressing when you realize that you have totally maimed your body, changed your identity, and in many cases alienated your family, for a lie. In addition to the stories I have heard, there have been several documentaries, many YouTube videos, books, articles and more about people who regret transition. Unlike regretting many things in life, this type of transition has serious permanent consequences. Many cannot face the reality of what they have done, and some studies have shown very high suicide rates even after surgery and full transition. I understand fully that I cannot keep an adult from harming themselves if they want to. What I am imploring you to consider is that a child's brain is not even fully developed, and they cannot possibly understand the long-term effects of the decision they are making. Many of these treatments and procedures will sterilize them, at the very least, and as children they cannot comprehend what they are giving up in one day being able to conceive children. Because of this path I took, I no longer have breasts, I can never have my own children, I have to shave my face every day, and I have other health problems related to severe hormonal imbalance. There are many things a child may want to do, even beg and insist on doing, that is harmful to them. It is our job as parents and as legislators to keep children from doing such harm to themselves. Let us allow them to receive counseling and uncover the reasons they want to transition. The reasons vary widely, but in the many I have met over the last several years, there is always a cause of some kind. The problem is not with the body, it is with the mind. Transgenderism, at its core, is a dissociation from one's gender due to some kind of emotional or physical trauma. While it is often a result of abuse, it is sometimes as simple as sibling rivalry, misunderstood family dynamics, or difficulty fitting in with peers. This fraud of transition has been a failed experiment and should not be allowed to be performed on our children at the expense of their future. We must protect those who are not mature enough yet to know how to protect themselves. This bill would protect children from making the biggest mistake of their life, of which much of the consequences could never be undone. Please vote in favor of HB 33 for the sake of confused, innocent children.





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To allow gender reassignment of any kind, be it psychological, surgical or any other form, is ludicrous, horrifying, and quite reprehensible. There are age restrictions for driving, drinking, smoking, voting, and more. Youth are allowed to be on their parents insurance until they are 26 years of age. All of this because it's understood that the young mind is not developed enough to make such serious and potentially life changing decisions. I am flabbergasted to hear that a child may be able to go through a dangerous and life altering decision such as gender reassignment. It seems to me that anyone even considering such a thing should be required to go through EXTENSIVE counseling from several sources (religious, mental health, marriage, family, relationship, etc.), along with the parents of these children. Often, this sort of thing is one of confusion, seeking attention or for shock value...since they don't realize the danger and seriousness of the situation and that this is not something one can come back from or easily change, if at all. This topic truly saddens me. Thank you for your time.



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I am in favor of HB33. I do not believe that at person under18 is emotionally and physically and emotionally prepared to make a decision to permanently change the physical characteristics of their biologic gender. Their brains are not fully developed and their decision making is not fully developed. A doctor should not be compelled by law to perform such a surgery.



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I am in support of HB 33 to amend chapter 191, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relation to transition-related care for children under eighteen years of age, with penalty provisions. Please protect the children of Missouri, allowing them the time for physical and emotional development to take place during adolescence, leaving life altering decisions for their adult lives, meaning 18 years of age.



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**NO person under the age of 18 and in my opinion, under the age of 30, has the cognitive skills to make such a permanent, life-altering decision. These early years are influenced LARGELY by their peers, social media, and the need to fit in. Anyone taking advantage of such individuals should lose their license to practice medicine for the rest of their lives!!**



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Children under the age of 18 aren't old enough to vote, drink, smoke, or vape, then they are NOT old enough to make a life-altering decision like gender change. Whether I agree with gender transition or not, this is absurd!! What happened to common sense in America! This is simply my opinion. I am not a medical expert, but I have raised 5 sons and their brains don't fully kick in till they are in their 20's. I know mine didn't. Can't believe in America I am even having to give my opinion on this....



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Yes for HB 33. This is a monumental decision to change genders, even age 18 is very young. Hormones are still raging, and fitting into some group is such a focus. Can a thorough psych exam be of value? [For any major, irreversible treatments, I'd prefer one gets a job for a few years. Before changing genders, one should not be in such a highly emotional state. If working a job, that will tire them out. If doing a good job, they won't have time to contemplate on only themselves.]



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I support this bill. Children's bodies and minds and understandings of life are still developing. Adults are able to make adult decisions. Genital mutilation and hormone therapy are permeant as is infertility. Childhood is not designed to make permeant life decisions.



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The increased prevalence of transgender ideology in culture and education has narrowed the treatment options for children with gender dysphoria. Transgender activists pressure both doctors and parents to consent to “gender-affirming medical treatment” for children who otherwise likely would grow to accept their bodies. Such treatment typically starts with puberty blockers at age 8, cross-sex hormones at 14, and genital surgery for boys as young as 17. In one case, a 13-year-old girl was given a double mastectomy. The detrimental side effects of hormones, such as increased depression, loss of bone density, and sterility, are well-known; yet, parents continue to find that the medical system and the legal system are working against them. In Ohio, a couple lost custody of their daughter because they refused to allow her to take testosterone. Missouri lawmakers must take the courageous step of protecting children from pressure to undergo dangerous and irreversible procedures. Please vote to support HB 33.



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How is it that we can allow our children to make decisions about their identity but we don't allow them to vote, drink alcohol or smoke? This is one of the most ridiculous decisions that has ever been put before our country. Children are physically/psychologically still developing during this time. I support this bill-children need to be legally responsible for themselves before being allowed to make this kind of choice. In addition, I am a registered nurse and feel this puts the providers at risk of a lawsuit later on. Please don't give them anymore ethical issues to deal with. Thank you for your time in listening!



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I am a true Christian. My life is based on the teachings of The Bible. God made TWO GENDERS. God made us in His image and designed each of us with His wishes and will. No human being has a "right" to change what God designed. It is time this country realizes who absolutely is in charge. The state and parents have a spiritual responsibility to protect our children from physical, mental and emotional damage. I am in full support and agreement with HB 33.



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I read the summary, only, of HB 33. If it is not in the full bill, I would add that public education institutions should be prohibited from providing counseling, school sponsored organizations, or curriculum addressing transgenderism as a societal choice. The issue is a personal life choice better addressed by trained professionals separated from public education.



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I ask you to please respect the body of every child which has been wonderfully and fearfully made in the image of our Creator, and to forbid gender reassignment surgeries and procedures which strip away the true identity of innocent children. Our duty is to protect the least of our society. Let us not be the generation that turns our back on them because of the cancel culture that is ravaging our world. Let us hold true to the way of our Creator and protect the children of Missouri. May God give you wisdom.



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**I am in support of HBO 33.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>QUENTIN L. VAN METER, MD</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>352-376-1877</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>AMERICAN COLLEGE OF PEDIATRICIANS</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
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CITY: <b>GAINESVILLE</b>		STATE: <b>FL</b>	ZIP: <b>32635</b>
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I support HB 33 in support of protection of minors from surgeries or medications that are designed to alter their sexual orientation. The American Academy of Pediatrics has designated this as a form of child abuse, because most gender dysphoria resolves as the child ages, especially if given appropriate counseling. The invasive procedures are no longer desired by the child as they reach the age of maturity. I have met people who regret having made this decision when too young to understand the long-lasting effects. It remains a very lucrative venture for physicians who prescribe these medications or do the disfiguring surgeries.



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I hereby testify that I am in favor of this bill. No way does a child under the age of 18 have the maturity level to make such a decision as a sex change. Also, added to this bill, should be, and if the child is 18, he or she **MUST** undergo educational classes, yes classes, not just one, to inform them of **ALL** the dangers and side effects that result from such an operation.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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Missouri's youth are a precious resource. I fully support Representative Pollock's legislation to protect kids from life altering gender mutilation surgeries, hormone therapy, and puberty blockers.



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I support this bill to not allow children under 18 from or doctor's treating them to prescribe medication or surgery to block natural bodily processes for the purpose of sex changing or reassignment. I urge this bill be given a do pass recommendation from the committee.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ABBY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Chairpeople, what if one of your children came out as a member of the LGBTQ community? Would you send them to conversion therapy? (This experience has been proven to turn children to suicide) Or will you love and protect them to the best of your ability? This is all parents want to do for their kids. This bill would stand in the way of that as well as push forward HJR 53, another harmful bill being pushed on a population that has it hard enough. Please protect out transgender children.



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My name is Adam Simmons and I live in Columbia MO. I oppose HB 33, because I believe that Healthcare decisions should be made between a doctor and the patient and parent. I believe that it would be harmful for lawmakers to dictate the kind of care. Please trust your constituents and the great medical professionals of this state to make their own decisions!



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**Trans kids are human beings that deserve the care they ask for and need. To criminalize their healthcare is unnecessary and evil, just as it would be to criminalize any other human's healthcare. The government has no right to restrict healthcare on any body.**



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This bill would criminalize the best medical practices for youth, as backed and supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics and numerous other medical authorities. Medical transitioning for youth is most often simply delaying the onset of puberty so that the youth in question has time to make an informed choice about their health going forward. Denying this best practice can be life threatening and has been proven to increase the risk of depression, self-harm, and suicidal behavior. Please oppose this bill and protect some of our most vulnerable Missourians.



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Committee members, I am strongly opposed to bills that insert the government into private medical decisions. I am confused as to why the members of the Missouri House of Representatives believe themselves more knowledgeable about the needs of trans children than the children themselves, their parents, or their doctors. I have not seen any evidence that transition-related decisions are being made lightly in the state of Missouri. This forces me to consider that HB 33 is less about protecting children and more about protecting sensitive adults who would prefer that trans people remain silent about their needs rather than make any attempt to understand or represent them. The immovability of the Republican party on LGBT+ issues continues to astonish, and I fear that by continuing to suggest and pass legislation like this, the party is litigating its own eventual obsolescence. Trans people are not going away and will have an increasingly prominent voice in our state, country, and world, and I see no reason to place yourself on the hateful side of history. I am not trans and would never pretend to know what it's like to be trans, but I would remind the members of this committee that we shouldn't need to understand or even approve of something in order to be respectful.



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**Taking away healthcare for transgender children is setting our adolescents up for failure. We are risking too much by taking away their basic rights. How many kids have to die by suicide before we start allowing them to be their true selves?**





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Medical transitioning for transgender youth should not be blocked. I myself, am transgender and president of Oasis, Mizzou's Transgender, Non-Binary, and Gender Non-Conforming organization on campus. I longed for access to hormone blockers in high school but was unable to receive them. Because of this, I experienced major mental health issues including suicidal behavior. My body is now at a stage where I can never undo the effects no matter how much hormone therapy I do. These blockers are important for transgender youth to be able to have the time and space to find their own identity without a biological ticking clock. These medications are 100% reversible and can be stopped at any time if a youth decides they no longer wish to take them.



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Hello, My name is Amanda Gunn. I'm a Missourian, a pediatric mental health researcher, and a family-member of a transgender person whom I love deeply. I'm writing to firmly oppose HB33 on two primary grounds. Firstly, I believe that health care decisions should remain between the patient, their physician, and their family. Best practice medical care for transgender youth typically involves delaying puberty until young people are mature enough to make their own decisions. This bill aims to take away that choice from children and their families and health professionals who care for them. It is absolutely none of the business of the great State of Missouri to legislate such personal decisions on behalf of all citizens and their children. At the very least, Missouri families deserve privacy and autonomy in tackling these issues with the support of physicians and other specialists in the field, not heavy-handed and unnecessary legislation. Secondly, and even more importantly, gender-affirming medical services are life-saving services. Transgender youth in America are at an incredibly disproportionate risk of negative outcomes. I'm talking about mental health. I'm talking about homelessness. I'm talking about hate crimes. I'm talking about poverty. I'm talking about suicide. These are not hypothetical children who experience these outcomes. These are my siblings and cousins. These are the children of my friends. These are the children I serve professionally. We're talking about YOUR children and grandchildren. This proposed legislation directly contradicts American Academy of Pediatrics policy position published in October of 2018 regarding best practice care for transgender children. I honestly cannot fathom why my elected officials would propose, let alone vote in favor of, legislation that denies access to best practice health care for Missouri's children. I am writing to urge members of the Missouri House of Representatives to vote against HB 33. Please allow children to continue to access life-saving gender-affirming medical care in the great State of Missouri. It truly is a matter of life and death. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my position.



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**Medical care decisions should be made by doctors and families. In this instance, legislation is intrusive.**



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Dear Committee Members, Good morning. My name is Anastasia Anazonwu and I am a medical student at the University of Missouri, living in Columbia, MO. At Mizzou, I am taught to treat my patients with respect and to always advocate in their best interests. To this end, I strongly oppose HB 33 and urge your committee to discontinue the attempt to pursue anti-trans legislature that would so negatively affect Missourian youth. For many years now, I've been a vocal ally of trans people and have shaped my future goals in pursuit of providing this community with the best possible care. Early on in my medical career, I was struck by the high rates of depression and suicidality among trans youth compared to their cis gender peers\*. This isn't because being transgender is inescapably tied to higher risks of mental health challenges, but rather because these youth's families, friends, school systems and should-be social support systems abandoned and othered these children when they most needed help. And now, if your committee is successful, their medical providers could fail them as well? How many more trans youth need to die by suicide before your committee is convinced of their humanity? Why doesn't your committee value each precious Missourian life and want to act in each young person's best interest? As a proud Missourian and future healthcare worker, I urge you to reconsider. Prohibiting healthcare practitioners and parents/legal guardians from providing gender-affirming healthcare to transgender youth, is harmful and cruel and does not serve the best interests of Missourians. Please don't force me to practice substandard medicine by criminalizing medical best practices for transgender youth; care that is backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities. Please vote against HB 33 and let transgender youth have the best chance of living their truth in this great state.\*JAMA Pediatrics Estimating the Risk of Attempted Suicide Among Sexual Minority Youths Anastasia Anazonwu 101 E Green Meadows Rd, Apt 3011 Columbia, MO 65203



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Hello, My name is Andrew Kelly and I am a resident of Independence, MO. I am writing to voice my opposition to HB 33. It is unconscionable that the State of Missouri would make legitimate medical care illegal to provide and obtain. This bill will do nothing to protect children, but will in fact do the opposite. This bill will deny transgendered and children the chance to access the medical care they need to live full and healthy lives. I hope that members of the committee will pay special attention to the testimony of people who have transitioned, as I feel this bill was written by persons who have never met someone who is trans. I feel that if the bill writers did know a person who has transitioned they would be as horrified as I am that this bill is being considered.



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**This bill is designed to harm trans people and set a precedent that will put us in danger in future actions. Do not do this to us.**



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Identity is a struggle for these unique individuals, they should be given all the support available - especially medical care provided by knowledgeable physicians. Sexual development does not start at 18, puberty is a vital time of for their transition. Their identity arrived with them into this world.





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Our legislators should allow expert medical opinion as well as the safety health and well-being of these minor children to help them form reasonable laws and guidelines rather than relying on their personal opinions and beliefs. Any action taken toward gender reassignment is done with the utmost respect and care and in the best interest of any young person seeking this transition. HB 33 implies medical malpractice and child abuse for anyone who tries to assist these adolescents and that couldn't be further from the truth. No one just wakes up one day and decides they want to be the opposite sex. These medical treatments are performed in concert with mental health professionals and after great care has been taken to ensure the safety of the patient. We've all been places where we feel like we didn't belong. It's an uncomfortable feeling – sometimes painfully uncomfortable. Imagine spending your entire life feeling like you don't belong in your own body. I can't imagine a worse heartache for a young person. They don't know why they feel different. They don't know why they are bullied. They don't know why they don't like themselves. They just know they don't fit. As a parent, I would do anything to prevent my child from unnecessary pain and suffering and I would do the same for your child too. What HB 33 says is that it will force a transgender child to continue their psychological struggles, force them to face more painful surgical procedures later in life – and that's only if they make it that far. As I'm sure you know, access to gender affirming care reduces the rate of attempted suicide among transgender youth by 70 percent. What are you afraid of? Please do the right thing and vote no on HB 33. Thank you.



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I am Anne Stanton from Columbia and I very strongly OPPOSE HB 33. I am the mother of a person whose interests, as soon as she could express them, did not follow anything that boys are 'supposed to like'. In elementary school, in spite of the male name we gave her at birth, and the short hair and jeans she wore, she was bullied as a 'faggot' (a word she did not then understand) and by the start of middle school her emotional and physical health began to plummet. The onset of male puberty was emotionally wrenching for her. We did not understand, and she could not articulate her experience beyond saying that everything was wrong. Her school experience was awful, and her decline in health affected all of us who loved her, from her big brother to her grandmother, who lives with us. Her therapist, in conjunction with our family physician – who had delivered her – recommended social and medical support for her transition, following the evidence-based science, following best practices as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. This was a long process, and it took a long time to get an appointment with a pediatric endocrinologist. Our daughter began to feminize her clothing and general appearance, and we signed paperwork to begin hormone treatment to stall further puberty changes, and finally went through the process to treat her with feminizing hormones. It was terrifying to drop her off at school in a dress, but in many ways her emotional health improved and as her true self began to appear our family began to realize what she had been going through, and how close we had come to losing her. And this was in spite of the fact that she has a loving, middle-class, stable family. And as she settled into her true self, we all improved. We are very happy to have our living, kind, creative, and generous daughter with us today. Passage of HB 33 into law would criminalize the healthcare she received, affecting the professional lives of her family practice doctor – who was the doctor for our entire family, including my mom – and several specialists. One of these an endocrinologist whose practice is largely focused on treating children with diabetes, growth issues, and early puberty onset, which is treated with exactly the same kind of medication we initially used to pause male puberty. HB 33 would threaten my husband and I with prosecution and jail time, affecting the well-being of the rest of our family. Finally and most importantly to us, HB 33 would have prevented the medical care that has kept our child alive. Today, our daughter often rejects the label of 'transgender' because she was never a boy inside. She was born with what amounts to a birth defect, and the trauma of living with that for years is still with her. But SHE is still alive, a part of this world, with friends and family and a path of her own. Please, please vote against this bill. Passing it would be extremely harmful not just for young Missourians whose interior selves do not match their exterior bodies, but also for their families, their friends, and their doctors. Thank you for reading my testimony.



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My name is Anneliese Schaefer and I'm here to testify in opposition to HB33. I'm here as a parent of a transgender child, now in her late teens. Our child first questioned her gender in late elementary school. My husband and I both are scientists and work at a large academic medical center. That said, we're not medical doctors and this was outside our research areas. We tried to educate ourselves through a measured process of reading and reaching out to others. Eventually we met with our medical team. They were very measured in gathering information from us and in getting to know our child. They followed best practices, and that gave us confidence. The term 'best practices' is not simply a compliment – 'best practices' means that we can have confidence that the medical guidance is based on research that shows what is in the patient's best interest, and guidance that is consistent on a national level. That guidance helped our daughter to thrive. She's excelling as a college student. That was not always the case – she hit a very rough patch that was incredibly stressful for us and a dangerous time for her. She got through it, and we owe our medical team a debt of gratitude for their central role in her recovery. Our family's relationship with the medical team is a relationship of trust and privacy. I cannot think of any group that is better qualified to guide us through medical decision-making than our medical team. I sincerely hope that this committee respects that relationship. Especially for the families with younger children, I hope they have the same opportunities that our family did, to work with caring and compassionate doctors who followed best practices.



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The American Medical Association has concluded that gender-affirming surgery reduces long-term risk of negative mental health outcomes. They have urged that decisions about gender affirming medical care for adolescents be left to the medical team, the family, and the adolescent. This proposed legislature violence the recommendations of the American Medical Association and puts the state of Missouri at opposition with medical best practice



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**We should never discriminate against any person for the reasons of healthcare, especially in regards to gender identity.**



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Transgender people of all ages deserve to be heard and identify as the people that they are inside. Knowing who you are inside does not magically happen at the age of 18, and a person who is legally a minor should be able to determine the right path for themselves with the guidance of their parent or guardian without the state of Missouri getting in the way. Conservatives are supposed to be for less government interference, not more.





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I strongly oppose House Bill 33. The fact that this legislation would criminalize both doctors and parents who engage in best practices as backed by The American Academy of Pediatrics is baffling and misguided. This legislation isn't about protecting children. It's about advancing an agenda that is rooted in bigotry and supported by right-wing lobbying groups. Shame on the self-professed "pro-life" bill sponsor for using her privilege to draft legislation that would prevent children from receiving life-saving care. This bill is an attack on trans children, their families, their doctors, and the millions of people who love and support the trans community. I ask the Republican members of the Children and Families Committee, especially those members who profess to care deeply about children and claim to fight for the "life and liberty" of all Missourians, to oppose House Bill 33 which would most certainly prohibit our trans children, their doctors, and their families from accessing the care that would ensure them THEIR RIGHT to "life and liberty."



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**No one in a country that claims to be free should be opposed to someone getting medical care when they need it.**



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My name is Brooke Nelson and I live in Independence, Missouri. This testimony is in opposition to HB 33. Let me tell you a bit about my family. My husband grew up in St. Charles, Missouri, is a life member of the NRA, and we were married in Lee's Summit, Missouri 15 years ago. My husband works as a civil servant and has a master's in economics and I have a master's in social work. We are residents of Independence in Mike Cierpiot's and Bill Kidd's districts. It took us longer than we wished to have children, almost 10 years, because of my husband having a bout of cancer and because of infertility. Finally, we were blessed with twins. At 2.5 years old, one of our kids told us she is a girl at bedtime and her sister and best friend told us she has a sister. She has remained persistent, consistent, and insistent. She knows the difference between her internal sense of gender and pretend play. She is a completely different person than her twin with her own unique personality. At age 3, my daughter began wearing the femme clothes she wanted and a different name. She experiences dysphoria and gets very sad about her body at times. For the last three years, she has expressed that her gender is both a girl and a boy. My husband and I will move heaven and earth for our daughter to receive appropriate medical care when she reaches puberty. We don't know for sure what she will want her body to look like, that will be up to her in consultation with her doctor, but we are determined to make sure she has access to appropriate scientifically and medically sound treatment and every ounce of support we can give her. If you pass this bill or one like it, my family will have to move sometime in the next approximately four years before she starts puberty and likely take a considerable financial hit to do so, though we will be lucky in that we will likely escape with our child's life. Choosing to testify about this and sharing her private personal information is maddening and a violation. I hope it is good modeling for standing firm against bigotry and hate. Please vote no on HB 33.



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Dear Honorable Committee Members, Thank you for allowing me to present testimony to you today. As a transgender Boone County resident and parent, I would like to express my opposition to HB 33, which would ban widely-accepted gender-affirming care for transgender youth. This bill is extremely harmful and disturbing in its nature. Not only will it deny transgender youth from accessing comprehensive healthcare, it will criminalize doctors and parents who support transgender youth. Standard best practices of care for transgender youth are research-based and backed by American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities; to criminalize this care is taking Missouri several terrifying steps backward. As a young transgender person in the 90s, I looked out into the world and couldn't find a single person to help me. I was terrified and alone, and so I remained in the closet for decades, with significant consequences to my health and personal wellbeing. Today, as an adult in a more accepting world and with a team of healthcare providers who could help me, my only regret is that I did not have this support at a young age and had to spend so much of my life in pain and isolation. Transgender youth today don't face many of the same barriers I did – they can look into the world and see affirming, supportive adults, they can find healthcare providers who are trained to provide appropriate care, they can envision healthy adult lives and take steps to achieve those dreams. Transgender people, youth and adults, are telling the truth about who we are, and we deserve equal access to comprehensive, lifesaving healthcare and essential support from our communities. If we indeed value that the good of the people be the supreme law, we must allow transgender youth the opportunity to live and flourish. To destroy a critical lifeline for transgender youth by criminalizing the support of a transgender young person is cruel and denies all involved their individual liberty, personal freedom, and the right to live a life free of government overreach. Personal healthcare decisions should be made privately between transgender youth, their families, and their team of healthcare providers, not subject to government intrusion. For these reasons, I strongly urge you to oppose HB 33. Thank you for your time.



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My name is Carla Willis and I live in Stewartsville, Missouri ( 15 miles east of St. Joseph ). I strongly oppose HB 33. As a parent of 3 children, I never had to worry about my first two sons receiving full, comprehensive, best practices healthcare. What a blessing that was, and at the time I didn't realize that. I "assumed " all children were offered this treatment. When my daughter was 15, she received 2 diagnoses that were difficult, very scary and completely out of my wheel house as a parent. Thankfully I had good friends and even a family member who were physicians that helped us navigate the healthcare system and find the best care for her. These disorders cannot be cured, and I live everyday in fear for her health. To write legislation that will keep pre-teens and teenagers from accessing comprehensive, best practice healthcare could be a death sentence. Only themselves, their loving parents and accomplished physicians should be making that decision. And until each of you have walked in their shoes...be very careful. If government can take away basic human rights from a select group of individuals, everyone's human rights can be taken away. I believe this bill will put all Missourians at grave risk. Please leave decisions of parents regarding their minor child's healthcare with them and their healthcare professionals. Please vote in opposition of HB 33. Thank you to all on this committee for taking the time to read my testimony and for you public service to every Missourian.



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My name is Carol Sattler and I'm a resident of Columbia, Missouri. I am strongly opposed to HB 33. As a parent of a transgender child, I want all trans children to continue to have access to the healthcare that they so desperately need. Not providing gender-affirming care to transgender youth results in catastrophic mental health consequences — depression, self-hatred, and self harm — including suicidality. HB 33 would not protect transgender children — quite the reverse — it would harm them. Requiring transgender youth to wait until age 18 to receive gender-affirming care means that many of them would have no choice but to go through puberty and develop secondary sex characteristics in a gender that they do not identify with. The resulting gender dysphoria would be devastating to most trans kids. Current best practices for transgender healthcare allow for pubertal suppression that is safe and totally reversible. This ensures that the child has the time they need to decide if they wish to transition. This bill would criminalize best practices for the healthcare of transgender children — practices that are endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other medical experts. Parents, transgender youth and healthcare providers should make decisions about what healthcare is needed — not legislators. HB 33 would discriminate against transgender youth by denying them healthcare that is critical and lifesaving. If you care about the welfare of transgender children, please vote against HB 33. Thank you for allowing me to give testimony on this issue.



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My name is Caroline Canas, my pronouns are they/them. I live in Columbia MO. I strongly oppose HB-33. It has been proven many times over that all children thrive when they are given the medical care and support they need. Anything done to remove access to gender affirming care for children will cause very real harm to them. I have watched friends go through transitioning in families where they are supported as well as families where they are not. There is a stark and sad difference. Please do not support hate by voting yes on HB-33. Please vote to support children's health and vote against HB-33! Thank you for your time.





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My name is Catherine Throm and my nephew is a transgender teenage man. This bill would directly harm my sister who shows my nephew loving care and support through his transition and directly harm my nephew who is living his life as his true self. This bill would be harmful to so many others just like my nephew and sister and needs to be stopped! Please, do the right thing and do NOT pass this harmful bill.



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My name is Chelsea Bunetic and I live in Columbia Missouri. My daughter was assigned male at birth but has expressed from the moment she could communicate that she is a girl. Many of our loved ones deny and reject her but still she is a girl. There is no amount of rejection, theory, religion, policy that can make her a boy. What she needs, like any human, is love and care. In a perfect world I would never wish to change her but the bottom line is that society makes and will continue to make her life nearly impossible. My daughter, for reasons no one can explain, is apart of a demographic that has a 42% suicide rate. This is not because these people are troubled or broken it is because they are the kind of different that frightens us. They challenge what makes you a man what makes me a woman. They challenge our identity and that's scary but no great teacher, philosopher, or philanthropist would ever say punish and sentence those who are different to die. That is what this bill would do for my daughter. My daughter is different and it is un-democratic that a group of people who are not like her get to decide that she's wrong, she doesn't know who she is, and she will not be cared for accordingly. This is not the world you want, she may be not the world you want either, but taking away her choices will not create the world you are looking for. For my daughter and every mother crying over a keyboard trying to reason with a screen for their child's life, please, please give them a future. Please give them a chance. This is safe, tested medicine that simply allows them more time to navigate a world that is just waiting to strike them down. Thank you for your time.



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Please accept this written testimony on behalf of the Jewish Community Relations Council of St. Louis in opposition to HB 33. This bill prohibits medical providers from administering any medical or surgical treatment for the purpose of gender reassignment for anyone under the age of 18, which would result in license revocation and names parents of children who receive such treatments, child abusers. The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), guided by Jewish values, advocates, educates, collaborates and mobilizes action on issues important to the Jewish community, 60,000 strong in St. Louis. We are committed to pursuing religious tolerance, civic discourse and social justice in St. Louis and beyond. One of the strongest ethical principles in Judaism is kavod habriyot, human dignity. Every individual is entitled to kavod habriyot by having been made b'tzelem elohim, in God's image. As an organization grounded in Jewish values, we have an ethical and moral responsibility to fight for a society that ensures the humanity, dignity, and equality of all people. Every person is entitled to live without fear of persecution, harassment, or discrimination. For centuries, there has been recognition within Judaism and Jewish movements of a diverse spectrum of sex and gender identities. Across Jewish legal codes and rabbinic commentary, there are hundreds of references to at least six different genders. Many of our texts affirm the existence of transgender, intersex, and genderfluid individuals and acknowledge that gender may change after birth. The Talmud, a compilation of Jewish laws indicates whoever destroys a single life is considered by Scripture to have destroyed the whole world, and whoever saves a single life is considered by Scripture to have saved the whole world. For many transgender youth, receiving hormone treatment or other medical care is truly a matter of life and death. Studies have shown that transgender youth who are experiencing gender dysphoria are more likely to feel depressed or anxious, harm themselves or attempt suicide. Such an extreme rejection of the scientific consensus on appropriate healthcare for transgender children will not only destroy lives; it will end lives. By creating legislation around the specific medical treatment for transgender children – you are treating these children as different, treating them as “other,” and not as people who deserves dignity and who are created in God's image. We urge you to oppose HB 33.



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Please do the right thing and stop this bill right here. Trans youth are people, with an unalienable right to health care. They are not a category or a concept. These are individuals with very real needs and challenges. Mental health is a huge one. A study published in the journal Pediatrics in 2020 showed that transgender children who receive gender-affirming medical care earlier in their lives are less likely to experience depression, anxiety, and other mental health issues. Other research published in the journal Pediatrics has shown trans kids who receive puberty blockers have lower rates of suicidal thoughts. We owe it to these children to provide the care they need to be healthy, whole people. This bill is based on bigotry and transphobia. It does not have these kids' health or best interests in mind ... it's an attempt to placate constituents and special interests who demand discrimination and intolerance. This is absolutely unacceptable, and it's not who we are as a society. This bill is hateful, harmful, and firmly planted on the wrong side of history. Again, please do the right thing and stop this bill from going any further. Trans kids are watching. Christi Kelly Vice President of the Board, The Center Project



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Please oppose HB 33. You are asking parents and medical providers to make decisions with their children that could make them go against medical standards. Furthermore, by making it more difficult for children to get these much needed medical interventions, you are increasing the likelihood of trans-youth suicide. If this bill goes through, know that every trans youth suicide in Missouri will be linked to this bad and unethical legislation. Vote against HB33.



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- These bills criminalize medical best practices for transgender youth; care that is backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities.- Transgender children, like any child, have the best chance to thrive when they are supported and can get the health care they need.- Best practice medical care for transgender youth simply delays puberty until young people are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. This bill aims to take away their choices and tries to prevent them from having the chance to live as the person they know they are inside. - This legislation would put the lives and well-being of transgender youth at risk. Denying best practice health care and support to transgender youth can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior."



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My name is Christopher Alexander, resident of Columbia, Mo. right off campus, and I, vehemently, oppose HB33. Comprehensive best practice health care is essential to a healthy and well-functioning society and we have an obligation to provide for the most vulnerable members of our society. Supporting HB33 is a clear vote against community and a show of ambivalence towards many who would most benefit from robust healthcare. I implore you, please vote against HB33 and help stand-up for those amongst us that most need representation. Thank you very much for your consideration.





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**Unfair to those born thru no fault of their own. Unfair to parents and care givers. Burden on a person who can't conform to cookie cutter life. How can we judge?**



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**Criminalizing trans medical care goes against all major pediatric medical standards. Beyond that, it's simply cruel to children - criminalizing them, their parents, and their caretakers for who they are. By blocking access to hormones and puberty blockers, you are forcing a child to grow into a body that is foreign to them, and forcing them to experience mental anguish and avoidable surgeries as an adult.**



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I oppose HB 33 because affirming healthcare is vital for transgender minors - and the government has no business getting in the doctor's room with them, telling the doctor what medicines they can and cannot provide. Healthcare is best decided by the child, the parents, and experienced health professionals working as a team. The government shouldn't meddle with that, especially when the sponsors of these bills don't take steps to familiarize themselves with the basic medical concepts in question. You don't know what you're talking about, but I do. I am transgender. I run a support group for gay and transgender youth. Those with parents who affirm their children and help them access appropriate health care are happier, more confident, and better able to handle the demands of school and life. I oppose HB 33 because transgender kids deserve the medically appropriate care for their age, and this bill seeks to criminalize doctors and families who follow accepted medical best practices.



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**Do not legislate the individual liberty of transgender children. Medical transition is crucial for reducing youth suicide and instances of detransition are incredibly low.**



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I can't begin to describe how dangerous and life-threatening this bill is. It will lead to children committing suicide. It will prevent medical professionals from thoughtfully and carefully helping vulnerable young people live their lives to the fullest. Providers who do this work are never acting against parents' or children's wishes. They are saving their lives. I know, because my son is one of these children. Believe me, his father and I struggled with this decision. But we found hormone blockers had reversible effects and were the best path forward for our son. He is working hard on college applications and living his life. He just wants to be who he is. Please, stop support of this bill and others like it. Thank you for your compassion and understanding.



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Plainly this will kill children. I know trans youth issues can be a tricky situation and we do not want minors making life altering decisions they may regret however, we know that people who feel trans have a higher suicide rate if they are not accepted or are prohibited from seeking trans issues. I would rather a child live to regret a decision that make one that they cannot. A dead child cannot regret anything, but guardians can. We can only help these children of they are alive and this bill would do the opposite.





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**Big government placing itself between the patients and doctors and denying life saving gender affirming medical care. You are forcing young transgender kids to the black market for care. By whose morale authority grants you the right to legislate basic transgender affirming care? You are destroying lives with such narrow sighted and ill informed assumptions and governance. Stop this hate bill and the denial of basic health care.**



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My name is Deanne Lyons, and I am a city Councilperson in Rolla, MO. I oppose this bill because it directly impacts me, a trans person. When I was a teenager, I had zero access to any education or healthcare surrounding LGBTQIA+ identities or rights. These types of bills will further harm young people, the way I was as a child by being denied my right to be myself in a safe way. Further more, these bills continue to allow for public schools to treat us as others and lesser. As a former public school teacher I know first-hand the negative impacts bills like this will have on our LGBTQIA+ students because we already don't have the support from the vast majority of administration/teachers. Vote no.



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My name is Debi Jackson. I live with my family in Kansas City, Missouri. I would like to register my vehement opposition to HB 33. This bill has been constructed without discussion from leading medical professionals, psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, counselors or transgender kids, teens and adults. The bill is not based on any accurate medical research and did not come as a result of speaking to the thousands of parents who have transgender children. I am one of those parents. I'm blessed to have a 13-year-old transgender child, and I didn't choose her sex or her gender. I simply love her for the person she is. Most parents of trans youth had little understanding of what it means to be transgender before our children told us who they are or had already endured years of silently struggling on their own. Parents like me spend countless hours lying awake at night, worried and scared for our kids. We read and re-read and research every piece of information we can get our hands on. We take them to therapists and doctors. We don't decide on a whim to rush them through a transition — social or medical. We constantly worry for our children and their future. We don't take any decision about their health care lightly; in fact we tend to agonize over every decision that we are forced to make because the clock around puberty keeps ticking. We lie awake in our beds at night, praying we are doing the right thing and thoughtfully and carefully weighing the pros and cons of EVERY. SINGLE. OPTION. You haven't been in our homes. You haven't seen our stress and anguish. You haven't witnessed our tears. You haven't felt our fears. And you haven't done the research we have. A landmark study published by "Pediatrics" found that if trans teens have access to puberty blockers, their chance of mental health struggles significantly declines. I didn't need a study to know that. Before the procedure to get her puberty blocking implant, my daughter said "I'm scared to death to get an implant but I will want to die without it. When I told her about this bill, she said "They want to take away the one thing that makes me feel confident about my life and that I can have a future. If I can't keep my blocker and start hormones, I don't know if I'll make it 18." Trans adolescents and teens and their families all across Missouri are scared. We are afraid that because you have read a few salacious headlines and have believed the completely false narrative that pre-pubertal kids are undergoing medical procedures from being sterilized to having surgery, you are going to take away the actual best-practice life-saving options that our kids need at puberty and beyond. The health care providers who treat our children, who get to know them through multiple visits — sometimes for years before there is any medical intervention needed — have all sworn an oath to "do no harm." Have you done the same? This bill doesn't protect children. This bill will interfere with the decisions that parents, teens and doctors can make about life-saving medical care. Make no mistake, this bill would end lives. We are demanding you stay out of the exam room and let doctors — the actual experts on trans youth — help our kids make correct decisions for themselves. Do not pass HB 33 and take away all hope from my daughter and transgender youth like her.



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<b>The state should not interfere with medical decisions</b>			



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I am the father of a trans teen in strong opposition to HR-33. In address, I have a MS in Pathology Physiology from Louisiana State University Health Science Center and a PhD in Physiology/ Biophysics from Indiana State University. I have taught endocrinology, respiratory and renal physiology at the medicine schools level. From the time my child could talk she identifies as a boy. Throughout adolescent my child struggled with depressed and isolation. During much of this time I was working out of the country. In 2017, I return to the USA because I felt my child was in danger due to the isolation "he" was experiencing due to not living as "his" true self. Shortly after "he" began mental abuse physical health council at Washington University Pediatric Trans Unit. The improvements in mental and physical state have been incredible. The choice to start puberty blockers was not easy, as a medical educator, I read dozen on peer reviewed manuscripts and found no evidence of long term detrimental effects of this treatment. My trans teen is thriving! He has made the honor roll for the first time, has established many friendships and initiated the development of a trans support group at his school. I strongly believe that if tradition therapies were not available, there is a strong position that my child would still be struggling with isolation and depression. Therefore, I strongly oppose HR/33.Regards Michael F Rowe, PhD.



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My name is Tom Jackson. My family lives in Kansas City, Missouri, and I am writing today in opposition of HB33. I am the father of a 13 year old transgender daughter. My daughter socially transitioned at the age of 4, meaning she began living her daily life as a female. When our daughter announced insistently, consistently, and persistently that she was a girl we took her to her pediatrician, who after consultation, sent us to an endocrinologist. As part of her care, we spoke to a child psychologist, who then referred us to a gender therapist. This multi-disciplinary approach is the standard of care when treating transgender children. Every health care profession has best practices for treating any and all conditions. These best practices are based on the most current research available on the subject matter, and reflect a consensus of the majority of clinicians in the profession. We supported our daughter in a social transition, because mental health and medical professionals have learned over the course of several decades that following an affirmative care model leads to positive outcomes for transgender youth. These standards of care are supported by the following health care and medical organizations: The American Medical Association, The American Psychiatric Association, The American Psychological Association, The American Academy of Pediatric and Child Psychology, The American Academy of Family Physicians, The American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Academy of Physician Assistants, The American College of Nurse Midwives, The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, The American Public Health Association, The American Endocrine Society, The National Association of School Nurses, The National Association of Social Workers, and The World Professional Association for Transgender Health. As a practicing physician in the state of Missouri, I find it offensive that non-licensed lawmakers are trying to interfere in the personal relationship between a parent, their child, and their doctors. The relationship between a patient and their doctor is a sacred trust that has always been respected within our laws. By passing this bill, non-licensed individuals will be making decisions for parents and individual patients, rather than those decisions being made by the experts in their field. This is inappropriate and should have every licensed medical professional in the state alarmed at how easily their own medical practice could be affected should you decide next session that you don't personally agree with the services they offer. As a father, I find it reprehensible that a legislative body is attempting to determine how I parent my child, without knowing anything about me or my daughter, especially when so many of you also support bills to protect parental rights. You don't know the intense dysphoria my daughter has held for years. Dysphoria that has led to crippling depression and anxiety. You haven't sat through tear-filled conversations due to not being accepted by family and friends. And most importantly, you haven't been with us during our visits with her doctors who have given her age-appropriate affirming care. Since you haven't had the pleasure of meeting my daughter, or witnessing her struggles, I can tell you the one thing that has helped her become the happy, healthy, sassy, and spunky girl she is today is the acceptance from her family, and the health care she has received from a team of practitioners who

have sworn an oath to do no harm. This care is in many instances life saving, and you should be ashamed of yourselves for attempting to interfere with something that is literally keeping our kids alive. The State has no place in the exam room and has no place in restricting parents' rights to seek life-affirming supportive health care for their kids. This bill is trying to usurp the established standards of care without any rational knowledge of the subject matter. The state of Missouri should focus its efforts on the real adversity that faces its citizens; preventing transgender teens and adolescents to access best practice health care is not one of them. It is for these reasons, I am opposing HB33. Thank you, Tom Jackson





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Representatives, citizens, and paid lobbyists: I write to this body today as a cisgender, straight man who understands that one does not need to have lived another person's life in order to empathize with it and advocate for their continued right to exist. A citizen's ability to choose has been a core concept in our country since its founding — what religion you practice, who represents you in political office, what store you visit, and how you spend your time — it's all a choice. None of these things, alone, make a person who they are, of course; but they are each a step we take along the way, that, when put with our other steps, shape the version of ourselves we wish to end up as. Life as a child and (especially) a teenager can be tough — even more so, I imagine, if you have been born into a body that makes you feel like you are not capable of fully becoming "you". But choosing who you wish to be in this life *is* the right of *each* individual — a full encompassing of that ageless promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness — that we all should share in, no matter our age or race, sex, standing, or creed. It is not the business of politicians to stop medical providers from fulfilling their oath when administering gender reassignment at the choice of a citizen — even if that citizen is under the age of 18, and regardless of how straight, conservative, Christian, middle-aged, or white those politicians might be. Passing this law would be a poor choice on their end — one that I wholeheartedly disagree with, as it would only result in lesser freedoms for, and an increased numbers of suicide deaths within the trans community. That — if it is the priority, here — says more about the legislators who approve of this measure as a person than it does of our state as a whole, I hope. Apparently the topic of transgender lives makes Rep. Pollock uncomfortable — what, with it being another decision she is trying to make for others with the mere wave of her pen; but might I suggest she and any current supporters still left of this bill both in the room and in the full chamber, instead, grow up and find something worthwhile to write actual legislation about: Perhaps ensuring that our public schools have the full funding necessary to care for the futures of the bright, brave students who chose to come before this committee today? Best Regards, Drew C. Van Dyke



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I am opposed to this bill. Transgender individuals who receive puberty blockers during adolescence have a lower risk of suicidal thoughts as adults than those who wanted the medication but could not access them. Denying them transitional healthcare has direct correlation of harm to their mental and physical well being. Access to medical care is a human right.



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Healthcare for trans kids is lifesaving. Low-risk, reversible healthcare opportunities such as puberty blockers have been linked with lower suicide risk for trans kids. Again, this kind of healthcare is fully reversible (puberty will resume as normal if the use of puberty blockers is discontinued) and criminalizing it would only serve to hurt and lead to the deaths of young children in our state. Please vote against this bill.



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As a scholar of gender, I affirm and plead the group to understand that the constrict of biological gender is just that- a construct. There is no scientific basis for the gender binary. What's more, our binary construct does not "protect" anyone. It actively harms millions of people and teaches men to view women as prey. As a scholar I see this Bill is illogical, as a Christian I see it as unkind, selfish and arrogant. Yes, God created men and women- and each person's gender is between them and God. I could not be more fully opposed to this bill on all possible grounds. My witness here- both legally, intellectually a and religiously is that this Bill flies in the face of science, common sense and God's will.



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Hello. My name is Elizabeth Modde. I was born and raised in Missouri and currently reside in Columbia, MO. I am in my final year of medical school at Mizzou. I write to express my opposition to HB33 which would prohibit providing the standard of care to gender diverse patients (for reference, see WPATH Standards of Care, p. 18-21 or the Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline). While puberty suppression (puberty blockers), hormonal therapies, and gender affirming surgeries are not typically needed among prepubertal children, once transgender and non-binary youth begin puberty the conversation surrounding healthcare must change. For example, evidence suggests that among those who desire puberty suppression as youth, those receiving such therapy have lower odds of suicidal ideation (Turban 2020). Puberty suppression is also associated with improved general functioning and decreased behavioral and emotional problems (de Vries, 2011). Puberty suppression is fully reversible; its potential benefits outweigh its potential harms in many cases. As a future pediatrician and child psychiatrist, I am concerned about the implications of HB33 on my patients. Data show that transgender and nonbinary youth have worse physical and mental health outcomes than their peers. I have seen this played out, for example with the disproportionate representation of gender diverse youth on my inpatient child psychiatry rotations. Every effort must be made to support these youth appropriately, firstly to improve their quality of life, but also to mitigate the cost burden to our health systems. HB33 will result in worsened health for Missouri youth and will inappropriately penalize physicians providing care consistent with national standards. Because of the clear harm posed to Missourians, I ask lawmakers to vote against HB33. Thank you for hearing my testimony.



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As a medical professional and a mentor to young people in my community, I oppose this bill. Young people who do not nicely fit into the gender binary society tries to impose on them suffer from depression, anxiety, and PTSD at much higher rates than their cisgender peers. Passing this bill would be putting vulnerable children at risk for suicide. For a party that doesn't like government telling them what to do about wearing a face mask, y'all sure don't mind telling doctors what they should do when medical professionals are in the best position to make treatment decisions with their patients.





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**This is just a bill created to stoke hate and fear. For the party that says they are for freedom you sure do love to take away people's freedom to live life the way they want when it doesn't suit your narrative.**



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I am writing to oppose this bill. As a Licensed Professional Counselor with 20 years of experience working with children and families in the State of Missouri, I firmly believe this bill will irreparably damage youth and could result in an increased rate of suicide of which is already disproportionately high in this population. Decisions of this nature DO NOT belong in the State legislature, but rather with Youth and their families. This is an overreach into the lives and personal choices infringing upon protected freedoms. I am appalled it is even being considered. Don't we have more important things to focus on? We have roads in disrepair across this state. Maybe focus on that. Respectfully, Emily Marshall, MS, LPC



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I testify, as a 32 year old transgender woman, that this bill will have incredible negative impact upon the youth of the state of Missouri. My story is a cautionary tale. I was born in 1988. I struggled with my gender identity my entire life, from my earliest memories. I learned to repress these feelings, to pray, to be kind and devout. I was sure that God would wash away all the pain if I did such. However, these feelings did not fade. With puberty gender dysphoria only grew stronger. By 2006 I had admitted to myself I had suppressed these feelings, that their on-going reoccurring pattern was not likely to change. I began to plan a transition as these feelings were unable to be suppressed for any longer with out taking intense tolls on my mental health. In 2008, as an adult, I began transition. Social transition, to be exact. I would not receive medical intervention until 2011. My life was marked by repeated hardship, repeated discrimination, repeated trauma in large part because I stuck out like a sore thumb. I had endured a male puberty and during those three years of presenting full time as a young woman I endured. My life was made far more difficult because the bare minimum of respect was often eschewed. 2011 lead to medical intervention which changed my life. Over the coming years disdain directed at me lessened, the daily trauma I experienced reduced. Ten years later and I largely move through society with out hassles aside from most of the daily social challenges that women face in today's society. Had my gender dysphoria been addressed when I was young, had I been given puberty blockers and time to consider myself, had I then been given the chance to go through the correct puberty - a female one - I would have been far more successful in my 20s. I would not have been attending the University of Missouri while also enduring daily traumas specific to transgender people who are visibly transgender. My grades would have been better and working would have been less difficult. It is hard to service customers who are constantly denying your own humanity. I doubt I would have fell into the hole I did in my 20s - completely nonfunctional due to immense fear of my own community. Simply, my immense fortitude became overwhelmed, overburdened, and shattered. I would not be, now in my 30s, picking up the pieces of a life that shattered in my 20s. I am still recovering my ability to labor after years of being treated very poorly by those I worked with. For a period of time I was absolutely nonfunctional. I have pulled myself from inability to contribute at all to working three days a week. I now manage my household well enough to at least live in a clean environment and ensure bills are paid, that my family is saving money. I could be much farther along in life but I simply had to recover from things most others do not have to recover from. I can say, with out a single shred of doubt, if I had received the care HB33 seeks to block, a more productive and capable adult would exist in Columbia, MO. My male puberty marked me for life. To block medical care for transgender children - specifically in puberty blockers and eventually well regulated Hormone Replacement Therapy - would be to doom the transgender children in Missouri to the live I have lived and to be marked as I once was. Some will survive better than others, depending largely on familial support, but every single transgender kid who grows up will not achieve their full potential. Often I hear fears and

concerns for those who detransition. My counter argument is there exists therapies and care measures the minimizes this risk to extreme lows and will assist those who do indeed decide to detransition. These people should be cared for just as anyone who comes to regret other types of medically necessary intervention. I argue that putting a blanket ban on all transgender kids receiving puberty blockers and corrective hormone replacement therapy is devaluing their lives. This policy will ultimately harm many using a slim number of people as a justification, a slim number of people who *\*will\** receive care when and if they decide to detransition. Would a heart bypass be banned because a portion regret the procedure? Would this be true of chemo therapy? If not, why is it true of transition related care? I've seen claims that puberty blockers are risky and problematic. I respond by asking why, then, are transgender children only being blocked from using them? Should this not apply to all children? I've seen religious objections. Again I wonder, if this bill is to pass, why we are not making all blood transfusions for children illegal? Jehovah's Witnesses are impacted by the fact this procedure exists and they must deny this service for their children. I've seen objections claiming that transgender kids impact athletic competition, especially for girls. I argue that while a different issue, banning HRT for transgender children will simply exacerbate this issue. The crux of the athletic conflict is the fact transgender girls experience a male puberty. This will be addressed by medical intervention for transgender children who would otherwise experience a male puberty. I've seen claims that the science is still out. While science is always advancing there is extensive research on being transgender, puberty blockers, hormone replacement therapy, and the immense benefit of allowing transgender people to transition and live an authentic life. An intense plurality of scientific research validates and supports the care for transgender people - children and adults. I must ask what impact will this bill ultimately have? The only answer I can see is making the lives of transgender people harder in every way by forcing children to go through puberties that will forever mark them. It seems the end impact is to make living as transgender harder and force people to make a decision as to which kind of adversity they are willing to face - forever living alienated from your body and self but experience the safety of not being visibly transgender OR live openly as transgender with a higher likelihood of being seen as such? I urge the Missouri Legislature to vote against HB33 for the safety of transgender children and for the good of the state. We will live in a far more productive Missouri that spends less on caring for people who have to face adversity such as mine. I thank you for taking time to read my witness testimony and considering what I have to say. Sincerely, Emily Syliva Colvin



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Hi my name is Frankie, I'm a Trans Non-Binary person born and raised outside of Troy, Missouri, where I currently live. I'm submitting this testimony because I oppose HB 33/SB442, as well as any and all future Trans-hating bills bitgoted members of Missouri's legislature submit. My story is this: I want to live my life. I wish I didn't have to wake up in the morning and worry about what rules and regulations were going to increase violence on my body and the bodies of people who fall outside of cis peoples' respect. But I do, and I have to waste my precious and limited time trying to convince your committee to mind your own business, to just go about your lives and let me go about mine, to simply wake up and decide to NOT flex your collective power and perception of reality over Trans people's existence because you don't understand us and you fear what you don't understand. Understand this: Trans people will get free. Already, we are among the freest people I know, despite all the attempts to police and erase us from the past, present and future. We've always been here, will always be here, and there is absolutely nothing any person or legislature or law can do about that. When Marsha P. Johnson, a Black Trans Woman who was co-founder of Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries, threw a brick at a cop car 52 years ago at Stonewall, she laid a map out for all Trans people to follow to freedom. She reminded us, as revolutionary Assta Shukar famously said, "Nobody in the world, nobody in history, has ever gotten their freedom by appealing to the moral sense of the people that were oppressing them." We will get free, and I hope that knowledge frightens you into voting against these bills. Not because you feel it is the morally "right" thing to do, but because you recognize our power and understand it is really, truly in YOUR best interest to do right by us. History is watching, and so are we. At the very least, I hope this testimony wastes your precious time, as it has mine.



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My name is Dr. Fred Williams and I live in Columbia, MO. I oppose HB 33. In my estimation, this bill criminalizes medical best practices for transgender youth as determined by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Transgender youth are a part of our community and are very sensitive. They already face a great deal of oppression and pressure from our society. They need as much support and care as our community and state can provide. I know some of these youth. They have been bullied, kicked out of their homes, and are struggling to survive. Many of them are attempting suicide at an alarming rate. I see no positive result of denying these youth best practice health care because someone else doesn't agree with how they are living their lives. I was under the impression that fierce individualism and freedom of choice were important. Please, vote AGAINST HB 33. Thank you for hearing my thoughts.



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(Re-submitting in order to get the Zoom link.) I am Joey Borrelli, and I am a 20-year-old transgender man from St. Louis, Missouri. I oppose HB 33. Gender-affirming healthcare is lifesaving healthcare. Transgender Missourians-- including minors-- exist, have always existed, and will continue to exist, despite any legislation to the contrary. Banning transgender minors from accessing necessary healthcare-- a decision in which the government should have no part-- will only succeed in further isolating and harming many of our children. I started taking testosterone just days before my 17th birthday on September 25th, 2017. It is a day that I will remember forever and celebrate every year because it saved my life. From the moment I knew that I needed to take testosterone to begin my medical transition, it took over a year before I had my first shot. I had to have six months of psychotherapy with a specialized gender therapist, a diagnosis of gender dysphoria, and two letters of recommendation from two separate doctors. On my first visit to the endocrinologist after spending months on a waiting list, the doctor barely looked at me, told me that I was not ready, and sent me home feeling empty. When that late September day finally came, my mom took photos of my first shot, and I danced around the room with the nurse. Finally, I could start my life as the real me. For most transgender people, gender-affirming medicine helps us to connect our bodies and our minds, which greatly improves our mental health and quality of life. Drawing from reports by transgender activist and Harvard graduate Schuyler Bailor, half of all transgender minors have attempted suicide, and this is largely due to having families who do not accept them, abuse and sexual harassment, bullying, and lack of access to affirming medical care. Importantly, transgender minors having access to gender-affirming medical care-- such as puberty blockers and hormones-- decreases their risk of suicide by 3.5 times. It is no overstatement to say that gender-affirming healthcare is lifesaving healthcare. I ask the representatives now: what mental toll would it have on you to be perceived as a different gender than you are all day, every day? Unfortunately-- as illustrated by my personal story--, access to this medical care in Missouri for any transgender person is extremely difficult, and this difficulty is astronomically heightened if that transgender person is a minor. I struggled through many dark days while the state withheld the medical care that I needed to vastly improve my day-to-day life. HB 33-- and similar propositions-- will be a death sentence for so many children in our community. Legislation such as HB 33 comes from largely misinformed perspectives on what gender-affirming medical care looks like for transgender minors. Not a single person is performing surgery on transgender minors: that is illegal. All puberty blockers do is delay puberty, allowing children and their families time to decide how best to proceed. Because they do not do anything, once puberty blockers are removed, puberty continues as normal. Hormones may only be administered after the age of 15 and after months of navigating the maze-like medical system. I ask that, before voting, all representatives look into what it is really like to be a transgender minor. Gender-affirming healthcare saved my life as a transgender minor in Missouri. Today, I look in the mirror and love my reflection. I also work with other



transgender kids to show them that they, too, have a future full of love waiting for them. Our children are our future, and without giving them our support, trust, and love, what will all of our futures look like? In order to promote a Missouri with a future, a Missouri that values its children, and a Missouri that values compassion, I am asking that representatives vote "no" on HB 33. Thank you for listening.



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Being a transgender youth is extremely hard in our society and denying transgender youth medical care will result in deaths. Puberty blockers for transgender youth have been tested for efficacy — the first transgender youth who used them are in their 40s now. Claiming that young children are getting sex reassignment surgery and hormones is useless fear-mongering meant to demonize transgender youth and their supporters. Denying transgender youth care is known to result in worse mental health and physical outcomes and even deaths. Your legislature gives so much lip service to the mental health of our youth with demanding schools open but it's evident that this only applies to certain youth — youth like I was, like many children in our state today, who need trans health care, do not matter.



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My name is Hannah Roos and I am a resident of Jefferson City. I strongly oppose HB 33 and urge you to consider the damage that HB 33 will cause to trans and non-binary youth of this state. ALL children deserve access to the healthcare they need. Being heard and supported is a huge part of the care of a child, any child.



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On behalf of the physicians who comprise our organization, the Missouri State Medical Association (MSMA) would like to express our opposition to HB 33, which would prohibit medical providers from administering any medical or surgical treatment for the purpose of gender reassignment for anyone under the age of eighteen. This bill threatens the sacred patient-physician relationship by limiting the treatments that physicians can provide. When the government determines or completely prohibits the individual treatments that a physician can offer their patients, patients are put at risk. MSMA opposes all such restrictions for physicians, as these constraints prevent openness between physicians and their patients, ultimately decreasing the quality of patient care. Thank you for your consideration. If we can offer additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us.



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Dear Chairwoman Coleman and Committee Members: I am the Chief Staff Officer of Missouri Nurses Association – a one-hundred-year-old organization – that is the only statewide, full-service, professional nursing organization representing the approximately 110,000 registered nurses in Missouri. We strongly oppose HB 33 which prohibits medical providers from administering any medical or surgical treatment for the purpose of gender reassignment for anyone under the age of eighteen. The Missouri Nurses Association believes that all decisions on medical care should be decided by the healthcare provider and patient. Medical care is a deeply personal and individual experience that cannot nor should not be legislated. Furthermore, rejection and discrimination are harmful to kids. Legislation discouraging transgender young people from coming forward for care stigmatizes transgender children and adolescents puts an at-risk population at greater risk. We ask the committee to not pass HB33. Sincerely, Heidi N. Lucas, State Director, Missouri Nurses Association



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I would like to testify in opposition to HB 33 on the basis of the legal ramifications on criminalizing any kind of Healthcare. In the case of transgender youth, removing the availability of medical intervention will have a life or death impact of their ability to transition to their true gender. We cannot use the legal system to root out what we don't believe in, liberal or conservative.



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Hello, my name is Hilary Mueller and I live in Columbia, Missouri. I am writing to you today to let you know I'm in opposition to HB 33. I want to emphasize the importance of access to comprehensive, best practice health care. While I do not have experience with transition related care, I do have many loved ones whose lives were saved by having the ability to access this care. It is important for us to grant the autonomy to people and families to make the choices that are best for them and allow them to thrive. Transgendered children will have the best chance to thrive and higher quality of life with access to comprehensive care... care that can literally be life saving. If you vote in support of HB 33 you will be directly endangering the lives of transgender youth. Show me, and the rest of our state, that you care about the lives of ALL Missourians and vote against HB 33. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Hello, I had the pleasure of speaking with Suzie Pollock yesterday 3/9/2021. Nothing in that conversation indicated that the congresswoman has any true understanding of the issues presented both legally and socially by denying access to healthcare (access to this therapy and surgeries, etc) to trans youth. There is nothing in this bill that will protect trans youth, youth in general from retaliation from Medical professionals, school nurses, family members, etc. What in the bill ensure children in our broken foster care system any rights at all? Beyond this, the Suzie stated that "gender dysphoria is Psychological issue." If this is what she believes, bills must be past that provide mental health service and training for our school employees, foster care, etc. to help stop the rampant bullying, suicide, violence against our LGBTQ+ populations that goes on in the buildings and all over social media. If you choose to pass this bill, you will be sending a very clear message to the Pride community and it's many allies where you stand and who not to vote for in the coming election years. Do not let this bill die in rules committee or the floor. Kill it not because it goes against federal laws and it is not supported by medical professionals. Thank you, Pridefest coordinator (roughly 5 years), Holly Sturek





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Regarding the Transgender Youth Healthcare BanMy son is Transgender. Transitioning saved his life. He had to emancipate himself from his Mother at 16/17 just to be a Lesbian and save himself. But he knew he wasn't a Lesbian. He was coming out in stages. He was bringing us along. This is a regular pattern, as Transgender youth recognize that they won't be believed and they don't know anyone around who is like them. He was afraid to lose us. At 19 he started hrt and at 20 he had affirmation surgery. He's not a woman. He's a man. He's a very good man who is working on a career in criminal Justice. Over the last 6 years I've carefully listened to hundreds of Trans people and their parents. I've read the best peer reviewed studies, I've also read the worst studies by associations closely connected to organizations that push Conversion Therapy (proven not work and to cause extraordinarily high rates of suicide). The best practices are clear and outlined by the AMA and the American Academy of PediatricsBeing accepted and getting proper Transgender healthcare is essential for a full and productive life. It's often essential for survivalIt is an absolute evil lie that most Transgender people can resolve their identity back to that assigned at birth, Sex assigned at birth means virtually nothing as infants do not undergo extensive investigation into the many genetic and chromosomal variations and distinctions that make up the spectrum of gender and sex on which we all exist. Infants don't undergo brain spectrometry. Being Transgender is not a mental illness however, Stigmatization and lack of affirming healthcare can exacerbate and cause severe mental anguish leading to suicide and lives of suffering that often lead to self medication. A good portion of sex and most of gender is in the brain, not the genitals. Gender identity has a primal biological marker in the brain. Our genitals can't think. Genitals don't know their gender. Knowing our gender is the brains job. We can change superficial morphological features and secondary sex characteristics. We can't change the fundamental gender wiring of the brain. I watched a young depressed and suicidal Transgender female go from having to leave their Scout Troop and not doing well in school, to transitioning, changing their name, being accepted into a new school and the sport of their gender, and then blowing away their ACT's and being accepted into a prestigious Institute of Technology. They didn't ruin High school girl's sports. Their acceptance by their parents, school, and sports team likely saved their life and gave society a healthy human being who is going to make life better for all of us by what they are able to accomplish for a society that treats them well. It saved this child's life to not have to go through the wrong puberty. Transgender folks that are supported in their gender identity become Doctors, Lawyers, and a generally healthy part of society. Transgender people that aren't supported are targets of high rates of physical and mental anguish, violence, discrimination, and suicide. Acceptance of LGBTQ kids, as who they say they are, saves their lives and wins society healthy productive citizens. The attempted suicide rate of LGBTQ kids, when not accepted by parents and society, is as high as 74% for Black Transgender females. The rates for attempted suicide come down as we peel away multiple intersectional identities but at each drop it is the relationship of acceptance that the individual feels

that improves their life, their outcomes, and their benefit to society. 1. WHO WILL THIS BAN HURT?: A. I can guarantee you that this ban will cause suicide and enable misguided caretakers to abuse and bully some children to death, in schools, in divorce custody battles, and in our healthcare system. B. This ban will devastate Transgender youth that might never make it to adulthood without proper healthcare. This bill is abusive, monstrous, and deadly. C. This bill will criminalize Doctors and caretakers for saving and improving the lives of Transgender youth. It will criminalize Doctors for listening to their patients and following the best evidenced scientific studies available. D. This bill will hurt Intersex/Transgender boys that were given vagina-plastys in childhood because society was so hell bent on assigning them a gender right away. Doctors mistakenly turned these boy's micro penises into vaginas in childhood. We can't penalize the children again by keeping them from the restorative healthcare they deserve. 2. WHAT PROBLEM WILL THIS BAN SOLVE?: This ban is a remedy for a non-existent problem. Most Transgender youth aren't aware or courageous enough to be persistent, insistent, and consistent enough to understand their identity before 19. They have spent their whole life being told by their parents and peers that they are blue instead of red. It takes some time to unwind so much oppositional input even in the midst of overwhelming suffering and dysphoria. For the young children that understand their incongruity, being kept from proper healthcare is an excruciating Hell scape. To be forced to undergo the wrong puberty, when it could have been avoided is a living waking constant nightmare. 3. WHAT DOES SEX ASSIGNED AT BIRTH MEAN?: Where does a truly ambiguous Intersex person fit under the term 'sex assigned at birth'? They fit with their gender that they come to figure out as they grow and develop. A gender that is often different than many Doctors have wanted to assign and construct at birth. Through no fault of their own many Intersex boys with micro-penises and macro clitorises were given vagina-plastys because society was so eager to place people into a gender binary and because it was "easier to make a whole than a pole." Sex assigned at birth can't tell us about the XX males and XY females – a reversal of the usual chromosome expressions. It doesn't tell us about androgen insensitivity, aneuploidy, Turner's syndrome, or Klinefelter's syndrome. It doesn't tell us about males, by sex and gender, who will be mistaken throughout their lives as females and it doesn't tell us about females, by sex and gender, who will be mistaken throughout their lives as males. It doesn't tell us about the several ways someone can be Intersex and not even know it. It doesn't tell us about the high testosterone females and the low testosterone males. It doesn't tell us about the gender of brains, which through spectrometry, now show us greater similarity between Transgender females and Cis females than between Transgender females and Cis males. I find it uncanny that color blindness, a trait that effects more males than females, is prevalent among the many Trans men I know. For the purpose of self-segregating society by male and female traits we overwhelmingly use the overall genetic composition, as diverse as it is, of gender not sex. And the final recognition of gender is in the brain not the genitals. There is an enormous range of being Male and Female and Non-Binary, Transgender, and Intersex fall into that range. Especially with a little help from our healthcare specialists. 4. WHAT IS THE LAW FOR?: To deny some children equal access and rights to the best individualized healthcare, to limit instead of protect the health of already marginalized individuals, is a horrible misuse of the Law. The law is for protecting and broadening the public health, not limiting it. 5. What will this illegal and discriminatory ban cost us in human life and legal fees?



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I have already done this once, but have been informed all previous witness testimony is gone with the rescheduling of the hearing. I urge you to vote NO on this bill that would punish families seeking care for their children and deny trans individuals the healthcare they need. Missouri has been my home since I can remember and I raised both of my kids in Columbia. One of those kids is trans. I normally safeguard their privacy and do not share personal things publicly, but this feels like an emergency situation. More than 20 years ago, I believed I had given birth to a baby girl. As the child reached adolescence, we discovered they were intersex (had physical attributes of both sexes -- this sometimes doesn't become obvious until puberty), and after some years of seeing counselors and medical professionals, he came out as male. This is a big enough journey for a family without being attacked by the very legislators our tax dollars pay to look out for our welfare. None of this should be anyone else's business. Please stop even proposing legislation about whether certain individuals should exist in our society. I can't state strongly enough how harmful this legislation would be. Thank you for your time.



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My name is Ana, I use she/her pronouns, and I'm a transgender woman living in Sedalia. HB 33 inherently debases our state's transgender youth and strips them of their ability to act in accordance to what makes them the most comfortable in their own bodies, and it is for this reason that I am in opposition to the bill. As a kid, I knew there was a big incongruency with how I viewed myself and how others viewed me. After a church dinner, my family would help clean up the dining area. My father would tell me that I should put up tables and chairs because I was a boy, and all the while it just felt wrong. I couldn't understand why being told this made me feel so uncomfortable. Back then, I rationalized this discomfort by saying that I disliked the gender expectation that men should do more physically demanding work than women. This, however, did nothing to ease my discomfort. I now realize that the discomfort arose because a masculine gender role was being applied to me, and even though I didn't know I was a girl at the time, the expectation that I should do as a boy does ate away at me. There are so many more examples like this in my life, but I think this one demonstrates well that adulthood is not a requirement to recognize when something doesn't fit with one's own sense of self. I realized I was trans when I was 17, and if HB 33 had been voted into law then, I would have been denied the ability to receive the hormone replacement therapy that has made my life so much better today. HB 33 will only hurt young Missourians in need of gender-affirming care, so from the bottom of my heart, I urge you to vote against this bill. Thank you for your time.



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Transgender children have a right to healthcare that will improve their mental health, promote their quality of life, and enable them to enter the adult world in a body that they love. Gender-affirming surgeries save lives. Children and teens deserve to live their most authentic and happiest lives. I fully oppose prohibiting this essential healthcare.



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**Trans children deserve healthcare. This is a safe and reverserable measure that can save lives.**



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My name is Dr. Jacob Lee, a medical doctor and psychiatry resident practicing in Kansas City. As a Missouri born, raised and trained healthcare provider, I have elected to specialize in the care for gender and sexual minority patients after seeing the incredible adversity these young Missourians face. I write today as an Executive Board member of the Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association and a concerned Missouri resident. The Missouri Psychiatric Physicians Association, the largest mental health provider group in the state of Missouri, stands in opposition to this legislation. Missouri, which is currently tied second in the nation for the most anti-transgender legislation proposed, would benefit from health policy written and approved by health experts. The evidence is clear that gender-affirming care is lifesaving care, reducing rates of suicide and serious mental illness in one of our state's most vulnerable populations. From my time working at Children's Mercy Hospital's Gender Pathways Services clinic, it is clear this policy is in opposition to current healthcare literature including the World Professional Association for Transgender Health and the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 5th Edition.



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**I respectfully urge lawmakers to reject this bill. Decisions about health care are best left to families, not government.**





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Transgender people require medical assistance to combat the dysphoria they experience, which is highly painful and debilitating. The criminalizing of this vital assistance intentionally sends the message that Missouri is not a safe place for trans youth, because it prevents them from receiving the care necessary for it to be a safe place. The state of Missouri has the chance to not turn its back on the children who will inevitably realize they are trans in years to come. Lawmakers should jump at the chance to prevent the suicides of young adults by offering them the support they need.



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This bill is harmful to children seeking appropriate medical care from professionals with parental consent. It violates the rights of individuals, families and parents who seek to make the best choices for their health and well being. It also places the government in an inappropriate place of controlling the private health choices and liberties of it's citizens. There are no legitimate facts or science to justify this restriction. The sponsors or supports of this bill would never agree to the government dictating personal choices to the members of their own families, and so they should respect the will and freedom of others. Thank you.



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My name is James Thurow, from St. Louis, Missouri. I am here to testify in opposition to HB 33. I believe that while the sponsor of this bill might believe she is protecting young people, this bill does not accomplish that and instead discriminates against them unnecessarily, especially since there are currently medical standards in place that adequately address the issue. I am the proud stepfather of a 14 year old transgender boy that has flourished since receiving gender affirming healthcare. His grades improved. His attitude improved. He is undoubtedly happier. The thing he wants most is just to be seen as a kid; not just as a transgender kid, but just a kid. Most kids don't have to go to the legislature to discuss their healthcare. They don't have to ask the legislature to not outlaw their healthcare. In fact, there is a bill introduced this session that "[p]rovides for parents' exclusive right to control the upbringing of their children." (HJR1) But, for some reason, this doesn't apply to my family. The sponsor of that bill is also Suzie Pollock. Our family's decisions about our child's healthcare are not being made in a vacuum or against medical advice. His mother and I care for him deeply. It is why we came last week to testify and are happy we could do so remotely this time. The last thing we want is for any harm to come to him. Which is why it seems ridiculous that we would ever be reported to Child Protective Services. Especially, when you consider that it would be for allowing him to receive the healthcare we, as a family, have decided is the best for him in consultation with a team of healthcare providers, which are following best care practices. Not receiving this treatment would be very harmful to my stepson. Thank you for reading my testimony. I truly appreciate the opportunity to share my perspective on this issue which very directly affects me and those I love the most dearly.



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Dear Honorable Committee Members, My name is Jamie Cayley and I am a transgender man living in Greene County. I would like to express my opposition to HB 33, which would be severely detrimental to young transgender people's wellbeing and punish medical professionals and parents who follow the standards of care and are supportive and accepting of their children. Transgender youth are a highly vulnerable population. The 2015 US Transgender Survey is the most comprehensive survey about US-based transgender people to date, including 27,715 respondents. Some notable statistics from this survey include: 39% of respondents were experiencing serious psychological distress, compared to 5% in the US population; 40% have attempted suicide at some point in their life compared to 4.6% in the US population, and 46% reported being verbally harassed in the prior year. Out of the respondents who reported suicide attempts, 34% reported their first suicide attempt was at age 13 or younger, and 39% reported their first attempt was when they were between 14 and 17 years old. Personally, I was lucky to be able to access medical care when I was underage. By the time I managed to make it through the minimum of 6 months of required therapy and openly living as a man to be allowed to see a provider, it was too late for blockers to be helpful. However, I did get to start testosterone when I was 17, and the impact on my mental and physical health was drastic and almost immediate, despite no physical changes occurring until I had been on testosterone for around 4 months. Ever since I can remember, I've always wanted to have top surgery. Well before I became aware that transgender people existed, I was exposed to family members and famous people having double mastectomies due to either breast cancer or breast cancer risk and I remember my 11 year old self wishing I had cancer so I could have surgery. Surgery was never an option on the table until I became 18, and I didn't have surgery until I was 20. In the meantime, I spent 5 years wearing a chest binder. I found it extremely distressing to take my binder off, but it's recommended to not wear a binder for long hours and to never wear them while exercising. I tried to do so despite the warnings, and I bruised my ribs several times as a result, eventually giving up on any kind of physical activity. When I was 18, I moved from the US to England, and I spent a few months off testosterone while I was trying to see a specialist there to continue my medical care. Those months were incredibly difficult for me, and my mental health deteriorated greatly. Later on, when I was 19, after a long wait I was finally on the surgeon's waitlist to receive top surgery, but I got a call saying I wouldn't be able to have surgery due to funding issues and that there was no timeline regarding when I may be able to have it. Suicide attempts are rarely the result of a single event, but that call was the last push that lead me to an almost successful suicide attempt which landed me in the Intensive Care Unit for 10 days. Unfortunately, my story isn't uncommon. For example, several transgender youths in the UK have self-harmed or attempted suicide following their medical care being halted due to a court case similar to HB 33. As a trans activist, and someone who is often in contact with transgender youth and their families, I have often heard people express concern about trans youth receiving medical care because they are scared of the impact it will

have on fertility and children not being old enough to grasp the consequences, and children receiving treatment and later realizing that they are not transgender, possibly after their bodies having undergone irreversible changes. Regarding fertility, all clinics I have encountered that provide treatment to transgender youth offer sperm and egg freezing before treatment, and there's a growing amount of evidence that both blockers and Hormone Replacement Therapy may not render people infertile. For example, the Trans Pregnancy Project has found several transgender people who have successfully become pregnant and given birth to healthy children after having been on testosterone for several years and pausing testosterone for around 6-12 months. Medical providers often have to warn people that testosterone is not a form of birth control, as people can sometimes conceive while taking testosterone, something I've personally experienced. As of right now I have been on testosterone for 5 years, I am planning on becoming pregnant in the future, and I have no concerns about my ability to do so. In terms of irreversible changes, puberty blockers do not cause irreversible changes, they just put a pause to puberty to give transgender children, their healthcare providers, and their families the time to figure out how to proceed on a case by case basis. If blockers are stopped, puberty proceeds as it would have if blockers hadn't been introduced, it just happens later, not unlike how blockers work when given to children who experience precocious puberty. If I had been able to access blockers, it would have prevented my body from going through changes that caused severe distress and required major surgery to reverse, with scars that will always remind me of what used to be there. By keeping blockers from transgender youth, we are putting them at risk of exactly what people are afraid of – their bodies undergoing unwanted permanent changes or unwanted changes that require surgical intervention. Studies have shown that having strongly supportive parents can lead to a significant reduction in suicide attempts, with one study showing a 93% reduction compared to transgender children with unsupportive, or reluctantly supportive parents. A meta-analysis of 56 studies regarding the effects of transition showed that around 0.3-3.8% of people regret transition and the regret is most likely the result of lack of social support after transitioning. Further, 52 studies (93%) showed a positive impact on wellbeing as a result of transition, while none showed adverse effects. That is strong evidence of the positive effects of transition, and medical transition is part of the standards of care, so doctors would be reprimanded for providing appropriate medical healthcare that has minimal risk even if children decide that they are not transgender and don't want to transition. I urge you to vote no on HB33, because not only does it put transgender youth at risk due to either denied or halted treatment, but it also unfairly punishes doctors and parents who are behaving in ways that to this date are the only scientifically proven ways to successfully treat gender identity dysphoria and either treat or prevent the severe mental health issues that often come alongside it. Thankful for your time, Jamie Cayley2020-2021 Missouri State University Citizen Scholar, Graduate Student in Forensic Child Psychology, Student Mental Health, Family and Community Support, Statistics and Research Design, and MathematicsMissouri State University



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Trans people have the right to choose what medical treatments are right for them. This kind of persecution of minorities in our population will drive young adults and families away from residence in Missouri.



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Tomorrow legislators will be hearing HB 33 that would Prohibits medical providers from administering any medical or surgical treatment for the purpose of gender reassignment for anyone under the age of eighteen. The teen years are critical for individuals coping with gender dysphoria and such decisions should be left up to the individual and their doctor, not legislators trying to gain political capital at the expense of a disenfranchised population. Denying such individuals medical care is dangerous to those individuals and can have dire consequences like suicide, self-injuring, depression, etc. etc.





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House Committee on Children and Families Chairwoman Coleman HB 33 March 10, 2020 Dear Honorable Committee Members, On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri our approximately 15,000 members and the approximately 25,000 trans & gnc people statewide, I would like to express our strong opposition to HB 33—legislation that criminalizes providing necessary health care to transgender youth. HB 33 restricts healthcare for youth by revoking the licenses of doctors, nurses, and other medical professionals who provide gender-affirming care. Denying scientific and evidence-based care for trans individuals by punishing those practitioners who provide gender affirming care is cruel, the care they give allows children to be true to themselves and thrive. This bill would unnecessarily codify serious government intrusion into the patient-physician relationship that would restrict discussions and information on the best health care available for a transgender child. The bill is providing a solution to a problem Missouri does not have. Many of the care options listed in the bill are not actually available or offered to young people. Still, regardless of the medical intervention a family seeks, we affirm that these decisions should be left to families to privately address. One size never fits all. The medical necessity of transition-related care for transgender individuals is recognized by nearly every major medical association in the United States, from the American Medical Association to the American Academy of Pediatrics to the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. All agree that state-based intrusions into treatment of trans youth blocks access to gender-affirming care that in study after study, improves the physical and mental health of transgender individuals. These measures are incredibly unnecessary legislative overreach. This bill is discriminatory yet disguised as being savior-minded. It prevents transgender individuals from coming forward to receive services needed in order for them to live healthy lives. It removes the ability for doctors to provide the best medical care for their patients and makes it harder to adhere to their foundational principle to do no harm. We urge you to vote against HB 33. I look forward to answering any questions. Best, Jay-Marie Hill Trans Justice Organizer American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri



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I strongly oppose this bill because it hurts transgender youth. Denying anyone the right to gender affirming healthcare is an attack on the LGBT community, a community who is already underserved when it comes to healthcare.



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Honorable Committee Members, Thank you so much for allowing me to present testimony today. My name is Jeff Kessinger. I'm from Springfield, the Queen City of the Ozarks, and I oppose HB 33. I am the son and brother of Registered Nurses. Healthcare is in my blood, even though I didn't get the stomach for it. I watched my mom raise four kids and, when we were sick or injured, work alongside our doctors and advocate for the best possible care for us. Sometimes she had to speak up to make sure our concerns were being heard and, thankfully, our doctors listened to her. But she never had to argue with politicians about what was best for her children. HB 33 will change that for many Missouri families. Instead of children, parents and doctors working together to follow best practices, the state government will prohibit — and criminalize — those best practices and make decisions for Missourians. I am a father to five incredible children. Two of them received diagnoses of Autism Spectrum Disorder and Language Disorder. We have had the help of medical professionals every step of the way, and they have been incredible. Not once have we been refused any medical best practices because politicians decided it wasn't acceptable. I am so thankful for that. I'm also a friend to people who have trans children. I have watched them do everything they can to give their children the best healthcare possible. Research shows that transgender youth whose families support their gender identity, as my friends do, have a 52% decrease in suicidal thoughts, a 48% decrease in suicide attempts and significant increases in self-esteem and physical and mental health. Denying healthcare options to families like these would put the lives of their children at risk. Transgender youth who do not receive proper care are at increased risk of depression, social isolation, self-hatred and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. The care that HB 33 will prohibit is supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American Medical Association, among other organizations, and can be life-saving for trans kids. It is supported by research and science. Taking these options away takes choice away from families who are simply doing the best they can to care for their children and give them care that is both necessary and recommended. Please reject HB 33. Thank you for your time. I would be happy to answer any questions you might have. Jeff Kessinger



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Madam Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in opposition to HB 33. My name is Jen Bernstein and I am the advocacy manager for National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL). NCJWSTL is a non-profit organization in metropolitan St. Louis, representing over 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state. We focus our work on community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children and families while supporting individual and civil rights, and have been doing so since 1895. Because of our mission of improving the lives of women, children and families, we want to express our vehement opposition to this dangerous and cruel bill. HB 33 seeks to criminalize parents and medical providers who provide health care to transgender kids. It has criminal penalties against medical providers and parents, including a requirement that they should be reported to Child Services for providing healthcare to transgender youth. This bill overlooks best practices backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other mainstream medical associations and penalizes healthcare professionals and parents for doing exactly what they should be doing -- making decisions together that help affirm, celebrate, and save the lives of some of our most vulnerable young people. For 11 years, I worked in the field of child abuse prevention. I can assure you that this bill, which the sponsor claims is designed to protect transgender children from abuse, will do just the opposite. If passed, this legislation will also serve to overload a system that is already at its capacity -- Children's Division -- to the detriment of children who are \*actually\* being abused. Too many abused children slip through the cracks, and this legislation will create even more victims. Bottom line, transgender youth deserve to be loved and affirmed, not demonized by the very people elected to represent them. HB 33 is bad for Missouri kids and NCJWSTL encourages you to vote no on this bill.



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Hi, I'm Jennifer Goldring. I live in St. Louis County. HB33 will directly and negatively impact my family. I urge you to vote no on HB33. My 14 year-old son is creative, funny, a dreamer, ambitious, a kind and compassionate human being, a leader at school, and a great friend. He's a great kid and every day I'm so proud of the young-adult he is becoming. He's also transgender and him having access to proper medical care has been life changing and actually helped lift him out of a deep depression. In the summer of 2018 when he was 12 he came out as transgender. Before he came out he had been struggling with a long and sever depression. No one in our family was sure what to make of the sadness, anger, and frustration that engulfed him. He wasn't even sure exactly what was going on he just knew he had little to no joy or happiness. The summer of 2018 as we explored what was causing his depression he shared things with me like, "I feel trapped in the wrong body." "I feel like I was born the wrong gender." "I feel more like a boy than a girl." So we had countless conversations about gender and gender identity and what felt right and true to him at his very core. And it turns out that identifying as male was what felt true and right for him. We as parents did an abundance of research and reached out to professionals and educated ourselves about what our son was going through. Him talking about his gender identity to me and his father and other family felt like a huge burden had been lifted from his shoulders. He came out of his depression. He started to smile again. He cut his hair short. He wore the clothes he wanted. He started fitting in with his peers. He had a huge sense of relief that he could be exactly who he wanted to be and that he didn't have to hide. He had a huge sense of relief that he would be loved unconditionally no matter how he identified because at the core he was still the same kid. Just like all parents we just want the best for our child. We want him to feel good about himself, to feel like he fits in and is part of his community and we want him to be happy. As the weeks progressed he started therapy and started working with a doctor at the St. Louis Children's Hospital Gender Clinic. These were all very helpful things because even though my son was able to be who he wanted he was still struggling with gender dysphoria and we needed to get him some help to treat these things. His gender dysphoria was giving him major panic attacks and making him consider self harm. This sense that he was trapped in the wrong body and that his body didn't belong to him was overwhelming. He was terrified about starting puberty as a girl. He absolutely did not want to develop breasts or have a period. These changes felt so overwhelming and wrong that he felt he might not be able to live in that body. We were very fortunate that there was a medical option to help combat this and to at least press the pause button until he had more time figure things out and until we had more time to research and educate ourselves. With the help of our son's therapist and doctor we were able to get medical intervention in the form of a puberty blocker that essentially pushed the pause button on puberty for him. This treatment was essential for the overall health and wellbeing of my son and in turn for our family. In a way this puberty blocker saved my son's life. He could have a little solace about everything he was worried about. He could focus on just being a kid and enjoying

himself. These early medical interventions are incredibly important for youth that are questioning their gender identity and these medical treatments literally save children's lives. Sadly, the other side of the coin when children don't get the resources they so desperately need is that these kids attempt suicide or self harm. Research shows that transgender youth whose families support their gender identity have a 52% decrease in suicidal thoughts, a 48% decrease in suicide attempts, and significant increases in self-esteem and physical and mental health. The negative outcomes are avoidable by giving families and medical providers control of their own decisions so they can give the children the support they need. We are just one of thousands of families and children who will be impacted negatively by this legislation. Additionally, we just want our children to be able to have care that is backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and that is backed by other leading professionals. Following AAP best practices should not be a criminal act. I urge you to vote no on HB33 and to leave these life changing and life saving decisions in the hands of families and doctors. You can't possibly know how damaging this bill is to transgender youth and their families, and what a slippery slope it is to let law makers make medical decisions that should be left up to individuals. Medical care and treatment are essential for the health, safety, and wellbeing of transgender and gender questioning youth and denying them treatment is unconscionable. Please vote no on HB33. Thank you so much for your time. Jennifer Goldring 9854 Madison Ave. St. Louis, MO 63119 314-956-9210



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My name is Jennifer Williams and I am a mother living in central Missouri. I would like you to know that I oppose HB-33. I have heard the struggles of my transgender friends in their attempts to be accepted for who they are. Discrimination in the medical field has prevented them from getting the care they deserve and more than that, makes them feel like less of a person. When a person is denied the right to be who they are, it causes lasting damage and can result in the loss of life. My children have transgender friends and it breaks my heart to think that they could be neglected by the medical community. Our children deserve better. Do better for them. I ask you as a mother, please vote against HB-33





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I am Rev. Jessica Foster, the pastor of First and Park United Methodist Churches in Hannibal, Missouri, and I oppose HB 33. I testify as a straight, cisgender, and affirming Christian pastor. I know many of you are Christians, and some of you may assume Christians do not affirm transgender people and therefore all true Christians would support this bill. I am here to tell you that's incorrect and to encourage anyone here whose motivations for denying trans kids healthcare are biblical in nature to think more deeply.

"In the image of God, God created them; male and female he created them" (Genesis 1:27). Yet this can't mean nonbinary and transgender people are evil or beyond God's love. Genesis also says God made light and dark— but we have dawn and dusk. Genesis says God made land and sea— but we have swamps and marshes. God's creative power transcends "male" and "female." Jacob is said to be "quiet," to stay inside, to cook, to stick close to his mother (Genesis 25:27-29). This transgressor of gender boundaries is one of the Old Testament's great heroes.

God is said to be "Father" (Matthew 5:16) and to give birth nursing mother (Isaiah 49:15; Psalm 131). The Old Testament occasionally uses plural. they/them pronouns for God (Matthew Oseka, "A Textual Study of the Passages Containing Plural Forms Related to the Generic Name of God" in Vox Scriptura). Gender fluidity is at the heart of the being of the Judeo-Christian God. "Eunuch" is a word used for men in the ancient world whose genitals, sexual characteristics, and gender presentation were nonstandard. In Isaiah 56:3-4, God tells eunuchs not to say, "I'm a dry tree," and to remember God wants to give them "a monument and a name." Jesus himself says, "There are eunuchs who have been eunuchs by birth... Those who can accept it should accept it," (Matthew 19:13) recognizing and tacitly affirming gender fluidity. And in Acts 8:27-39, a eunuch is baptized without ever being told his gender status is a problem.

In Matthew 25:35, Jesus says, "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." People who fall outside the mainstream, in a unique way, reflect the presence of Jesus. This has certainly been my experience interacting with trans and nonbinary people in the Hannibal area. Bravely, they listened to the inner voice telling them their real truth even though the world often did not understand. Courageously, in the face of many obstacles— ranging from parental rejection to bullying at school so intense they considered suicide— they fight to become who they are. They model for me what strength looks like. They reflect the image of the God too big and creative to be stuffed into a narrow box. They incarnate the presence of Jesus who listened to the voice of the Spirit despite the noise of the critics around him. Please, listen to the doctors, parents, and trans folks testifying today who will tell you why medical care for trans teens is critical and lifesaving. Please, don't let anyone tell you that you must choose between listening to them or to Judeo-Christian values. Please, let Missouri trans youth medically transition into all God calls them to become.

Thank you, and may God bless you.



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I believe all health matters concerning minors, both physical and mental, should be managed by the parents, child, and medical professional, with Constitutionally guaranteed privacy. The state of Missouri should not interfere with private medical care that falls within medically acceptable practices.



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On behalf of Stand Up For Equity, I would like to voice my disgust of this bill and its contents. A personal friend of mine, who is transgender, did not have access to this best practice health care. He now struggles with mental health issues and substance abuse. Aiden luckily has a great network of support which gave him the courage to pursue AA and other forms of therapy to unravel the years of trauma from his childhood related to his transgender identity and not having the correct medical support. The fact that he has to lean on this therapy just goes to show how necessary this best practice health care is for transgender youth. Doctors can be and should be trusted to make the decisions on a transgender child's health and not legislatures. Doctors know what is safe and best for the child, they are the experts. Denying this healthcare till the age of 18 will only hurt transgender kids who are one of the most marginalized groups in America. If this bill passes, there will only be more stories like our friend Aiden, many of which will end in self-harm and even suicide. We ask you to vote no on HB33 and thank you for your time.



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**As a non-binary individual, I know firsthand how transitioning can be life or death when it comes to trans individuals. The ability to transition is suicide prevention. The right to transition is a basic human right. It is inhumane to dictate what people can or can't do with their own bodies.**



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My name is Julia Unangst, and I live in Chesterfield, Missouri. I strongly oppose HB33. By criminalizing medical practices, HB33 will directly harm Missouri's youth. This legislation sends a signal to transgender or gender-diverse children that their identities do not matter and that their identity is illegal in the eyes of the state. Preventing access to care will cause devastating harm to our children, our families, and our community - these kids need our support to simply be themselves. The medical practices being attacked by this bill provide lifesaving treatment that improves the lives of so many children. Without these practices, children's physical and mental well-being will suffer. Just last year I lost a friend to suicide. He was unable to receive the help he needed to fully transition due to lack of state resources & support. This prevented him from having the chance to live as the person he knew he was inside. Already, the stigma and discrimination faced by people who are transgender is prominent in Missouri. HB33 will perpetuate this. If my friend had been able to access the medical care he needed, he would still be here today. Instead, he had to grow up in a body that he did not identify as his own. The only way of escape was to die. He had just turned 22. Unfortunately this all too common - more than 40% of adults who were not affirmed in their trans identity have attempted suicide (2015 U.S. Transgender Survey). Access to gender-affirming medical care is linked to lower rates of suicidal ideation and suicide attempts. Getting rid of this access, which HB33 will do, will increase suicidal behaviors and attempts among our youth. Transgender children, like all children, are only able to thrive when they receive the healthcare that they need. Best medical practices for transgender children involve delaying puberty until they are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. It's very simple, but without it, can cause devastating harm to the child and the community. We should be able to provide our children with the care that they need to survive. HB33 will harm Missouri's children. Please oppose this bill so Missouri can be a safe and supportive place for ALL children.



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Just because they are underage does not make their gender dysphoria any less real. A study in the Netherlands showed that only 1.9% of those who hit puberty and started puberty blockers chose to stop treatment. Embracing our transgender youth is a life or death situation. It is much better to have happy transitioned transgender kids running around and playing than to have dead untransitioned transgender kids.



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**ADL Heartland (Anti-Defamation League) Written Testimony for House Committee on Children and Families March 3, 2021**

On behalf of ADL (the Anti-Defamation League) and the Heartland region, I write to express our concern and opposition to HB 33. Founded in 1913, ADL is the nation's leading civil rights and human relations organization, combating antisemitism and all forms of bigotry, as well as promoting understanding and diversity throughout the United States and abroad. Anti-trans bias is the marginalization and/or oppression of people who are transgender and/or non-binary based on the belief that cisgender identity is the norm. No person should be subject to discrimination because of who they are, including for their sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. Yet, HB 33 places oppressive restrictions on transgender youth by restricting healthcare access for some of the most vulnerable children in our state. Not only does it deny young people access to life-saving medical care, but it also sends all TGNC people the message that their government believes that who they are is inherently unworthy of care. This is particularly toxic in a world where anti-trans hate and bias remains. We have a duty to work to dismantle this hate, bias, and violence, not contribute to it. Our goal for all young people should be that they not only survive but thrive. Accessing gender-affirming care empowers TGNC youth to do both. The harms of failing to meet the healthcare needs of TGNC youth are dire, up to and including death. The benefits of meeting these needs, however, are substantial. Claims that this law protects our young people are misinformed at best – this law does quite the opposite, endangering them by stopping them from being able to access vital health care. The harms of inadequate access to gender-affirming medical care for TGNC people are well-documented. Both adolescents and adults who are transgender have high rates of depression, anxiety, eating disorders, self-harm, and suicide – not inherently due to their transgender identity but due to a confluence of factors including “an internal conflict between one's appearance and identity, limited availability of mental health services, low access to health care providers with expertise in caring for youth who identify as [transgender and gender diverse], discrimination, stigma, and social rejection.” The American Psychiatric Association finds a direct connection between discrimination against transgender and gender diverse people, lack of equal civil rights, and the harm that these realities do to the mental health of transgender and gender diverse people. Gender-affirming care, including social, medical, and legal aspects, has been shown to improve the mental health of TGNC people. It bears reiterating, as many others have said, that gender-affirming care saves young people's lives. Even the simple act of consistently using a TGNC youth's chosen name directly results in lower suicidal ideation and lower suicidal behavior, with the effect growing stronger with each additional context where their name is used (home, school, work, and friends). Similarly, gender-affirming hormone therapy (GAHT) has been shown to significantly decrease suicidality among transgender youth. More than just increasing their chances of surviving adolescence, however, gender-affirming



care empowers TGNC youth to explore and affirm their gender identity. Additionally, pubertal suppression is associated with a decrease in clinically significant behavioral and emotional problems and an improvement in overall psychological functioning. Young people thrive when their essential needs are met, and gender-affirming care is an essential need for TGNC youth. HB 33 also raises significant legal and constitutional concerns that, if the bill is enacted, will be closely scrutinized in the courts. There is a strong case to be made that this legislation is unconstitutional and, if enacted, will be setting Missouri up for costly and extensive legal challenges. At a time when Missouri is challenged by COVID-19, this bill is a distraction from efforts to ensure that residents' health and other needs are addressed. Moreover, we can little afford to entertain costly legal challenges to harmful bills while our economy continues to struggle through this pandemic. ADL asks you to commit to promoting Missouri as welcoming of all people and as a safe, nurturing place for our youth, and strongly urges you to oppose this legislation. Respectfully submitted, Karen Aroesty, ADL Heartland Regional Director1. ADL. (2021). Education Glossary Terms. Available at <https://www.adl.org/education/resources/glossary-terms/education-glossary-terms> Accessed February 23, 2021. Rafferty J., AAP Committee on Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health, AAP Committee on Adolescence, AAP Section on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender Health and Wellness. (2018). Ensuring Comprehensive Care and Support for Transgender and Gender- Diverse Children and Adolescents. *Pediatrics*, 142(4), 3. Available at <https://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/pediatrics/142/4/e20182162.full.pdf> Accessed February 23, 2021. Drescher J, Haller E, Yarbrough E; American Psychiatric Association Caucus of LGBTQ Psychiatrists. (2012, revised 2018). Position Statement on Discrimination Against Transgender and Gender Variant Individuals. Washington, DC: American Psychiatric Association. Available at <https://www.psychiatry.org/File%20Library/About-APA/Organization-Documents-Policies/Policies/Position-2018-Discrimination-Against-Transgender-and-Gender-Diverse-Individuals.pdf> Accessed February 23, 2021. The Trevor Project. (2020). The Trevor Project Research Brief: Gender-Affirming Care for Youth, 1. Available at <https://www.thetrevorproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/Gender-Affirming-Care-January-2020.pdf> Accessed February 23, 2021. Some TGNC people change their names. Referring to them by their previous names is called "dead naming" and, as this study shows, has real and harmful consequences. Russell S.T., Pollitt A.M., Li G., & Grossman A.H. (2018). Chosen name use is linked to reduced depressive symptoms, suicidal ideation, and suicidal behavior among transgender youth. *Journal of Adolescent Health*, 63(4), 503–505. Available at <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/29609917/> Accessed February 23, 2021. Allen L. R., Watson L. B., Egan A. M., & Moser C. N. (2019). Well-being and suicidality among transgender youth after gender-affirming hormones. *Clinical Practice in Pediatric Psychology*, 7(3), 302–311. Available at <https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2019-52280-009> Accessed February 23, 2021. The Trevor Project, 2. Costa R., Dunsford M., Skagerberg E., Holt V., Carmichael P., & Colizzi M. (2015). Psychological support, puberty suppression, and psychosocial functioning in adolescents with gender dysphoria. *Journal of Sexual Medicine*, 12, 2206–2214. Available at <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26556015/> Accessed February 23, 2021.



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I am a rabbi and s parent of a trans child, and I beg of you not to move forward with this bill. Puberty blockers buy him time to not make any life altering decisions.



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I oppose HB 33 because it is an effort to deny health care to and cruelly punish children in our state. I'm a parent of two children, aged 13 and 8, and both have every sign that they will be cisgender. However, I cannot imagine how horrific it would be if one of them came to me and said they were in fact transgender and needed my support, including for health care. I cannot believe the state of Missouri would put me in the position of facing criminal violations simply for seeking medical care recommended by a medical expert. These bills criminalize medical best practices for transgender youth; care that is backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities. Best practice medical care for transgender youth simply delays puberty until young people are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. This bill aims to take away their choices and tries to prevent them from having the chance to live as the gender they know themselves to be. These bills criminalize parents and medical providers and constitute state-sponsored discrimination. Please don't do this.



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Every person has the right to proper health care. This bill works against the emotional and physical health of transgender youth. By criminalizing medical best practices for transgender youth, we risk their emotional health and there is a greater chance for depression and even self-harm or suicide. I have two children, ages 7 and 9, and we have always had an open dialogue about gender. They know where they fit in their own gender identities, even at their young age. When I take them to the doctor, they answer the doctor's questions and know their body and emotional health better than anyone else. Their voices and bodies are **THEIRS**, not mine or anyone else's. This bill prevents transgender youth from delaying puberty until they are old enough to make more permanent decisions about their identity. It breaks my heart to think about my children not being able to live their truth. All kids deserve supportive health care, and this bill takes that away.



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I am Katie Long from Columbia, Missouri. I oppose HB33. Personally, I find the idea of preventing transgender youth from accessing any type of medical care dangerous. Best practice medical care for transgender youth simply delays puberty until young people are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. This bill aims to take away their choices and tries to prevent them from having the chance to live as the person they know they are inside. Denying best practice health care and support from medical professionals will have negative side effects, on the child's mental health, and the health of the family. This could lead these families to see medical assistance outside Missouri, causing strain on the families and taking money away from Missouri medical professionals. For these reasons and others, I strongly oppose HB33. Thank you for your time.



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My name is Katherine Stone Underwood, and I'm from Columbia, MO. I strongly oppose HB 33. I'm the mother of a 2-year-old, and I rest easy knowing that when she needs a doctor, I can quickly and legally get her any care that she needs. But that might not always be the case, especially if this bill passes. This bill criminalizes care of CHILDREN. It would put the lives and well-beings of transgender youth at risk. The American Academy of Pediatrics backs the type of care this bill would criminalize. ALL children should be afforded the health care they need in order to thrive. Please vote against HB 33. I thank the committee for their time.



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I know several transgender kids and their parents and I am astounded that I have to write to my state legislature to ask them to oppose a bill that would hurt so many people. And all because of fear and/or hate over NOTHING. Please let these people live their lives in peace and let them be who they are. That isn't too much to ask. Show kindness. If you don't understand, then ask, listen and learn. When the people travel from all over the state to testify on Wednesday, give them the decency of listening with an open mind and try to imagine how difficult it must be for them and that they need to be able to seek the care they deserve. It's their lives. And then don't propose legislation like this ever again. Thank you.



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I am a private practice therapist, licensed in the state of MO, who specializes in working with the transgender community and provides training to other professionals on the needs of this population and international standards of care. This bill is potentially catastrophic for transgender youth in our state. First, the internationally applicable WPATH standard of care already excludes those under the age of majority from genital surgery. Youths in Missouri are not having those surgeries, and this bill accomplishes nothing in that regard. What it would almost certainly accomplish would be an increase in youth suicides. Studies show that providing transgender youth with age appropriate interventions, including puberty blocking for younger adolescents and hormone therapy for older adolescents, reduces the otherwise high rate of suicide in this population. The WPATH standard of care already has a high bar for qualification for these interventions. The Trevor Project reports that 40% of transgender adults report having made a suicide attempt, and 92% of those attempts were made before the age of 25. What I see reported in my practice is in line with this statistic. The Missouri legislature should be focusing on how it can protect this population from the astronomically high rate of discrimination and violence that lead to these suicide attempts and leave the healthcare decisions up to the experts, in this case, those who have crafted the evidence-based and internationally applicable standard of care, the doctors, the mental health experts, the parents, and the transgender youths in our community.





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Medical decisions should be made by individuals and their families in consultation with their medical providers, not by the Missouri legislature. This bill is unnecessary and works to undermine the autonomy of persons and providers to make their own decisions about healthcare.



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Hello, my name is Kaylee Legan and I currently live in Kansas City, Missouri, but spent a number of years living in Warrensburg, Missouri. As a public education certified teacher, I oppose this bill because trans rights are human rights. I have taught both middle and high school and have had multiple transgender students in both age groups. I have also witnessed my students become depressed, isolated, anxious, and suicidal because of their changing bodies and the dysphoria this provides as it does not match who they are; who they truly are. Denying them the right is denying them to autonomy as individuals; if students are old enough to commit suicide, they are old enough to know more about themselves than anyone else. Please do not pass this bill, as it will devastate more people than it would ever help. Thank you for taking the time to read this; have a wonderful rest of your week.



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**I oppose this bill because it will harm a transgender student(s) in your classroom, school, and school district**



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My name is William linus Steitz but my legal name is Kelsey Steitz. I am transgender. I am 32. I knew I was a boy from as young as I can remember. I have friends and family who are trans and non-binary. So many trans people commit suicide because they are unable to pay for trans health such as surgery, therapy, hormone therapy. Kids should be allowed to be themselves.



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My name is Dr. Kerri Schafer and I live in Columbia, MO. I am a licensed psychologist, working with college students at the MU Counseling Center, and a board member at The Center Project, Mid-Missouri's first and only LGBTQ community center. I spend a good deal of my time listening to the stories of transgender folks and educating others in an effort to make the world a safer and more hospitable place for our transgender community members. I oppose HB33. According to the American Academy for Pediatrics and all other major healthcare associations, caring for a transgender child or adolescent must include affirming their gender. This is rooted in empirical evidence that doing so results in improved mental health, improved quality of life, and perhaps most importantly, reduced suicide risk in the short- and long-term. Research demonstrating that gender-affirming healthcare decreases suicide risk is especially important because transgender individuals are at significantly increased risk for attempted and completed suicide compared to cisgender (non-transgender) individuals. This increased suicide risk is due to the effects of discrimination and oppression (for example, being at risk of losing basic human rights such as the right to appropriate healthcare, having their identities debated in public forums). The same people who want to ban healthcare for trans children and adolescents are also citing essential biological differences between genders as reasons to ban trans youth from participating in sports teams in accordance with the gender they know themselves to be. These politicians want to force transgender adolescents to go through a traumatic puberty and then point to the characteristics developed during puberty as reasons they are a threat to cisgender youth. It seems to amount to an effort to erase and exclude trans youth altogether. For those who are truly concerned about the welfare of transgender youth, please know that gender-affirming medical treatment for a minor involves thoughtful, watchful care from doctors and parents. There are already existing, evidence-based medical standards that require insistent, persistent, and consistent assertions from a child about their gender before initiating puberty blockers, which temporarily prevent puberty. Many youth have been sharing what they know about their gender for over a decade before initiating hormone therapy that would involve permanent bodily changes. Gender-affirming medical care is a medically necessary treatment for gender dysphoria for many youth. Anyone who was at the hearing one year ago can easily recall the pleading from parents who were terrified at the thought of their child's medical care being taken away. This bill would take choices away from transgender youth and prevent them from living as the person they know they are inside. It would punish healthcare providers and parents who care deeply for transgender youth and just want to take good care of them. It is no exaggeration to say that gender-affirming medical care is suicide prevention, and that if this bill passes the effects would be catastrophic. When it comes to private medical decisions, all of us want the dignity to be able to make those decisions for ourselves and our children, in consultation with a trusted healthcare provider. Please vote in opposition of this extremely harmful bill.



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**My name is Kevin FitzGerald. I strongly oppose this bill. I've listened to this legislative body propose legislation towards the LGBTQ community for the past couple of years, and am appalled by the lack of true knowledge on the issues. Appalled by the lack of empathy as well. These decisions are best left to the family, and their physician. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.**



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I think most people agree that health care is a human right. Trans rights are human rights. This bill is seeking deny health care to trans youth. For youth who are seeking to transition, puberty blockers are essential. The availability of blockers can help support and improve mental health. This is very important as negative societal greatly increases the likelihood of death by suicide for trans youth. This bill is wrong-headed, damaging, and bigoted.





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**I have a trans son and I find your effort to legislate against him appalling.**



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I Kim Kinyon Coke, Boone County Mo resident, am in strong opposition of HB 33. As a parent of a child that is non-binary, and as a higher education professional, I see the challenges individuals face in getting supportive care that meets their needs. It is a challenge for those living within the LGBTQA community to not only be able to share their stories with authenticity but also an ability to share their stories without fear of repercussion and retaliation. I have watched this unfold for my child since 3rd grade. I also see what happens when these kids don't have support or the ability to access what they need to live their best lives, witnessing the trauma that's inflicted through the students I now have the pleasure to work with. It is heartbreaking to hear their stories, witness their continued challenge and attempt to find services that meet their needs, physically, mentally and emotionally. I ask any parent...who would intentionally deny medical care to your child in need. This is essentially what is being asked in HB 33. Please consider this as you place your support or denial behind HB 33. There is no reason to create an obstacle where one need not exist.



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Hello, my name is Kit Steitz and I'm writing to you as a Missourian, a step-parent, and a concerned citizen. I'm writing to you in firm opposition to HB33. I want to talk to you about several trans family members of mine and how legislation like this harms them, but there is such a stigma in Missouri that to out my family and loved ones in such a way is equally dangerous. If you've grown up with a trans family member or had trans people in your life, you've watched how they struggle to find their authentic selves, to share that with others, how much hiding who they are hurts them. You've watched them slowly stop going out, exercising, swimming, because they don't feel safe or like themselves in unsafe public places. You've driven them to unisex bathrooms 30 minutes away from a wedding reception because they don't feel safe peeing at a family function because there were no unisex bathrooms available. You go to the bathroom with with your trans fam/friends at gas stations because there is safety in numbers and you don't want them to be assaulted again for just going pee. You've watched the people you love jump through every hoop to get healthcare, and still be denied. You've watched as they had to go to another city to get gender affirming surgery that was paid for out of pocket because no insurance would cover this life saving procedure. I have known and loved trans people in my life for over 30 years. Let me tell you, Missouri is a terrifying place to be different. As a queer born & bred Missourian, I've seen this, and know it in my bones. Trans kids know, just as cis kids know, their gender when they are very young. Unlike cis children, trans kids aren't affirmed. They learn from a young age that who they are is something other people don't like, don't support, don't love. 90% of homeless kids are trans youth, because they are kicked out of their homes for coming out as who they are. Our biggest struggles as parents is to keep our kids alive, to give them opportunity and hope that they can thrive, but trans kids are statistically more likely to die by suicide. According to the HRC, "More than half of transgender male teens who participated in the survey reported attempting suicide in their lifetime, while 29.9 percent of transgender female teens said they attempted suicide. Among non-binary youth, 41.8 percent of respondents stated that they had attempted suicide at some point in their lives." How can we keep our babies alive, if we can't even get them the healthcare they need to survive? We can't keep our children alive if we don't believe them and support them. I ask that you also oppose HB 33. Protect our trans children by making sure they are supported and get the critical healthcare, supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics, that they need to make their own choices about their bodies. Make no mistake, it is not hyperbolic to say this bill is about the very wellbeing and lives of our transgender children. Denying healthcare to our kids is life threatening. I beg you to make the right choice and protect transgender kids. Please vote against HB33. I would like to thank the committee for their time.



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Care for transgender individuals is a human right. This bill, if passed, will prevent transgender kids from life saving care treatments. Puberty blockers allow adolescents to choose when and how they experience puberty, a gender-affirming choice that saves lives by allowing individuals more say in how their bodies develop- which helps to ease the burden of the dysphoria that is a huge contributing factor in the depression and suicide rates of transgender people. This Bill, if passed, will cause children to die. As a human rights advocate, I firmly oppose it's passage.



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I was prescribed estradiol at age 16. I would have gone on it earlier if given the chance. Without this treatment I think there's a high chance I would have committed suicide before turning 18. Instead I'm about to graduate from college. If you pass HB33 trans children will die. Their blood will be on your hands.



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**This legislation is an attack on transgender children, who are already at higher risk of suicide. We need to protect and love these children. We also need to understand that their healthcare providers are better suited to care for transgender children than lawmakers are. I strongly urge you to oppose this detrimental legislation.**



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I am a psychologist living and practicing in St. Louis. I regularly see transgender teenagers and can testify to the tremendous harm this bill would inflict upon them. Trans children already struggle to get healthcare that reflects their gender identity, resulting in internalized transphobia and actual physical harm related to lack of healthcare. This bill sends a clear message that Missouri does not recognize their humanity, and the damage this does to the mental health of trans kids cannot be overstated. The suicide rate for trans kids is already so much higher than cis kids because of messaging like this, and the passing of this bill will directly harm the health of children because their access to care will be restricted, and indirectly harm the health of children because of this impact to mental health, suffering, and loss of dignity. We are not serving cis or trans kids by targeting children in this way, and stand in direct opposition of best practices set out by the American Academy of Pediatric, who have clearly stated "gender affirmation" as the only acceptable response to transgender children. Best practice medical care for transgender youth simply delays puberty until young people are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. This bill aims to take away their choices and tries to prevent them from having the chance to live as the person they know they are inside.



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My name is Laura Lindsay and I am a resident of Columbia, MO. I oppose HB 33 because of the harm it would inflict on transgender youth in Missouri. It took great courage for my young adult daughter to tell her parents who she truly is, all before the age of 18. It has now been five years since she began her transition. She has not regretted being true to herself. Under HB 33, my daughter would have been denied necessary medical treatment by her physician at MU Health Care and her father and I would have been turned over to the authorities. It brings tears to my eyes to think of how different her world would have been if this bill had been law. Please, protect the youth of Missouri and vote against HB 33. Thank you for your time.





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**I strongly oppose this bill.**



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Hello, my name is Lucy and I am a native of St. Louis County. I am a medical student currently living in Columbia, Missouri. I am writing to voice my opposition to HB 33 and urge you to oppose this bill as well. While I do not have children of my own yet, I worked with them throughout my four years as a medical student and have come to recognize how essential it is for children to have physicians, parents, and communities that work tirelessly to advocate for them and ensure their safety. Transgender children are as deserving of comprehensive medical care as anyone. I implore those of you that know and love any child to think about how you might feel if this child was unable to get necessary medical care or to live a life that made them feel most fulfilled. This proposed bill is dangerous for transgender children and those that care for them and love them. The American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities back transition-related care for transgender youth; denying best practice health care for these children can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. I believe strongly that medical decisions should be made within a trusting relationship between a physician or surgeon, the transgender child, and their parents. It is unjust for politicians that lack the understanding of or the experiences within these relationships to enforce a law so damaging to the care of children. Research shows that transgender youth whose families support their gender identity have a significant decrease in suicidal thoughts and suicide attempts, and significant increases in self-esteem and physical and mental health. This bill would plunder parents' ability to provide such support to their transgender children. It would also criminalize physicians and surgeons using their years of medical training and experience in patient care to act in their patient's best interest. Again, I implore you to oppose HB 33. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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I am a Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor in Illinois and have a transgender nephew living in Missouri. My professional opinion is that this bill will HARM children. Suicidality increases for transgender individuals who are unable to access treatment. Children deserve access to Affirmative Care, just as every reputable health association says is best practice and the Standard of Care. This bill would charge medical professionals for following the ethics of their profession. By not allowing transgender individuals to receive puberty blockers or hormone therapy until 18 years old, this person will most likely have already reached Tanner Stage 5. This means the individual was forced to go through puberty although it may have created great dysphoria. It also means that the individual may have gone through body changes, such as a deepening of the voice or an Adam's apple or large breasts, that then have to be treated through other options later when they could have avoided developing these physical changes in the first place. It is wholly unconscionable to think you should charge parents with child abuse for complying with doctor's recommendations following Standard of Care. Additionally, this bill is fear-mongering as medical standards of care do not allow for children to have genital surgical interventions mentioned in the bill unless they are intersex. Puberty blockers are reversible and have no known long term harm. Hormone therapy for gender affirmation is not prescribed until adolescence. These treatments are also only prescribed after assessing youth for persistence of gender dysphoria and/or gender incongruence. Please allow for science to continue with best practices in the state of Missouri. My nephew, and thousands of other trans-youth in the state depend on it.



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My name is Eli Kean and I live in Columbia, Missouri. I strongly oppose HB 33. In the past ten years there has been substantial evidence, supported by The American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities, that comprehensive and affirming healthcare is literally life-saving for transgender youth. The overwhelming majority of research shows that trans youth are not coerced into transitioning; best practices dictate that trans youth should be allowed to delay puberty until they are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. Delaying puberty will not cause permanent problems, and in fact, it decreases incidents of depression, anxiety, isolation, self-harm, and suicide among trans youth. Bias and fear about gender diversity is literally killing our young people and this bill would only work to cause more harm and take more lives. In the United States, we claim to value freedom and liberty; the freedom to determine one's own gender regardless of the body one was born with should never be denied. Oppressive restrictions such as this bill would significantly limit the liberty of Missourians to live freely; the state government has no business deciding a person's identity or what healthcare they can access. Please, for the mental health of young Missourians, do not criminalize medical best practices for transgender youth. Transgender children, like all children, have the best chance to thrive when they are supported and can get the healthcare they need.



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HB 33 - Denies trans youth access to gender affirming, and live saving careChairwoman Coleman, Vice -Chairwoman Bailey, members of the committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition to HB 33.NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri, representing 70,000 Missourians across the state, works to protect and expand every Missourians's right to decide if, when, how and with whom to start and grow their family and to parent in safety and dignity. Moreover, we work to ensure reproductive justice for all Missourians, which involves advocating to reduce health disparities based on race, socioeconomic status, insurance coverage status, gender identity, and other factors.Last week, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the The Equality Act, banning discrimination based on being transgender, when someone's gender identity is different from the gender assigned to at birth. Transgender students are more susceptible to bullying, sexual assault, and drug use, than cisgender students, causing transgender youth to be more than 3 times more likely to attempt suicide. Gender discrimination is present in their everyday lives. HB 33 would be a violation of the tenets included in The Equality Act, and if passed would amount to state-sanctioned bullying of transgender youth. In addition to perpetuating harm against Missouri youth, HB 33 criminalizes medical best practices for caring for transgender youth, which have been endorsed by organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, adding additional societal and medical barriers to accessing healthcare. These restrictions are associated with the increased risk of violence, suicide, and sexually transmitted diseases. The government has no right to take medical treatment away the right for transgender people to use medical care for transitioning. Patients and healthcare providers should be the ones to decide which medical care is in the best interests of a patient, not politicians. HB 33 will criminalize trusted medical professionals who are complying with medical best practices and who are just trying to seek the best medical care for their children. This inextricably violates the freedom of Missourians to make important decisions about themselves, and unscientifically denies access to healthcare procedures that can affirm gender identity instead of exacerbating isolation and dysphoria.All Missourians deserve to have control over their gender identity, which means access to medical treatment, if they desire. This bill will create lasting damage to the mental health and development of transgender young adults, whose gender identity will be explicitly invalidated by this legislation. NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri opposes the advancement of this bill, and urges you to vote NO today. 1) <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/advice-and-guidance/gender-reassignment-discrimination> 2) Osborne, Mark. January 25, 2019. "Transgender youth more than 3 times as likely to attempt suicide; also report higher incidents of bullying, drug use, sexual assault." ABC News.3) <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3953767/>



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Missouri Family Health Council, Inc. opposes this legislation because it penalizes the standard of care, interferes in the patient-provider relationship, and decreases health equity. Affirming interventions for transgender minors are broadly supported within the mainstream medical community, including the American Academy of Pediatrics and Academy of Family Physicians. There is also legal precedent and broadening policy support for minors' capacity to provide informed consent and be involved in medical treatment decisions. Further, minors do so in thorough consultation with their parents and providers. It is them – not the Missouri state government – who are in the best position to determine proper treatment and care. This bill sets a dangerous precedent of contradicting evidence-based standards of care, and politicizes medicine at the expense of Missouri's most vulnerable. Legislation that discourages transgender young people from seeking support or medical care undermines both adolescent wellbeing and public health by increasing risk of violence, substance use, and suicide. We thank you for the work you do and urge Committee members to oppose HB 33. Thank you.



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By making it illegal for parents and health care providers to give trans kids healthcare, you are signing the death warrants of so many kids. Puberty blockers are reversible. No one gives an eight year old trans boy testosterone, not are they giving a six year old surgery. But puberty blockers simply delay puberty until a child knows which puberty they want to go through. It's the opposite of making rash decisions, and it keeps vulnerable children from going through the wrong the puberty. Trans kids already have a high suicide rate and making it so that they cannot access the healthcare they need is only going raise it. If you pass this I hope you are prepared to have the blood of children on your hands.





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Dear Committee, I am a mother and caretaker of children by profession. I am writing to ask that you please oppose bill HB 33. I know that all families are working to the best of their ability to care for their children that will allow their child(ren) to thrive. Bills like this criminalize medical best practices, which is recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities, for transgender youth. ALL children have the best chance to thrive when they are supported and can get the health care they need. Best practice medical care for transgender youth delays puberty until young people are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. This legislation would put the lives and well-being of children at risk. Denying best practice health care and support to transgender youth can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please reach out to transgender people and learn their stories. You will gain understanding and perspective that is needing when making choices about other people's lives. Sincerely, Martha Echols



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I strongly oppose HB 33. Healthcare for a child under the age of 18 should be the personal and private decision of the parents and child in consultation with experts in the related field, be it cancer treatment, substance abuse treatment, or in this case gender identity. Decisions to identify and subsequently care for a transgender individual are difficult and not taken lightly by the child, parents, family, and healthcare experts. Many checks and balances exist to rule out cursory gender curiosity/fluidity. The child and family go through a series of psychological and psychiatric evaluations as well as counselling sessions before even considering hormonal interventions much less irreversible surgeries. Removing options available to aid in transitioning, especially hormonal interventions, is adding more suffering to a child who has likely already suffered from harassment, discrimination, and in many cases abuse. To penalize the parents who are only trying to do the best for their child is beyond cruel. To punish the healthcare experts for providing care that has been identified as the "standard of care" for transgender children and teenagers is reprehensible.



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I am a resident of Saint Louis, Missouri. I believe that every citizen has the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; I oppose the HB33 bill. For the LGBTQ+ community, specifically the trans community, I believe that gender affirming healthcare for transgender people, especially transgender youth, is part of the pursuit of happiness. I have many grievances with this bill. This is due to my beliefs as an informed citizen about LGBTQ+ topics. This legislation would put the lives and well-being of transgender youth at risk. Denying best practice health care and support to transgender youth can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. These bills criminalize medical best practices for transgender youth; it is care that is backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities. Best practice medical care for transgender youth simply delays puberty until young people are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. This bill aims to take away their choices and tries to prevent them from having the chance to live as the person they know they are inside. I have many friends who identify as trans, and they deserve as much support from the systems around them as possible. I would like a better society for myself and also for the people around me, and I think this bill opposes that ideology. I would prefer that public servants in legislation vote against this bill because of the harm it would cause. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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Testimony on HB 33 by Meg Boyko Executive Director Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership March 8, 2021 The Teen Pregnancy & Prevention Partnership (TPPP) unites communities across Missouri to promote adolescent sexual and reproductive health. We work with medical and public health professional across the state who provide essential health services to protect and support young people. TPPP sees its mission to promote adolescent sexual health as relevant and pressing because it addresses health disparities and supports young people in making educated health decisions. I would like to express my organization's concerns about HB 33 which would criminalize medical care best practices for transgender youth. This care includes puberty blockers and hormone therapy which are supported by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Denying best practice medical care and support to transgender youth can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. Teens who identify as transgender face significant health disparities, but support from their parents, medical professionals and the community can make a difference. Gender identity is a deeply personal element of an individual. We should be encouraging parents and family members to work with medical professionals to ensure that transgender children lead healthy lives. Our laws should not create barriers to care, generate stigma and harassment or interfere with parents' ability to choose the path that is best for their children with guidance from medical authorities. This is why TPPP hopes you will reject the changes proposed in HB 33. Respectfully Submitted, Meg Boyko, Executive Director P.O. Box 179323, Saint Louis, MO 63117 [www.TeenPregnancy-MO.org](http://www.TeenPregnancy-MO.org) [Info@TeenPregnancy-MO.org](mailto:Info@TeenPregnancy-MO.org)



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My name is Megan Stilley (Columbia, MO) and as a parent of 3 children I oppose HB 33. These bills criminalize medical best practices for transgender youth; care that is backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities. We need to support the youth in our communities of Missouri. Transgender children, like any child, have the best chance to thrive when they are supported and can get the health care they need. Best practice medical care for transgender youth simply delays puberty until young people are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. This bill aims to take away their choices and tries to prevent them from having the chance to live as the person they know they are inside. This legislation would put the lives and well-being of transgender youth at risk. Denying best practice health care and support to transgender youth can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. To support all children in our community, I am asking you to vote against HB 33. Thank you for your time, Megan Stilley



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My name is Melina Constantine Miseo and I live in Columbia, MO. I oppose HB 33 due to the immense harm it would inflict upon children. I run an LGBTQ youth group and I am also earning my PhD in Sociology with my research focusing on transgender youth and their parents. I have seen first hand and I am involved and informed in the academic and scientific study of transgender youth. Banning gender affirming care would go against best practices by pediatric associations and directly lead to increased mental health issues and suicide of transgender young people. Parents want what is best for their children, which includes the parents of transgender children. If there was healthcare that saved the life of your child or grandchild, wouldn't you too want access to this healthcare? Gender affirming healthcare is safe, well-studied, and is regularly given cisgender children for conditions such as precocious puberty. HB 33 would undoubtedly cause harm on an already targeted population. I urge you to vote against HB 33 in order to save the lives of Missouri's young people. Thank you for your time.



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I strongly oppose this bill. I am the mother of a 12 year old transgender son. He is under the care of wonderful physicians and mental health providers at Childrens Hospital's Transgender Center. It has saved his life. Unless you have lived through a transgender kid's journey, I don't think you can fully understand how much goes into the decisions that we make about what care is the best for them. Nothing is done on a whim. My son told me he wishes he wasn't trans and could just live a normal life, it is not something he chose and it's not something he can change. Please don't take away our ability to get the best medical care for him.





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Passage of this bill would be disastrous to families around this state. It is no one's business what medical care a child is provided. That is between the child's family and the child's medical provider. We don't tell adults' doctors what they can and can not treat. If we can treat limp dicks, we can treat trans kids. None of your business! Why don't you focus on more important things, like properly funding schools throughout the state or ensuring everyone in the state can get vaccinated. Your actions do not represent life-long Missouri residents like me!



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Members of the Children and Families committee, As with any issue that concerns medical care, I ask that you look to the experts in the field. The Endocrine Society, WPATH, American Academy of Pediatrics, and others view puberty blockers, and hormone therapy later in their teens, as the appropriate treatment for transgender youth when they meet the appropriate criteria. Studies show that this treatment has a significant impact to the mental health of minors who need it, and a very high rate of satisfaction with effects of the treatment. Puberty blockers give kids a chance to make a decision that will have long lasting effects. And the vast majority of youth who start this treatment will continue to identify as transgender into adulthood, despite the narrative that has been pushed across many media outlets. There is a perception that withholding puberty blockers or hormone therapy is a neutral stance, and that transgender individuals can simply choose to begin taking these medications when they turn 18. I want to make it clear that it is not this simple, and withholding medication is just as direct of a stance as providing care. I am a transgender Missourian. Because I only started transgender medical care as an adult, a "male" puberty made permanent changes that will impact me day-to-day for the rest of my life. The wrong puberty has irreversibly changed my voice and the shape of my body, which can immediately out me as trans to people around me, placing me in dangerous situations if I am in certain anti-LGBT parts of this state. HB 33 will cause real harm to thousands of Missourians. I ask you that you voice your support for young people in Missouri by voting against HB 33. Listen to the experts in the field, and see that they support providing this treatment for minors. And do not withhold this truly life saving medical intervention from people who need it.



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On behalf of the Missouri Section of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, we respectfully urge you to oppose HB 33. Ob-gyns dedicate their careers and lives to securing healthy futures for patients and their families by providing evidence-based, patient-centered health care. This includes providing our adolescent patients with a trusting, confidential environment where they can access care and information. Like all patients, transgender patients must be treated with dignity, compassion, and respect. ACOG opposes any laws and regulations that discriminate against transgender and gender diverse individuals. We strongly oppose HB 33 as dangerous, ill-advised, and antithetical to our professional and ethical obligations as health-care providers. HB 33 penalizes physicians for providing evidence-based, consensus-driven health care. There is no uniform transgender experience. Some transgender individuals may choose to undergo surgery or take hormones; others may not. As with all care, health care for transgender youth should be individualized, confidential, and evidence-based, free from ill-advised, discriminatory political mandates. A number of medical societies, including the World Professional Association for Transgender Health, the Endocrine Society, and the Pediatric Endocrine Society, have published guidelines on how best to care for transgender adolescents. As with all medical treatment, transgender patients undergo the informed consent process, demonstrating an understanding of the diagnosis, treatments, and risks and benefits of treatment. HB 33 penalizes clinicians for providing this evidence-based, high-quality, patient-centered care: Inappropriately regulating the practice of medicine, as this legislation does, will irreparably compromise our professional and ethical obligations to respect our patients as people with moral rights to bodily integrity, autonomy, and self-determination. HB 33 threatens adolescent health: This discriminatory legislation represents a fundamental lack of compassion for our state's transgender youth. Transgender adolescents are a vulnerable population, facing harassment, discrimination, societal and familial rejection, and ostracism from their communities. One of the most important aspects of caring for transgender adolescents is providing a safe, supportive, and sensitive clinical environment. HB 33 denies these patients evidence-based care and information that affirms their transgender identity, and will only serve to further marginalize and alienate transgender adolescents from the societal support and acceptance they need and deserve to live full and healthy lives. The consequences of limited or inadequate treatment can be staggering. Studies have revealed that nearly 25 percent to 30 percent of transgender adolescents report attempting suicide during their lifetimes. Furthermore, findings from the 2008 National Transgender Discrimination Study revealed that 45 percent of 18- to 24-year-old transgender individuals had attempted suicide in their lifetimes. Access to gender-affirming care is also associated with mental health: transgender individuals who have not received gender-affirming care

experience higher rates of depression and anxiety. Transgender individuals concerned about the way they may be treated by a health care professional are more likely to obtain hormones from friends or unlicensed sources, putting them at risk of inappropriate dosing and the subsequent sequelae. ACOG not only opposes this harmful ban, but supports coverage for all evidence-based treatments for transgender patients under public and private health insurance plans. Already, transgender patients are an at-risk population, and preventive medicine is imperative to their health. They face high rates of physical violence and substance use disorder, and are at an increased risk of STIs. The rate of those living with HIV among respondents to the Transgender Discrimination Survey was five times higher than the rate of the general U.S. population. Transgender individuals also face inadequate access to, underutilization of, the health care system across the spectrum of services, including proper screening for sexually transmitted infections, screening for suicidal thoughts and mental health issues, and appropriate vaccination. This legislation threatens to exacerbate these inequities. Transgender individuals already face substantial barriers to and underutilization of the health care system across the spectrum of services, including health care professionals' bias and lack of general knowledge about best practices, as well as the failure of many health insurance plans to cover the cost of hormone therapy and supplies, mental health services, or gender affirmation surgery and restrictions on care imposed by prohibitive health care systems. . HB 33 may further alienate patients and serve as an additional deterrent to seeking future medical care, including preventive care. HB 33 dangerously interferes in the patient-physician relationship: ACOG strongly opposes any governmental interference that causes a physician to compromise his or her medical judgment about what information or treatment is in the best interest of the patient. Politicians must never interfere with the ability of physicians to have open, honest, and confidential communications with their patients. Nor should political mandates block a patient's right to be counseled and treated by a physician according to the best currently available medical evidence and the physician's professional medical judgment. HB 33 runs counter to these fundamental bedrocks of the patient-physician relationship. Adolescents presenting to a gynecologist often discuss confidential issues, and our specialty can play a pivotal role in not just facilitating successful gender transitions for transgender adolescents, but also supporting patients' disclosure of gender identity to their families and communities and connecting them and their families to community resources. Even for those too young to consider hormone therapy, early behavioral health support can be vital. This cruel bill will only serve to drive a wedge between a patient and their physician, at a time when they need the confidentiality, support, and counsel of their health care provider the most. Lawmakers must support health policies based on sound science and evidence. Politicians must seek to improve access to care, not restrict it. ACOG believes that we share a common goal with this legislative body—improving the health and well-being of adolescent patients. We urge you to recognize that this legislation would have the opposite effect, threatening the health of young people, pushing at-risk transgender adolescents further into the shadows, and undermining their ability to live happy and healthy lives.



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As a parent and a believer in science, I am strongly against this bill. The healthcare of transgender children should be left to the highly trained medical personnel who treat them and to their loving parents, who only want their children to be their very best selves. Bills like these that take away the evidence-based healthcare for transgender children and criminalize parents for being good and supportive parents will only contribute to the already-high suicide rate of these children. In addition, from a business standpoint, businesses do not want to locate in a state that discriminates against LGBTQ individuals. Please vote no on this bill.



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HB 33Dear Committee members,Today I offer written testimony to you as a resident of Missouri since 1984. Our family lives in St Louis (63105). I work at the Washington University School of Medicine where I am a Professor in the Department of Neuroscience. So by profession, I am a scientist, administrator and teacher. More importantly I am a parent with a daughter and son, here sharing my deep-felt conviction concerning HB 33, a bill today under discussion by the Children and Families Committee of the Missouri House that seeks to prohibit and criminalize accepted medical care for transgender youth. Everything we know about the complex issues surrounding the transgender community indicates clearly that transgender definitions involves biology, not psychology: transgender issues do not involve matters of choice. I urge you to oppose it because HB 33 works against the fundamental interests of Missouri Children and Families. I emphasize that passage of this bill would criminalize medical best practices for transgender youth. Such care is backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities. Transgender children in Missouri, like all children, have the best chance to thrive when they are supported and can receive the health care they need to mature and persevere. Health care is a right due to all individuals, and a point of strength for a community that advocates support and consideration for its families. Providing proper medical care for transgender youth is a national movement in its ascendancy because it affirms and supports their right to live in proper alignment with their self-definition. As a state, Missouri should be – and can be - in that national vanguard.As a teenager, our transgender daughter was in a vulnerable position and our family had great concerns about the future. Fortunately, she received excellent and deliberate services from a superb medical team. They assessed the situation carefully, always proceeded with respect, and worked with our family to provide the support our daughter needed to carefully consider her way forward. I remind you it is well-established that denying best practice health care and support to transgender youth is life-threatening. It contributes to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. Research shows that transgender youth whose families support their gender identity have a 52% decrease in suicidal thoughts, a 48% decrease in suicide attempts, and significant increases in self-esteem and physical and mental health. Our family's experience affirms these research conclusions that transgender youth need the medical support currently available – support built upon a broad consensus of medical best practices.Putting these proposed restrictions in statute would be incredibly harmful to the very children most in need of clear and simple affirmation. That affirmation includes the best possible medical support. Doctors would be forced to violate existing standards—standards that are endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics. This proposal could throw parents – people like me - in jail for trying to protect their family and to do what's best for their child. That is to say, this bill threatens parents with prosecution if they help their child receive best practice medical care, recommended by the child's doctor and supported by organizations like the American Medical Association. As a parent

who has faced exactly these considerations, and as an American who cherishes our nation's commitment to support family values, I direct you my representatives to work against this discriminatory and harmful legislation. Therefore, I speak out now most strongly against HB 33, and I urge you to vote against this measure. Thank you very much for your consideration. Paul H. Taghert, Ph.D., FAASProfessor of Neuroscience



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The Missouri Psychological Association wishes to oppose HB 33. Stigma associated with sexual and gender minorities is known to be associated with increases in mental illness including depression, anxiety, substance misuse, and suicide. This stigma should not follow individuals into the medical office. Research shows that when individuals are supported and affirmed in their gender identity, mental health improves and they stay engaged in mental health care for an increase in quality of life. When health care providers are able to remain objective and nonjudgmental, an individual is given the opportunity to explore and understand their own identity. Treatment should be dictated by research and evidence-based practices. At this time, the research is not there to warrant barriers to care as lined out in HB33.



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I am writing to you as a mother of a 23 year old transgender man and urge you to oppose this bill. Like many parents, my spouse and I did not take any decisions regarding our child's healthcare lightly and the decisions we made regarding his gender were no different. If this bill passes, it would criminalize us for making the very difficult decisions that we made for our child. Before beginning hormone treatment, our son was suicidal and had made a serious attempt to end his life. I am certain that if he had not been able to receive the proper, medically appropriate treatment that he did, he might not be with us today. I cannot imagine the state of Missouri taking away the rights of parents to provide appropriate care for children with heart disease, diabetes, cancer, or other serious health issues. Please do not take away the ability for parents and health care providers to provide the healthcare that so many transgender children need to survive.



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My name is Paula Brookshier. I am a resident of Manchester, MO, and a parent of a son who is transgender. I am writing to voice my strong opposition to bill HB 33. My faith is very important to me and to my family. I have been deeply involved with my church and raised our child in the faith. One of the strongest tenets of my Christian faith is the sure belief that we are all children of God, each of us uniquely made. All of us worthy and loved unconditionally by our creator. My son Chris, who was identified as female at birth, knew deep down that he wasn't really a girl from a young age but did not know how to communicate his distress. He struggled with crippling anxiety and depression and as he entered adolescence, his emotional pain became so severe that he began cutting himself because the physical pain of the lacerations would momentarily alleviate his emotional pain. His father and I were worried sick and even though we worked closely with his pediatrician, school counselor, and therapist, nothing seemed to help. At age 16, he attempted suicide and was hospitalized. One night soon after his release from the hospital, he came to my room in the middle of the night and through a torrent of tears, told me that he was transgender. With the weight of that secret information alleviated, he felt a bit better. His father and I, on the other hand, felt woefully inadequate to deal with this information but we set out to educate ourselves so that we could get help for our hurting child. We immediately told this news to our pediatrician, who recommended a therapist who specialized in gender identity issues and he began to see her regularly. After many sessions, she recommended a pediatric endocrinologist. The endocrinologist talked to Chris at length on several occasions, going over the pros and cons, the side effects, and long term effects of hormone treatment, and after several visits, recommended hormone therapy. This doctor did not make this recommendation quickly or easily. Chris' father and I did not make our decision easily either. We agonized over what to do. We saw first hand the unbearable pain that our child was in and, after much prayer, research, and more consultations with Chris' pediatrician, therapist, and pediatric endocrinologist, made the decision to allow Chris to begin hormone treatment so that he could live his life authentically as a male. While a student at Parkway South High School, a very large school, Chris, a 16 year old, known to everyone as a female, changed his name, and began dressing and living as a male. His bravery makes my heart stop. Think about the taunts and the stress he endured simply by being who he knew he was born to be. But taunts and embarrassment are but a few of the indignities that transgender people face daily as they live authentically. Chris is now 23. He has friends, a job, and his own place. His father and I know that we made the right decisions about his healthcare. I am horrified to think what would have happened if the state of Missouri had taken this decision from us and cannot understand why state lawmakers believe that the government has the right to overrule medical decisions that parents make for their children. Would the state take away the ability of parents to provide life saving treatments for their children who have heart disease, cancer, or diabetes? Of course not. The very idea is preposterous. So, I have to wonder why these particular

decisions are any different. If this bill passes, children will suffer enormous harm. Parents such as myself and my husband would face criminal prosecution simply for providing our child life-saving treatment. Pediatricians, endocrinologists, and therapists would have their licenses revoked for following the recommendations of the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics and doing their best to take care of their patients. Chris is a child of God, made in God's image. I have heard people of faith say that since God gave Chris physical characteristics of a female that it is disrespectful to God or unfaithful to make changes to God's creation. And yet, the same people celebrate the miracles of heart surgeries and cancer treatments that save children's lives. Hormone treatment saved our son's life and I give thanks to God for that. I thank you for the opportunity to share my family's story and implore you to vote NO on this harmful, dangerous bill.

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To the Children and Families Committee, My name is Ramya Ramadas and I am a 4th year medical student and future pediatrician at the University of Missouri, Columbia. I am writing this testimony in strong opposition of HB 33. This bill does not consider the independent healthcare decision making capacity of children who are transgender and their families, does not align with best evidence-based practices recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics, would put the mental and physical health of transgender youth at risk, and would criminalize healthcare professionals and parents for doing their jobs. During medical school, I have been privileged to work with people and children who identify as transgender in a healthcare setting. Working with physicians and youth who seek gender-affirming care, I have seen the extremely nuanced best practices used to make sure these youth have equitable healthcare like their cisgender friends. Traditionally, the medical institution has been extremely discriminatory against these individuals, putting up barriers to access and receive evidence-based, quality healthcare. This bill and others currently in the Senate would reinforce those discriminatory practices and deny basic human rights to children who identify as transgender. In addition, we know that these barriers are compounded for transgender individuals who are Black and Brown. For example, we know that Black transgender women and femmes experience higher rates of violence, unemployment, and housing insecurity, this bill would perpetuate systemic/individual racism in the medical institution against children and their families that are trying to seek evidence-based care. Finally, this bill takes away parent and children autonomy to make decisions about their own health with their healthcare professionals. This legislation would put the lives of transgender youth at risk, as denying healthcare and support has been shown to increase rates of depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and self-harm. Thank you for your time and consideration. Again, I strongly oppose HB 33 as it is not evidence-based; it is discriminatory; and it does not allow basic human rights and freedom to children, families, and their healthcare professionals making decisions about their own health.





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My name is Rebecca Easton. I live in Columbia, Missouri and I am submitting this written testimony in opposition to HB 33. I am a mother to two wonderful teenage daughters - one of whom is transgender. I have been the parent that has seen the pain in their child's eyes as they struggle with gender dysphoria. I have also been the parent that has seen a light in their child's eye when they feel heard, recognized and when they finally feel more like themselves after receiving inclusive healthcare that included hormone blockers and later hormone replacement therapy. Gender-affirming therapies have been so important for my daughter. She is happier and less withdrawn. I am very grateful that she has had access to such inclusive medical care. I often wonder if she would still be with us without them because she was so very unhappy prior to receiving treatment. One of the hardest things you can ever hear as a parent is that your child is struggling so much that they have considered taking their own life. No parent should ever have to hear that fear and pain. No child should have to live with that fear and pain when there are treatments available that can help them. Being the parent of a transgender child is often a challenge. There is so much worry - worry about their future, worry about discrimination, worry that others will not accept them for who they are. I am asking you to not make the lives of transgender children and their parents harder by causing them additional worries that they will no longer be able to access necessary and medically recommended gender-affirming healthcare. Parents and healthcare providers are doing our best to support our transgender kids. The medical decisions being made are not being made without a great deal of research and careful consideration. There are standards of care provided by the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics that are used to help guide parents and providers through decisions that are never easy. These are private healthcare decisions that are best left made by those involved and not politicians. Criminalizing parents and healthcare providers for providing often life-saving care goes against the values we should all uphold as Missourians. Denying best practice health care and support to transgender youth can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. There are serious risks to our children should HB 33 be passed. I am asking you to please vote 'no' on HB 33. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to testify.



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I am a mother of teenagers from Columbia MO. I oppose HB 33 because it goes against the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics. It removes the ability for children to receive lifesaving care that allows them to put off puberty in response to dysphoria that can lead to suicide. Children's lives are worth more than politics and political grandstanding. I know a girl who's transition allowed her to become a vibrant, involved student at our high school. Before transitioning, she was withdrawn and miserable. The understanding of her parents and medical providers allowed her not only to survive, but to blossom into a happy, engaged student. Denying this care will cause children to suffer and possibly die. This bill puts children at risk in contradiction to AAP recommendations, and it also takes away individual freedom from families, by limiting their choices. Denying families the right to this life-saving care puts children at risk of depression, social isolation, self-harm and even suicide. Please don't do this to some of Missouri's most vulnerable children. Please vote against HB 33. Thank you for reading my comments.



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Hello. My name is Rebecca Throm. I live in Rolla, MO. I oppose the proposed bill HB 33. This proposed bill affects me directly because I am the loving mother of a nearly 15 year old transgender male named Kyler. If this bill were to pass, my family is planning on moving out of the state in order to ensure my son's continued access to lifesaving treatment. I am not a criminal for wanting to do what medical professionals say is in my son's best interests. Kyler needs the help of your vote today in opposition of this bill to have the freedom to be the person he KNOWS he was born to be. He is backed by medical professionals that say gender affirming treatment is in his best interest to live a long and happy life. Denying best practice medical care and support to transgender youth can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, risk of self-harm and thoughts of suicide. Research shows that transgender youth whose families support their gender identity have a 52% decrease in suicidal thoughts, a 48% decrease in suicide attempts, and significant increases in self-esteem and general health. This bill would punish those supportive families. Parents would have to choose between the possibility of government prosecution and supporting the health and well-being of their transgender child. Parents, patients, and medical professionals, not politicians, should decide what medical care is in the best interest of all youth. I strongly urge you to please vote against the proposed bill HB 33. Thank you very much for your time.



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My name is Rebecca Zingarelli and I live in Ballwin, MO. I am here today to voice my opposition to HB 33. I was born in St. Louis as a proud Missourian. When I was young, my parents had to relocate outside the state for my mom's job, but I always saw Missouri as my home. In 2019, when the opportunity presented itself, I jumped at the chance to move my family back to the St. Louis area. I was thrilled to be living again in a place where I have so much family. I couldn't wait to introduce my family to the familiar places from my childhood that I spent so much at, such as The Magic House, Grant's Farm, and camping at Bennett Springs State Park, trying to catch that prize winning trout. However, my dream to raise my family in the place I've always considered home is in jeopardy. If HB 33 is passed, we will have no choice but to leave my home, to leave Missouri. We have an 11-year-old trans daughter. While she does not currently require medical treatment, she will soon. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor with specialized training in youth suicide prevention with a focus on marginalized populations. One of the most effective ways to decrease both lethal and non-lethal suicide attempts in trans children is to accept them for who they are, use proper pronouns, and affirm their gender, which includes gender affirming medical treatment. When trans youth are accepted and have access to what they need, they flourish, making their communities healthier and happier places to live for everyone. When medical treatment is withheld, trans youth struggle to imagine themselves in their own future. My own daughter has told me that she would be distraught if she were to start growing facial hair or hear her voice deepen. If she will go through male puberty, I fear the mental health repercussions would be so great, that we would leave the state before subjecting her to face them. Voting against HB 33 will literally be saving the lives of Missouri children. I urge you to vote against HB 33. Thank you for your time.



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Puberty is irreversible. Use of puberty blockers is completely reversible by simply stopping their use. Going through puberty is hard enough when you identify fully as the gender you were assigned at birth; but it can be devastating and even fatal for those who are nonbinary or trans gender. All studies show that affirming medical intervention is life saving and leads to better mental health outcomes for trans youth. If you pass this Bill you will have the blood of youth on your hands. Scripture tells us that it is the responsibility of those in authority to care for those who have no power. I urge you to protect trans children and youth from the devastating harm this Bill will cause. As a fifty-one year old non-binary trans woman I can tell you personally that puberty blockers would have improved my life as a teen and young adult immeasurably. I have survived, but I hate my masculinized body and voice every day. You have the chance to make kids lives better or unimaginably worse do the right thing and kill this bad bill.



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I am writing to oppose HB 33. As a Licensed Professional Counselor, this bill appears to prohibit me from providing necessary mental health services at a psychiatric hospital or in private practice. If a child comes for mental health services and that child identifies as transgender, it is my responsibility to support this child and their family members. Specifically, I have seen several kids who have self-harmed or attempted suicide due to being shunned, shamed, and verbally abused by others. As a therapist, I cannot and will not join in with this type of behavior, because to do so would inevitably lead to additional damage to the person's psyche. I believe that there are two main forces underlying this bill: one is fear, and the other is ignorance. Together, these two forces have resulted in poor decisions being made that brought harm to individuals and societies throughout history. This bill would create a similarly harmful, damaging policy for transgender youth. Decisions related to gender reassignment belong with kids and their caretakers, not the State. This bill would be infringing on their rights to make those decisions, and to seek out medical services as a result of their decisions. Thank-you for allowing me to submit my testimony on this important topic.



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**I stand in opposition as the gov should not dictate medical care. Ever.**





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As a genetic counselor I have cared for many children who are born with ambiguous genitalia or who is genitalia do not match their "genetic sex." These conditions are emotionally fraught for parents and many times a clear path to treatment is not known in the first days, weeks or even months of life. Research has shown that choosing a surgical or hormonal treatment before the child is able to give consent and articulate a preferred gender can often backfire as the child is not comfortable with the assigned gender and then has to undergo more procedures when they are older. As I'm sure you can imagine these experiences are devastating and extremely difficult for families, children and for their providers. I would only ask that you allow physicians and parents in consultation with their children to make their medical decisions free of government oversight. I understand this bill has been introduced in order to prevent minors from undergoing operations when they identify as trans sexual. I believe there are many unintended consequences to this bill that are counterintuitive to being pro life in all its forms. Respectfully, Robin Troxell Genetic Counselor



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My name is Rori Picker Neiss and I work as a Rabbi, serve as Executive Director of the Jewish Community Relations Council, and speak as a representative of our Jewish community that voted just last November to affirm its full commitment to promote and implement complete equality, inclusion and acceptance of people regardless of gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation. Much more than that, though, I speak as a mother of a 9-year-old boy who was identified female at birth. I have to believe with my whole heart that members of this Committee care deeply about families. The work that you do is not easy, it is often thankless, and you do it out of a profound sense of service to the people of your communities and this state. Perhaps even a sense of love and devotion. The knowledge that through this work, you can make people's lives better. And so I hope you hear me when I say, without exaggeration, that if the Missouri legislature passes this bill, my son could die. From the moment my son first told his first grade teacher that he was a boy, my son has been embraced, supported, and loved; until we arrived in Jefferson City. It is from this very body that he has had to learn that there are people in this world who do not like him simply because of the person he knows himself to be, people who are scared of him, people who want to discriminate against him, people who want to stop him from being able to live his life fully as the third grade boy that he is. And that alone should be enough to break all of our hearts. Though we have worked hard to support our son, this journey has not been an easy one for my husband and I. As you might imagine, there has been a lot of anxiety, a lot of fear, and a lot of sleepless nights. We wonder how our young child can truly know something as massive as choosing his own gender. We are terrified about making the wrong choice. It is for that very reason that we work so closely with a team of people who are supporting us. We have a pediatrician who knows about our journey and who is discussing with us all of our options. We have a therapist who meets with our son every other week, and who gives me comfort in knowing that there is an objective third-party who can evaluate his understanding and his emotional well-being. My husband and I each have our own individual therapists who provide us with support. We are heavily involved in our faith community and look to numerous rabbis for their guidance. My son is too young for any of the interventions that these bills discuss. But when he does reach that age, I know with confidence that any decisions that we make will be made with consultation of a team of qualified, caring, and compassionate individuals who are on this journey alongside us. These bills take that choice away from my family. They place the government into the role of making the decisions of vital healthcare for a boy it has never met. I understand the concerns that arise from the thought of minors under 18 making these life-altering decisions for themselves before they are legally allowed to vote and even drive. I share those same concerns. Which is why this medical care is more important than ever. Hormone blockers allow us to postpone puberty so that my son does not have to make the choice to start on testosterone to avoid menstruation at the age of 10 or 11, but can wait until 15 or 16 before he has to make that choice-- which gives me far more peace of mind. Hormone blockers are proven to be

safe and reversible. If he should decide that he does not want to go through male puberty, he can stop taking the hormone blockers and his body will create a natural female puberty. Hormone replacement therapy is also reversible. Even once he begins the testosterone treatments, he can choose to stop the treatments and reverse the effects. These treatments prevent him from having to go through a menstrual cycle which can lead to gender dysphoria that can cause self-harm including cutting and even attempts at suicide. These treatments also prevent him from growing breasts, which is an awkward enough experience for a young girl and I can only imagine a debilitatingly traumatic one for a young boy. And not growing breasts prevents him from needing to choose to undergo therapy after the age of 18-- a far more invasive and dangerous procedure than the hormone therapies. I believe that these life-altering procedures should be regulated-- and they are. No family is accessing hormone blockers, hormone replacement treatment, or surgery without intense consultations with highly qualified medical professionals. This bill not only does not protect our children, but they further endanger their lives. I urge you to vote no on HB 33.



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My name is Sam Martin, and I'm a transgender woman living in Columbia, Missouri. I'm writing this testimony in opposition of HB 33. In the weeks preceding the rise of COVID in the United States last year, I attended the readings of HB 1721 and 2051, representing Mizzou Oasis as its then-vice-president. These bills attempted to bring about the same effect as HB 33: criminalize the parents and providers of transgender children looking to begin their transition before age 18. According to the house.mo.gov site that has archived these bills, HB 1721 has identical wording to 33, and was sponsored by the same person, Suzie Pollock, who sponsored 2051. With this repetition of purpose and involved parties in mind, I will direct my testimony in a summary rebuttal of the points provided in HB 33, as I and many transgender people and allies did a year ago. In order of appearance in the wording of the bill: it would seem Suzie Pollock has forgotten the points that were raised regarding the type of medical care for transgender children supported by representatives of the American Academy of Pediatrics, so I will reiterate them. Puberty blockers are harmless to children under 18, the veracity of which is supported by both The Endocrine Society and the World Professional Association for Transgender Health and U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Puberty blockers, as is suggested in the name, simply put a pause on a child's natural progression of puberty, and can be maintained up until 18, when they are eligible for hormone replacement therapy (HRT). This process is fully reversible, should the child decide to halt the administration of their blockers. There is no extant evidence that would suggest that the administration of puberty blockers has any long term, negative side effects, and I would conclude that there is no need to restrict puberty blocker access to transgender children, outside of the apparent desire to restrict the agency of transgender children and impede their quality of life. In regards to the "... surgical treatment" listed in HB 33, there simply are no recorded gender-affirming surgeries (GAS) being carried out for transgender children. The St. Louis Children's Hospital, for instance, not only restricts applicants for these surgeries to people over 18, but also lists on their web page discussing gender-affirming surgeries that most insurance companies within the state that do cover GAS will not allow coverage for minors. I will conclude, in the deficiency of data to the contrary, that there is no risk of transgender children or their families pursuing GAS. During the hearings for HBs 1721 and 2051, during the extensive oppositional testimonies from transgender Missourians and their allies from all corners of our state, I still remember the pain and vulnerability that was on display in that meeting room. Scores of residents -- some parents of transgender children, some with transgender individuals in their close circles, some transgender themselves -- told the committee about the impact that early availability of gender-affirming medical options would have, or would have had, in their lives. Some told the committee about how their children are thriving as a direct result of the access they have to puberty blockers as they grew into adults, while others opened up about how, if this sort of access was available to them when they were children, that they would have grown up without having tried to kill themselves. I remember these

testimonies well; dear members of the committee, do you remember? Were you there that night, after making us wait for seven hours beyond our scheduled time to testify, steeping in the collective trauma of a demographic of people having to sit and watch as their livelihoods be debated away by individuals in our state? I was. I will conclude with my direct feelings on the matter, without rationalizing my position with references. The fact alone that HB 33, a bill identical to one submitted for hearing exactly a year ago, is already insulting. It's insulting that anyone, let alone me as a transgender woman, should have to allow malicious, paranoid, and misinformed people space to tell anyone about how what little legal security they have is a danger to society. That decorum for those who wish to tear down the meager safety minorities have in legislature should be maintained in the presence of bald-faced oppression physically sickens me. The fact, however, that Suzie Pollock has returned from last year to draft an identical bill to HB 1721, which was heard directly alongside her own, is simply a disappointment. She learned nothing after a year of contemplation over the events of March 3rd, 2020, and has resurfaced this same trauma for all transgender people in our state in the pursuit of furthering her agenda. It's times like these where I reflect on the wisdom of a trans elder in my life: justice doesn't feel good. Justice isn't one particular outcome, or one particular action taken against an oppressive system. Justice is a constant, conscious series of actions, undertaken with the knowledge that progress today is liable to be revoked tomorrow and that more work is always on the horizon. Seeking justice isn't fun; it's just the right thing to do. It's a lifelong pursuit that wears us down and disillusion us. Members of the committee, I am exhausted. So yes, dear members of the committee, as a representative of myself and my loved ones, I do call for HB 33 to be opposed, and I will return to do for any bills similar or adjacent to it. I submit my opposition for HB 33 so that the next time I am called to oppose anti-trans legislation in the future, that it won't be the same threats resurfacing year after year in the name of partisan antagonism. Thank you, members of the committee, for your time reading this.



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Hello, My name is Samantha Jones, and I am a member of the LGBTQ community. I live in Columbia, Missouri. I oppose HB33. Access to personal and best practice health care is essential. Especially to me. As a woman, and as a person there have been instances where I have been denied health care options. I have struggled to get good best practice health care as a bisexual woman, and it took me years to find a doctor that I could trust and discuss my health with. Having a doctor who understands my needs and can give me the most quality care has improved my life significantly. Without that trust I would have forgone several important health check-ups. Access to regular and best practice healthcare is something that every single human being should have. My step-son is trans, and began his transition in his early teens. Having the support of doctors and family helped him thrive and survive some of the worst that puberty has to offer. Criminalizing access to the practices that are backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities would have made it impossible for him to live his best life. This bill ignores scientific fact, and criminalizes best practices in the Medical Field based on the incorrect beliefs of a few. Best practice medical care for transgender youth simply delays puberty until young people are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. This bill aims to take away their choices and tries to prevent them from having the chance to live as the person they know they are inside. No one should have a policy come between them and their access to quality healthcare or their ability to live a full quality life. The Transgender community is already extremely vulnerable. It is cruel and unusual to deny them quality medical care. This legislation would put the lives and well-being of transgender youth at risk. Denying best practice health care and support to transgender youth can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. Lack of care and access here can lead to mistrust of the medical field in the future which leads to health problems that are preventable. This bill is a clear harm to Missourians. If the state is allowed to make best practices which are medically and scientifically sound in favor of a few then the very value of science and fact are undermined by people who just do not like it, and paves the way for further discrimination in our communities. Discrimination under any circumstances is unacceptable as a political and social policy. To discriminate with health care is deadly. It is not the place of the state to determine access to healthcare and best medical practices, other than to make sure that access is available to everyone who needs it. I ask you to vote against HB 33 as it causes significantly more harm than good. Thank you to the committee for your time.



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I am a medical student and I am writing to express my opposition of this bill. Passage of this bill would criminalize care for transgender youth that is backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities. Transgender children, like any child, have the best chance to thrive when they are supported and can get the health care they need. Best practice medical care for transgender youth simply delays puberty until young people are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. This bill aims to take away their choices and tries to prevent them from having the chance to live as the person they know they are inside. This legislation would put the lives and well-being of transgender youth at risk. Denying best practice health care and support to transgender youth can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. As an aspiring pediatrician, passage of this bill has the potential to negatively impact some of my future patients and I cannot support something that has the potential to affect the well-being and physical safety of children.



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Dear Honorable Committee Members, My name is Sara Schmidt and I'm from Arnold, MO. I'm a parent and volunteer with organizations like 4-H and local homeschool groups. I'm asking you to join me in opposing HB 33. This bill would put the lives of our young people at risk by banning life-saving, medically necessary procedures for transgender youth. This bill would enact criminal penalties against medical professionals and parents who are only trying to support and celebrate trans youth. Mainstream medical associations like the American Academy of Pediatrics back these doctors' practices and know that this healthcare is life-saving for many youth. Trans kids are among our most vulnerable citizens and we need to provide them with life-affirming healthcare to support their needs. Doctors know how to do this best. As a parent who has relied on medically necessary procedures to save both my life as well as my infant's after a harrowing pregnancy, I know how important it is to listen to doctors. Trans youth have teams of doctors to determine their needs and which procedures and medications are medically necessary. I'll forever be grateful to the team of doctors who saved our lives and know that every child and teen deserves such a team looking out for them. We need to trust doctors who save lives, not penalize them. Please oppose HB 33 and save the lives of trans youth who depend on knowledgeable, skilled teams of doctors to make the best decisions for their healthcare. Thank you.



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Hello, my name is Sara Christensen, I live in St. Charles, MO and I am the mother of a transgender child. The content and intention of this bill will affect me and my family directly, and in an extraordinarily bad way. Blocking individuals, regardless of their age, from receiving the health treatment that they need to live their best life is a terrible thing to do. Passing this bill is a huge step backward in the protection of our children and families, not a step forward! Blocking this type of care from transgender youth is a way of destroying our youth, and not one that I want to believe this state, which I have lived in my whole life, would want to take part in nor be proud of taking.



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Dear Honorable Committee Members, My name is Sara Schmidt and I'm from Arnold, MO. I'm a parent and volunteer with organizations like 4-H and local homeschool groups. I'm asking you to join me in opposing HB 33. This bill would put the lives of our young people at risk by banning life-saving, medically necessary procedures for transgender youth. As a parent who has relied on medically necessary procedures to save both my life as well as my infant's after a harrowing pregnancy, I know how important it is to listen to doctors. I'll forever be grateful to the team of doctors who saved our lives and know that every child and teen deserves such a team looking out for them. We need to trust doctors who save lives, not penalize them. Transgender youth deserve the same level of quality, attentive, and personalized care that my child and I received. We had a whole team of well-trained professionals who put our needs first, no questions asked. My baby received excellent, life-saving care. To imagine my baby growing up unable to receive the same level of quality, personalized care is unconscionable. I want my child to receive excellent lifelong care because every child deserves it. This bill would enact criminal penalties against medical professionals and parents who are only trying to support and celebrate trans youth. Mainstream medical associations like the American Academy of Pediatrics back these doctors' practices and know that this healthcare is life-saving for many youth. Trans kids are among our most vulnerable citizens and we need to provide them with life-affirming healthcare to support their needs. Doctors know how to do this best. Please oppose HB 33 and save the lives of trans youth who depend on knowledgeable, skilled teams of doctors to make the best decisions for their healthcare. Thank you, Sara Schmidt



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Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri opposes Rep. Pollock's House Bill 33, which undermines life-saving, medically necessary health care for transgender young people. This bill ignores best practices backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other mainstream medical associations. It penalizes health care professionals and parents for doing exactly what they should be doing: making decisions together that help affirm, celebrate, and save the lives of some of our most vulnerable young people. This health care ban will not help anyone. In fact, it is actively harmful. Instead of holding hearings on bills that target transgender young people, we urge the committee to focus on supporting these young people and ensuring all Missourians have access to the health care they need.



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**This is a clearly discriminatory bill that would result in significant emotional and mental harm to those affected children. This population of children is already at an increased risk for suicide. This bill would in all probability lead to a spike in deaths by suicide.**





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I write to oppose HB 33, the bill that would deny life-saving best practice medical treatment to certain vulnerable children. There is a widespread belief that gender identity is a choice. If it's a choice, then a choice disfavored by the state may be discouraged or punished. Furthermore, the sex recorded on my birth certificate is "biological," because it's based on obvious anatomical markers. Gender identity as I report it isn't "biological" at all: it's subjective, it's psychological, it's all in my head. If my birth certificate and my gender identity disagree, then my birth certificate is right, and I'm wrong. Those beliefs are false. Gender identity is just as biological as genital anatomy. In fact it is reflected in anatomy, but the relevant anatomy isn't as visible as the genitalia. It is indeed all in the head, literally, because it is in the brain. There are anatomical differences between the brains of people who are transgender and those who are not. I discuss these findings at greater length in an attachment that I am emailing to you, delving into some of the biological roots of sexuality, including neuroanatomy. I am sending it as a separate document because it includes hyperlinks that your online submission form appears not to accommodate. Please retain this document in the record as a supplement to my written testimony, if your system and procedures can do so. I am also sending another, more personal document about the experience of someone close to me. I don't want to place this information in the public record because it's not about me, and I don't have permission to disclose it publicly. I am qualified to evaluate this science. I hold an earned doctorate in Neuroscience from Washington University, and I have published multiple papers in the peer-reviewed literature, mostly in the realm of neuroanatomy. I have tried to make this material as accessible as possible to an audience of intelligent non-scientists, but it still won't be an easy read. While being transgender apparently has a biological basis, we can't see that basis in a living subject. We can't see the anatomical differences with a CAT scan or an MRI scan because the relevant nuclei are too small and the differences too subtle. The studies are based on autopsy material. As a result, there is no lab test, no blood test, no urine test that can definitely tell anyone: yeah, you're transgender. That determination must be based on behavior and subjective reporting. It's fuzzy. In children especially, sexuality can be fluid. It is precisely because of that fuzziness that puberty blockers in particular are so useful. They allow children, their families, and their physicians to defer the irreversible changes of puberty until everyone involved has had more time to make an informed and carefully considered decision. A recent study found that, among children who wanted puberty blockers, the children who received them experienced fewer suicidal thoughts and made fewer suicide attempts than the children who didn't. Because it was a retrospective study, the ones who successfully committed suicide could not be included. The treatment of putatively transgender children is not a simple matter. Such medical decisions should be made by the patients, their families, and their physicians according to individual circumstances and accepted best practice. HB 33 would impose a single, rigid, one-size-fits-all decision regardless of patient preference, medical judgment, individual circumstance, or standards of best practice. That decision would have

been made by a remote body of legislators, few of them with any medical or scientific training, probably none of them transgender themselves or otherwise knowledgeable about transgender issues, on behalf of patients they will never meet or know anything about, many of them yet unborn. Such a result would be ludicrous if the consequences weren't certain to be tragic.



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Hello, My name is Sean Connors and I live in St. Joseph, MO. I oppose HB 33. I am the proud single gay father of three cis-gendered, straight (now adult) kids. Although I have not had to deal with a child being transgender, I have raised my three kids through all of the trials and tribulations that go with growing up. I can only imagine that if one or more of my kids struggled with their gender identity and working with their doctor, we all came to the agreement that they should start the process of transitioning genders, that it could be illegal. I am a clinically obese person and have been all of my life. I have dieted, exercised, gone through Lap-Band surgery, had a revision 12 years later, and in 2018 had Gastric Bypass surgery. Just like people going through gender dysphoria, your mind/soul/spirit does not match your body. There were many activities that I had to accomplish before I could even talk about surgery. Counseling, trying various prescribed medicines, many doctor visits, and then as a last resort, I was given the opportunity for surgery. Below is a link to a WebMD article that describes a typical process for people transitioning. I think it's a good picture of everything a person goes through before having surgery. Please do not for this bill. There are too many stages that a person has to go through before surgery can even happen and it will most likely be into adulthood after everything has been completed. Changing Genders: How It's Done (webmd.com)  
<https://www.webmd.com/sex/news/20150422/transgender-homomes-surgery> Thank you for your time and attention. Sean Connors St. Joseph, MO



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Committee Members, I am a School Psychologist who served students enrolled in K-12th in St. Louis and Jefferson Counties for seven years. I am also a member of the National Association of School Psychologist (NASP). I am submitting my statement in opposition to HB 33 and am especially upset by the lies being told by the authors of this amendment. I strongly encourage you to listen to the education professionals and the mental and medical health care providers who know these kids. The testimony thus far has included the accusations that doctors are simply trying to scare parents with the threat of their child committing suicide if they do not have access to gender-affirming care. The doctors are just stating the facts. The Missouri Institute of Health reports that LGBTQ+ students in Missouri are 5 times more likely to have a suicide attempt. This rate is higher for children who are transgender. While the physicians know the data on the rates of self-harm and suicide among transgender students, it is school counselors and teachers and school psychologist who are on the front lines and live this truth. There is a reason education organizations like the NEA and NASP have policies in support of gender affirming practices. Gender affirming practices, which include supports for social and medical transitions, do save lives, but they also impact academic achievement, truancy, and graduation rates. Anything else does harm. This legislation is not only based on lies about gender-affirming care and harmful to the children who are seeking medical care, but it is especially harmful to the many children who have not told anyone yet that they are transgender. These children may not be safe at home and are already feeling hopeless and scared. These children see you. They hear you. Your words and actions are doing so much damage to these young people. The children who are supported by their parents and doctors are the lucky ones. The children who are still hidden are the ones we are at greatest risk of losing. It is apparent that you want to vilify the doctors who help these kids, but you will also have to contend with the educators who see these children on a regular basis and who frequently enter the school building each morning with the hope that all the students return safely. Respectfully submitted, ~ Shannon E. Davis, Ed.S.



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My name is Tobi Coffee from Columbia, MO. I am a gender queer adult who has experience working with LGBTQ youth here in Boone County. I oppose this bill as it puts in danger the physical and psychological well being of trans and gender queer Missouri youth and future voters. Gender affirmation and comprehensive Health Care is a right and a necessity for folks regardless of their gender, identity or age. Among the youth I have had the pleasure of working with, I have seen the effects of both access and restrictions to equitable medical care. I have seen a thirteen year old trans girl blossom, stop self harming, and begin reengaging in her life and communities when she began hormone therapy and her physical body began to match who she knew herself to be on the inside. This bill is an over reach of the state into what are family issues to be decided by the parent(s) or guardian(s) and qualified medical practitioners. Criminalizing parents for acting in the best interest of their children is an over reach of the state. This bill will add to the already devastating social and financial costs associated with the potential treatments and interventions both medical and psychological that result when individuals are unable to access the care they deserve and in many cases desperately need. The right to self determination applies to trans and queer youth. I know all too well the difficulty of being gender non conforming, of having to choose between the indignity of being called by the wrong name and pronouns while receiving routine and emergency care. It can be an overwhelming additional stress. The statistics are clear that trans youth and trans/gender variant adults avoid medical care for already present discrimination, ignorance, and mistreatment on behalf of medical services both private and federal/state. I'm writing to urge you to stand up for Missouri youth and vote NO on this bill which only furthers the prejudice exacted amongst our children. Thank you for your time.



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I am a licensed psychologist currently working at the University of Missouri Student Health and WellBeing Center. Everyone deserves access to comprehensive, best practice healthcare. These bills criminalize medical best practices for transgender youth; care that is backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities. Transgender children, like any child, have the best chance to thrive when they are supported and can get the health care they need. Best practice medical care for transgender youth simply delays puberty until young people are old enough to make their own decisions about their lived gender. This bill aims to take away their choices and tries to prevent them from having the chance to live as the person they know they are inside. This legislation would put the lives and well-being of transgender youth at risk. Denying best practice health care and support to transgender youth can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. Please don't pass legislation that will not only deny transgender people best practice medical care but will essentially be putting the lives of many of these children at risk.



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My name is Sophie Mendelson and I live in St. Louis, Missouri. I oppose HB 33. Denying trans youth comprehensive, best practice healthcare (practices that are recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities) denies these young people the support that they need to live healthy, safe lives. It also denies them the opportunity to become the authority on their own personhood and bodily autonomy - the very thing that growing up is supposed to mean. As someone living with a mental health condition, I have had the experience of not being believed by the adults in my life, as well as medical professions who were supposed to help me. Their refusal to believe me about my own emotional and physical state led to delayed care, as well as mistrust in the institutions and people who have the resources to provide me with care. It is critical that trans youth be able to access medical care that is life-affirming in every dimension. This legislation would put the lives and well-being of transgender youth at risk. Denying best practice health care and support to transgender youth can be life-threatening. It has been shown to contribute to depression, social isolation, self-hatred, and risk of self-harm and suicidal behavior. In my experience volunteering with an LGBTQ+ youth support group, I know firsthand just how intensely these youth do experience these outcomes as a direct result of the harm caused them by legislation that does not deign to treat them as full human beings. I am asking Missouri lawmakers to vote AGAINST HB 33. I would like to thank the committee for reading my testimony.





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My name is Stephanie Ross and I live in Lebanon, the home of the sponsor of this bill, Rep. Pollock. I wish to thank all of the committee members here for allowing me the opportunity to speak with you. This topic is one that is near and dear to my heart. And so I humbly come before you seeking to reason together with you, not as someone who has a vast amount of knowledge, as I am sure that some of those who have or will speak to you today have. Rather, all I can do is to relate my hard earned wisdom as one who walked in both your shoes, as well as in the shoes of these youth to which you will be the arbiter of their lives. Please allow me to explain why I am opposed to HB 33. Let me be straightforward and blunt for just a moment: being Transgender is not something that is "popular", "chic", or "glamorous". This is not some sort of fad that is here today and will be gone tomorrow. For many Transgender people, both adults and youth, this is downright terrifying; a living nightmare that we can never wake up from. Being transgender is to be hated by the vast majority of people in this country, and especially in this state. It is worrying if you will come back unharmed, or even alive, once you leave the safety of your home. And for many Transgender people, even our homes are not safe places. As the Psalmist wrote, "They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head; they that would cut me off, being mine enemies wrongfully, are many". Living in Lebanon, I have had people physically threaten me over the internet, spit at me, hurl all sorts of insults and curses at me, and throw things at me in public. I routinely am stared at, and even misgendered, whether purposely or not. Some people will avoid me like the plague, even covering the eyes of their children or pulling them close to themselves. Being Transgender is like walking around with the Scarlet letter, the plague, or even leprosy. Although we are human beings, we are treated by some as not even human, to be mocked, and to be driven away one way or the other. Now for a little background on myself. My father and several uncles were preachers. My grandfather, several uncles, and many cousins were elders, and several of my cousins were missionaries, pastors, evangelists, and Bible teachers. One of my cousins is a Church Historian at the Headquarters of the Assembly of God in Springfield right now, while other cousins helped found Baptist Bible College in Springfield, where many still attend today. I myself was a Preacher, Pastor, and a Messianic Jewish Rabbi. I have cousins who are also Jewish Rabbi's. To the best of my knowledge, with the exception of my paternal grandfather and a few cousins, everyone else in my family are staunch Republicans. I knew from as far back as I can remember that I was a girl. However, my father expected me to follow in the family business and become a minister. I did not even know what Gender Reassignment Surgery was until I was 14 years old and learned about it on a daytime talk show. By that age, I had been saved and baptized, on December 26, 1982, began preaching, song/worship leader, and youth minister. I was old enough to be passed the age of accountability and to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. So when I asked to have the gender reassignment surgery at the age of 14, I was told that I was too young, my brain had not developed enough yet, and that since I was born into a male's body, then God

wanted me to be that way because God does not make mistakes. I believed in Jesus just as much as I believed that I was a girl. To make things simple and easy to understand, the definition of believe, the word I just used twice, is not the one found in Webster's or the Oxford Dictionary, but is this: "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Now that comes from Hebrews 11:1 out of my beloved King James Version. Now instead of the word substance, I could have used assurance, confidence, or reality because the Biblical Greek word *Hupostasis*, means under legal-standing. My father mixed politics and religion all the way back to 1980 and Ronald Reagan's presidential run. So if my father preached it, then I was preaching it. My identity, however, was a source of great consternation for me, as, like I said previously, I believed in both Jesus and my being a girl, but to preach, only male's could do that, and not only was my father preaching that homosexuality and transgenderism were abominations and those who practiced wickedness were abominations, but my whole family preached and taught that, my religious teachers and mentors taught that, and I taught that. Now, granted, most Transgender youth are not preachers kids nor do they become preachers themselves, but even I tried to commit suicide multiple times. I never could completely follow through with it because of my fear of hellfire. But I knew from a young age that I was not loved for who I was, but rather for being a legacy child and a Preacher. I understood that I really was hated by not only my parents but also by family members. I cannot stress hard enough that children, even 5 year olds and younger, know what love is and know when they are not loved. Now I want to stop here and discuss something with you. Gender dysphoria is defined as "clinically significant distress or impairment related to a strong desire to be of another gender, which may include desire to change primary and/or secondary sex characteristics. Not all transgender or gender diverse people experience dysphoria." Here in the State of Missouri, according to the National Institutes of Health, "close to 223,000 adults live with serious mental illnesses and about 65,000 children live with serious mental health conditions. Missouri ranks forty-fourth on a mental health quality-of-life indicator." Further, we also have a skyrocketing problem with homelessness, and for far too many Transgender Youth, they end up on the streets, homeless, and unwanted. Since those that are homeless, be their adults or youth, are more likely to have substance abuse problems as well as mental health issues, this bill seems counterintuitive. We are failing already to meet the needs of the population that we know have a mental illness. Gender dysphoria is a mental illness, but, just as many other mental illnesses, it is treatable, both with behavioural therapy as well as with medical treatment. By stigmatizing Transgender youth, and taking away access to medical care and even to outlets such as athletics, what you are doing is trying to pretend like transgender youths do not exist and thus either attempting to sweep them under the rug or push them back in the closet, and this does nothing but increases the risk of suicide. As my own therapist, Charlotte Moore, who could not be here today to speak with you, said, "Adolescent years is the time we try to find our identity. Having our authentic identity accepted is a step in healthy mental and emotional development. Not being accepted for the person we are can lead to homelessness, substance abuse and suicide." In my case, I felt damned if I did and damned if I did not. If I committed suicide, I would go to hell; however, if I continued to live a lie of being a male, then I would go to hell. Also, according to my own religious teachings, if I changed my gender and lived as the person I believed I was, then I would go to hell. It is, to use a term from Star Trek, a Kobayashi Maru situation, or a lose-lose situation. No matter what I did, I was going to lose. So I began to hate myself and everyone else around me, which led to both self destructive lifestyles and violent bursts of rage towards others. Before I even knew that there was a surgery and other forms of medical treatments to help me, I had already been put in a psychiatric ward 3 times. Because of my strong religious beliefs, I did not turn to alcohol or illicit drugs in order to cope. I have been homeless before, even on the streets of Springfield. Sadly, I took it out on myself and others, leaving a trail of destruction behind in my path. But some Transgender youth will turn to alcohol or illicit drugs to soothe the pain. We have not fixed our opioid crisis, and yet what we are talking about will push Transgender youth into illicit drugs. We also, in this state, have a problem with Meth addiction. With opioids and Meth so readily available within our state's borders right now, why do we think that taking away legal and legitimate medical treatment will not cause our other problems to skyrocket? If you want to say that Jesus can save you, well, here I stand before you, offering myself up as a cautionary tale. I will admit that a Jewish man did in fact save me from much of the pain that I was going through. That Jewish man, a very observant Jew, was Dr. Loren Shechter, who performed my Gender Reassignment Surgery. Not only did I have to suffer for over 40 years, but those around me had to suffer for over 40 years. Knowing Jesus and having a personal relationship with Him did not make my life any easier and never delivered me from my Gender Dysphoria. I ended up splitting into two different people because I had who I really was, and who I had to pretend to be to everyone around me. So I did not love myself but rather I hated myself, because the pretend personality hated the real me and the real me hated the pretend personality. After so long, you just lose track of who is who. But Jesus said in Mark 12:31 to "Love your neighbor as yourself." My problem was that I didn't love myself. How can I love anyone else if I do not love myself? How can I love my Country if I do not love myself? Jesus told the parable

of the Good Samaritan and in that parable He explained who our neighbor is. The neighbor, in that case, was somebody that was hated and disliked and considered less of a human. That person was someone who was denigrated, put down, and not allowed to do things because they were not the accepted class. They were a group of people who did not keep the full Law, and who lived their life in a way to where others feared that others would follow them and society would crumble. And because of this, in the parable, Jesus showed that Godly love is to love everybody whether or not they believe as you do, act as you do, or even dress or love like you do. So Jesus said this is a requirement to get into heaven and he also said that each and every one of his followers was to love their neighbor as themselves. Thus, if you would take your child and have your child's medical needs, whether it be mental or physical, taken care of, you are to do the same for other children whether or not they believe the same as you or whether or not their lifestyle is the same as you. If you wish to deny the latter medical care that both physicians and psychiatrists have deemed medically necessary, then do you also deny your own children medical treatment deemed necessary by doctors? Let us not be blinded to the realities of the world around us. There are people who do not love this country, because they have been forced by leaders in the churches, local communities, state, and even Federal governments to be who they are not just to keep others happy. This causes hatred of themselves, all those around them, politicians, and even every form of the government itself. You cannot legislate people to love themselves or others, just as you cannot legislate how one feels about themselves. What you can do by way of legislating is to either cause hatred and discord by oppressing people whom you do not like, or you can free people to be themselves. The conservative movement is partially predicated on self-determination and government being kept out of the lives of individuals and families. President Reagan said in his inaugural address, "In this present crisis, government is not the solution to our problem, government IS the problem." These proposed laws, banning transgender children from medically necessary treatments to playing sports, is government sticking its head into the lives of parents and children, telling them how to live their lives and how to behave. This is anathema to core conservative principles. Limited governmental intrusion into our daily lives is not getting between a Physician and their patient, regardless of the age of the patient. As my father would have said, "That sounds just like Obamacare." He sadly passed away just days before the inauguration of President Trump, whom he looked forward to being President. Conservatism is all about deregulation; not more regulations. It is about each person or family choosing what is best for their own selves and not having the government dictate it to them. So if this is not about fiscal responsibility and governmental deregulation, then what we are talking about here is just what Conservatives accuse the left of doing. But when the left does it, Conservatives decry them doing it in the name of their religion of secular humanism. But why are we talking about doing this then? For the religion of Christianity? There is also a loud chorus on by Conservatives about the current state of Cancel Culture. But what these bills are trying to do is cancel out a group of people who you don't agree with nor care for. Jesus said to: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." If you do not want to have others try to cancel you, because you truly believe that Cancel Culture is wrong, then don't do it to people who you wish to get rid of. Are transgender youth committing crimes just by feeling like they are in the wrong physical body? Let us pray that we never say yes to that question. As a transgender youth and adult, I never wanted to force anyone to be like I was. I actually wanted, and still desire to this day, no one to feel like I did, or to go through the things that I went through. I am not trying to force any of you to be someone whom you are not. My father had a specific term he used in regards to liberals. They were "knee-jerkers". What he meant when he called them this was that whenever something happened, they always had a "knee-jerk" reaction and proposed new legislation to counter what had just happened. Just to give you an example, because he was a marksman in the US Army, he always decried when school shootings would occur because he knew that the liberal "knee-jerk" reaction would be to push through some form of gun control legislation. That is why I am here before you today, begging you to not have a "knee-jerk" reaction and add more regulations by forcing people and their physicians to have to abide by what the government deems best instead of what the people and their physicians deem best for them. Please do not cause more mental anguish for children as that can push them to alcohol or illicit drug abuse, or worse, suicide. Please do not put more stress on our already broken mental health system. And please, in Jesus' name, treat all children, regardless of if they are heterosexual, homosexual, transgender, or anything else, the way that you would want to be treated or even how you would want your children, grandchildren, or great grand children treated. We have wonderful doctors and counsellors, knowledgeable in this field, who are not rushing to just push people into a different body. This is a process that takes years, and is done with much forethought and patient deliberations. For myself, this is something that, from the time I was first diagnosed with Gender Dysphoria to the time I had my surgery, took over two decades. And that was for the first surgery, so there is one more surgery for me to go through. Please do not handcuff these doctors and counsellors, and get in between them and their patients. The process is not an easy one to begin with, and what you are proposing would only make things more difficult. Transgender people are not asking

for any special status, or to be treated better than anyone else. Rather, what we are asking is to not be persecuted and to be treated equal to everyone else around us. There are too many of us that lose our lives each year due to people that use your words and actions to justify their hatred of us. And then, when the police and District Attorney's refuse to call these murders hate crimes, because then they have to admit that we are hated, it gives those that hate us more justification for hating and even attacking us. I will finish with this statement: forcing me to wait until I was an adult in order to give me time to think about it and change my mind because you didn't want me to make a decision that would be life altering did not change my mind. For every one that you do get to change their minds, I would be willing to guess that there are dozens if not hundreds or thousands who never do. And of those dozens to thousands, some will never make it all the way. I was blessed to have the bottom surgery done, however, because of laws and regulations, I cannot get my face done or my voice changed. So my torment is not over. Even when I do get a court ruling here in the state of Missouri, the state where I was born, Texas, will not even recognize it. I thus offer myself up as a tale of what forcing children to wait does to you, and even with that, I must say that I am in a better place than many, with "better place" being relative. Thank you for taking the time to listen to me, and I hope that I have been able to communicate my thoughts to you in a way that you can easily understand. Please vote down HB 33.



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Madam Chair and Representatives of the Children and Families Committee, We are a group of healthcare professionals writing to express our opposition to House Bill 33 criminalizing life-saving medical treatment for transgender youth. In our daily work with transgender youth in the Kansas City area, we see the benefits for gender affirming therapy for youth with gender dysphoria, and the emotional distress and potential harm that can come from delaying or denying this care. Based on our experience and review of the scientific evidence we concur with the position statements from the American Academy of Pediatrics "Supporting & Caring for Transgender Children" and American Psychological Association "Resolution on Transgender, Gender Identity, and Gender Expression Non-Discrimination" in support of offering evidence-based medical and behavioral healthcare to transgender children, adolescents, and young adults. Guidelines for Treatment of Children and Adolescents with Gender Dysphoria We support treatment of transgender children, in consultation and collaboration with their parents, as described in the Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline for Transgender Care. We believe this guideline reflects the standard of care for children and adolescents with gender dysphoria. Behavioral Health Treatment for Children and Adolescents with Gender Dysphoria: The Endocrine Society Guideline recommends support from mental health professionals and caring adults, including social transition if desired by the child, for all children with gender dysphoria. This is the foundation of treatment for children with gender concerns, allowing the child to explore gender concerns with the support of their parents and mental health before any medical interventions. Pubertal Suppression for Adolescents with Gender Dysphoria: The Endocrine Society Guideline recommends against any hormonal therapy in pre-pubertal children. If a child expresses emotional distress with the physical changes after puberty begins, that child should be referred to an experienced mental health provider for evaluation and treatment. If the child has a diagnosis of gender dysphoria, the guideline recommends obtaining permission from the parents and patient to temporarily halt further pubertal development while the child works with his or her parents and mental health provider to address their distress. Research has demonstrated that halting puberty in this setting is reversible and has mental and physical health benefits for children. Hormonal Therapy for Adolescents with Gender Dysphoria: According to the Endocrine Society Guideline, all hormonal therapies with non-reversible effects, such as treatment with estrogen or testosterone, should be delayed until the patient's mental health provider determines that hormonal therapy is in the patient's best interest, the parents provide permission, and the parents and providers agree the child has sufficient cognitive maturity to provide meaningful informed assent, including understanding the long-term consequences of hormonal treatment. Genital Surgery: The Endocrine Society Guideline recommends restricting surgeries with a permanent effect on fertility (genital surgery) to legal adults, who have completed a

satisfactory social role change, and have obtained a recommendation for surgical treatment from their physician and two experienced behavioral health providers. No surgeon at Children's Mercy Kansas City is providing gender confirmation surgeries to transgender patients. Conclusion: We feel that the Endocrine Society Guideline for Transgender Care provides a balanced, evidence-based approach to treatment of children with gender dysphoria that avoids potential harms of side effects and unneeded treatment while offering the positive benefits of treatment to transgender individuals. There are legal mechanisms currently in place to address medical or surgical care that does not meet the national standard of care. A new law criminalizing all medical treatment for transgender children and adolescents is unnecessary, would be stigmatizing the transgender community, unnecessarily prevent parents from acting in the best interests of their child, and would increase the already high rates of depression and suicide among patients with gender dysphoria. We urge you to look to the empirical scientific evidence, and vote "NO" on House Bill 33. As a professional community, we practice evidence-based medicine and psychology for the health of our children and adolescents. The evidence tells us that restricting medical and mental health care for our transgender youth will harm them, and we call on you to help us stop that. Sincerely, Timothy Roberts, MD MPH Adolescent Medicine

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**MAOPS is Opposed to HB 37, as we are against any attempt to legislate the practice of medicine.**





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HB 33 would criminalize life-saving, medically necessary health care for transgender youth. Its criminal penalties against medical providers and parents is alarmingly abusive toward the youth and their families, and chilling toward health care providers. The bill sponsor simply does not understand the science of gender, and should leave the care of these children up to the specialized medical providers who do. The bill overlooks best practices backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other legitimate medical associations and would penalize health care professionals and parents for making decisions together to affirm, celebrate, and save the lives of some of our most vulnerable young people. The legislature should not be in the business of abusing children, harming families, and impeding medical care; legislators should want all children to thrive, and not put them through abusive hearings where they are shamefully attacked by the legislators whose duty it is to protect them.



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**No body of Government should dictate what kind of care is offered, in any way. I encourage all members of this committee to vote no.**



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I am witnessing in opposition of this bill's passage. This bill will prevent doctors from providing care to transgender adolescence who need and deserve access to care. Missouri residents care about trans kids, trans rights are human rights, and healthcare is a human right.



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My child is gender non-conforming. I don't feel I should have to retell the stories from a majority of his life so that this government body can decide which types of medical treatment will be allowed for him. You aren't the ones I went to when he first asked for help with his pre-school classmates who kept calling him a boy but he knew he was a girl. You aren't the ones I went to when he went to use the girls' restroom the first month of kindergarten instead of the boys. Was he being bullied? Did he just want to stand in line with his friends? Or was it about gender identity? You aren't the ones I went to when he just came to me wanting to talk about some thoughts that he had been thinking about. You aren't the ones who listened to him say, "When you grow up you can be a grandma, and when dad grows up he can be a grandpa, and when I grow up I don't know what I'll be because I'm a boy who likes girl things." You haven't been there, but his pediatrician, our family counselor, our spiritual advisors, and our family have been there all along working together every step of the way. This group of people, people who know and appreciate my child, are the ones who should be giving input regarding my child's medical care. The only abuse happening in this scenario is every year when this legislation is proposed and members of this legislative body abuse parents and children again making us fearful that our state government would make it impossible for us to live here. You are impacting us emotionally and you would for sure impact us physically and financially as we would be forced to move to another state. I'm sure it would help to discourage families from wanting to move to Missouri as well. One set of religious beliefs should not be coded into law denying religious freedom to others. We have spiritual advisors who support transgender individuals. From a medical standpoint, the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends "providing youth with access to gender-affirming and developmentally appropriate health care." They advocate "for policies and laws that seek to promote acceptance of all children without fear of harassment, exclusion or bullying because of gender expression." (<https://www.healthychildren.org/English/news/Pages/Support-for-Transgender-and-Gender-Diverse-Children-and-Adolescents.aspx>) It is time for the Missouri government to stop bullying its citizens. HB 33 must not be allowed to move forward.



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Hi, my name is William Marvin Lindsay. I live in Columbia, Missouri, and I'm writing in opposition to HB 33. My youngest child transitioned from male to female beginning when she was 17 years old. At her request, we made the difficult decision to allow her to begin hormone treatments a few months prior to her 18th birthday. It was a difficult decision because we knew that such treatments would have life-altering effects, but we trusted our child to know her own body and soul better than we did. We trusted the physician who prescribed the medications to be a competent physician who was putting the health and flourishing of our child first. HB 33 would preempt thoughtful considerations such as these and would in fact criminalize such decisions as were made in the case of our child. I am not a child abuser. I am a Presbyterian minister, and day by day I try love my God, my family, and my community to the best of ability. Were it in effect in 2018, HB 33 would have classified me and my wife as child abusers and my child's doctor as a criminal. I don't want that for parents and physicians coming after me.



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Honorable members of the committee, My name is William Moritz, and I am a fourth-year medical student living in Springfield, Missouri. I will obtain my Doctorate of Medicine in May of 2021. I am writing to you in opposition of HB33. Like many members of the committee, I grew up in a Christian and conservative household. I went to Sunday school and attended a Catholic, all-boys high school in St. Louis. I played baseball, rode my bike with neighborhood boys and spent my summers camping with my local scout troop. I even achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. In short, I had what could be called a traditional childhood for an American boy. This is the world that many members of this committee might be familiar with. But this is not everyone's experience. While some children might want this childhood, they cannot simply because they were born into the wrong gender. In its simplest form, being transgender is a frustration with one's body. While questioning one's gender might seem foreign to many who have not experienced it, you might find that similar frustrations are shared among some of our most vulnerable populations. When soldiers come home from Iraq or Afghanistan with missing arms or legs, life becomes difficult for many of the same reasons. Not only is it harder for them to go about their normal daily routines - such as putting on clothes or taking the bus - but the way people see them also changes. In a society where the disabled still are not always treated with dignity, this soldier could face humiliation or degradation at the hands of cruel and inhumane strangers. Because of this, many disabled veterans suffer from depression, anxiety and substance abuse. Through no fault of their own, these soldiers are stripped of their identity. And through medicine, we have the opportunity to give them their identities back. Rather than being forced to bear through lives pushed on them by twists of fate, surgery and prosthetics will allow them to reclaim their dignity and sense of self. This is humane medicine. The goal of gender-affirming care is to give transgender patients the freedom to choose how they look on the outside. Through no fault of their own, these children were born into the wrong bodies. They encounter the same cruel and inhumane world as the disabled veterans, bullied and victimized by their peers for looking or sounding different. Sadly, many develop severe depression and anxiety from a very young age. Unable to live in the bodies they so desperately want, many of these children turn to suicide. The happy, All-American childhood I had - baseball, boy scouts and learning to shave - are out of reach to them not because these transgender youths do not want it, but because they happened to be born with the wrong body parts. Advances in gender affirming care allow us to help these kids achieve the adulthood they very much deserve - one where they can enjoy the dignity of living in a body that they can truly call their own. Far from dangerous, hormone therapy allows a child who is questioning their gender to delay puberty until they are old enough to make informed choices on whether to receive further gender-affirming care, like hormones or surgery. Not only is this delaying therapy safe (endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and American Medical Association), but it is also reversible. If a child decides that they do, in fact, fit into the gender they were assigned at birth, they can discontinue the medications and they will return

to puberty without any lasting damage. However, if prevented from receiving this critical therapy during childhood, a transgender youth will begin to go through near permanent changes during puberty, taking them further from their desired body goals and causing great psychological and emotional harm. Barring physicians from providing this safe and proven therapy will harm children, not help them. Just as we would not prevent a wounded veteran from seeking reconstructive surgery, we should not limit access to care in this instance. This is also a question of humane medicine. The world can be unfair, and we do not always get to enjoy the lives that we believe we are meant to have. However, medicine now allows us to give everyone – from transgender children to wounded soldiers – a chance at better, more fulfilling lives. Preventing access to this care does not make these patients disappear, it only imprisons them in bodies not their own. I ask that you please refrain from restricting access to this important medical treatment for future Missouri children and vote against HB33. The happiness and fulfillment of these children depend on it. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.



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Hello! My name is Zora Serfozo. I have lived in Columbia, Missouri for 30 years. I am testifying in opposition to HB 33. I am asking the committee to please consider the long lasting harm being done to trans youth in denying them the medical care they need. As a trans person, I can personally testify to the ways in which transition-related medical care helped save my life. Before going on testosterone, I would spend most mornings crying, trying on most of my clothes to find something I could feel comfortable in. I walked with my shoulders hunched, head down, arms across my chest, feeling like I wanted to end my life because I felt so uncomfortable in my body. Going on testosterone changed all of that for me. I was finally able to feel freer in my body, freer to move around because of the physical changes that helped me feel whole. I work with queer and trans youth at the Center Project here in Columbia. Many of the trans youth express a desire to go on hormones or puberty blockers and to have surgery. Not all trans youth need access to this care, but those who do have spent a lot of time researching and know that it is right for them. I've seen first hand how access to hormones has helped trans youth become more confident and improved their emotional well-being, which in turn positively impacts their participation in school. I've seen trans youth struggle with eating disorders, suicidal ideation, self-harm, depression, and severe anxiety that impacts their ability to even go to school because they are not receiving the medical care they need to be able to feel whole in their bodies and minds. In fact, doctors know this, which is why medical best practice health care for trans youth is backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and other leading medical authorities. These decisions should be between youth, their parents and doctors. The government should have no say in the matter. The medications attempting to be banned and criminalized by the government are regularly given to cisgender youth with no similar government intervention or ban. Please listen to trans youth, their families, and the doctors who care for them. They know what's best. I urge you all on the committee to please oppose this bill as it would have long lasting harmful and even potentially deadly effects. Thank you for your time, and I hope y'all have a nice day! Zora



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**I urge caution on this Legislation. The Committee needs to take time and study this issue before taking a vote.**



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