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Proponent Testimony - Written and Oral

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In 2022, Pedro Gonzales, in "The Transgender Leviathan": The DSM-5 also noted that adult gender dysphoria occurred at a rare rate of 2 to 14 in 100,000. Last year, however, a study published by the American Academy of Pediatrics suggested that the rate of transgender identification among America's youth may now be as high as 9 in 100. Further still, an analysis published in June 2022 by the Williams Institute at the UCLA School of Law using federal data found that nearly one in five people ages 13 to 17 identify as transgender today. Is this organic or has this phenomena come about artificially? All this is too rapid, too dramatic of a change to be organic. There is something wrong with the system if a condition that was almost unheard of has mushroomed into a regular trend: Influencers, doctors, politicians, educators, psychologists, the CDC, and our current Secretary of Health and Human Services, and our President all seem to be on board.

But not parents, not the average everyday person who can define what a woman is—90% of the population and not those who have detransitioned and are warning people.

Do you really believe these troubled children need hormones, mastectomies, surgery, and genital removal to feel loved? Or would it be more prudent to let them wait for adulthood to make life-altering surgical decisions? American children should be free from abuse at the hands of so-called professionals who have adopted this trendy – and lucrative – quackery. These aren't benign interventions. These practices are banned in some countries because there is no long-term safety profile.

France's national Academy: advised, "great medical caution must be taken in children and adolescents, given the vulnerability, particularly psychological, of the population and the many undesirable effects and even serious complications that can be caused by some of the therapies available." That sounds like common sense.

These victims have something in common – pre-existing mental, emotional, and spiritual problems, or just emptiness and lack of meaning. Laura Becker, who de-transitioned, said, "They're feeling that there is no meaning. The obsession with identity groups, identity politics and especially gender identities is to fill a spiritual, existential void". In other words, you are not only quite possibly are sterilizing a generation, but you are neglecting underlying psychological issues.

"What is a woman?" is poised to be the question of the decade. "Gender Affirming Care" means telling a girl she's a boy whereas "Conversion Therapy" means telling a girl she's a girl! This is where we are at--refusing to accept the sexual and reproductive differences between men and women and their role in a stable family and society. Is that what we want for our next generation—males 'presenting' as sterile females and vice versa? That is unsustainable for humanity.

You are sacrificing the next generation on an ideological altar called 'diversity, equity, and inclusion'. In your wellintentioned effort to embrace inclusivity – and avoid being called a bigot – you've allowed extremists to circumvent fundamental truths about the world. Your success will be measured by the ruined lives of children who were sacrificed to a revolutionary social experiment. This isn't heathcare; it isn't even malpractice; this is evil.

If a person doesn't have the common sense to see the gender industry for what it is—a cash cow that preys on the the most vulnerable of the vulnerable--they have no business being in KS House of Representatives. HB2791/SB 233 is the bill that needs to pass.

By the way, there are NO studies showing what children WOULD do if not transitioned—but 10 years after transitioning is when suicides peak and they are 19.1 times MORE likely to commit suicide than their peers, after adjusting for similar mental health issues.

https://americanprinciplesproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/11/2022_TransLeviathan_web.pdf