

House Committee on Health and Human Services

HB 2071

Proponent Testimony

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Dear Honorable Chairman Representative Will Carpenter and Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services:

I strongly urge your support of HB 2071.

Kansas is currently the last RED state to allow so called “gender affirming care” for minors. Making this barbaric practice illegal will save children. The studies are clear. See the UK’s Cass Report of April 2024. <https://cass.independent-review.uk/> This review found that the evidence supporting the use of puberty blocker and cross-sex hormones was “remarkably weak”. A second study funded by the NIH- but not published by Johanna Olson-Kennedy focused on the effects of puberty blockers on transgender youth and found that these treatments did not improve mental health outcomes as expected. Olson-Kennedy cited concerns that the study might be “weaponized” by critics of transgender care. See New York Times article 10/23/24 by Azeen Ghorayshi.

It’s too late to save my son from sterilization but this bill could save other parents the heartbreak my husband and I share- knowing our legacy has been terminated- along with our son’s sexual function and his fertility. There is too much evidence to put into this support document, but know that “gender affirming care” is rooted in pedophilia and ideology and NOT science.

As a parent deeply and personally affected by this ideology, I welcome the opportunity to speak to any of the committee members privately to share what our family has been through. There is too much evidence now to continue to “be kind”. Gender Ideology and the medicalization of vulnerable children and young adults will 100% be the biggest medical scandal of our lifetime. Please do the right thing and vote this bill out of committee and on to the VETO override. Thank you.

I would appreciate your support of HB 2071.

Sincerely,

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