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Bills HB2071 and SB63

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Representing: self and countless Kansas youths

Attn. Chairman Carpenter, Chairman Gossage and Members of the Committees

My name is Timothy Elliott. I'm a resident of Kingman, KS and a registered voting citizen of the great State of Kansas.

These two Bills are more than just legislation. They are more than just words on paper. They stand as written stalwarts to protect our Kansas youths and the very moral fabric from which our great State of Kansas is woven.

Our beloved State of Kansas and our nation are under siege, not by foreign armies but by immoral and tyrannical ideologies that would seek to destroy the fragile minds of our youth and rip good families apart.

One such ideology is Gender Dysphoria. This is a term that modern psychology has given to the confusing, irrational, and uncomfortable thoughts and feelings that are a normal part of puberty. By giving these normal processes of puberty a label, modern psychology has become a tool used to exploit and harm our nation's young people instead of protecting them.

HB2071 & SB63 gives precise language to create a wall of

protection against those people who would seek to use Kansas tax dollars to continue to exploit our youth and allow terrible, irreversible surgeries to be performed on them in the name of Gender Dysphoria.

In addition, these two Bills bring consistency to the laws which govern what can be physically done to a young person's body. Current Kansas law does not permit children under the age of 16 to get a tattoo, even with parental approval. One of the primary reasons for this is because children are too young to make rational decisions concerning the permanent altering of their skin. Chairman Carpenter, Chairman Gossage and Members of the Committees: how much more permanent are gender changing drugs and surgeries?!

So often well-meaning parents are deceived by modern psychologists into being made to believe that something awful will happen to their children if these irreversible changes aren't made to their precious child's body. So often, the child realizes later it was a mistake, but the damage cannot be undone. They are left with a lifetime of physical suffering and scars that the gender altering drugs and/or surgeries caused. Sadly some of the Gender Dysphoria victims take their own lives. The very fears that modern psychologists planted in the minds of parents and children, end up being caused by the gender altering drugs and surgeries.

These Bills will help protect children and their parents from suffering with a lifetime of guilt and regret. Chairman Carpenter, Chairman Gossage and Members of the Committees I urge you to do the right thing to protect our families and children and pass HB2071 & SB63!

Sincerely,
Timothy Elliott