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I encourage you to oppose HB 2458

Perhaps it is too late to save my son from the transgender ideology, but I feel compelled to do something to help save any other children from falling prey to this cult. Being a compassionate mother who dearly loves my son, the mama bear instinct naturally kicked in gear. I want to save my son and others from this evil ideology.

My family was dragged into this nightmare 7 years ago when my son was still in college.

My son is gifted, a loner and was diagnosed with what is now considered being on the Autism spectrum. He never showed any signs of identifying as transgender or having gender dysphoria when he was younger. While he was sensitive and empathetic, he was also a rough and tumble, energetic boy. We are still perplexed since he never showed signs of homosexuality, cross dressing or any paraphilia attributed to auto gynephilia.

He made a self-diagnosis after being heavily influenced by on-line sites such as Deviant Art and Reddit where he was made to feel like he belonged.

Doctors and therapists ignored several important details including his previous bouts of depression, that he suffered multiple concussions and that he was molested by a peer. In the first therapy session, he was told he needed to transition medically in order to prevent being suicidal. He is currently taking an antidepressant. Without having a mental health assessment, he was prescribed high dose female hormones after he signed an informed consent form. The therapist and physician's assistant should have seen red flags since cross-sex hormones and antidepressants do not mix.

Potential irreversible harms were never discussed by the doctor, physician's assistant, therapist or clinic. His mental illness has never been appropriately addressed. He was fast-tracked into becoming a patient for life, a cash cow for the therapists, the surgeons, the gender clinics and the pharmaceutical companies.

Today he is in his late twenties. In addition to taking cross-sex hormones, he had facial feminization surgery and laser hair removal. He has been castrated and he is being encouraged to have a vaginoplasty. He will need to be on some sort of hormones for the rest of his life as well as needing continuous therapy. He will never be able to have children and he has lost his sexual function. His life-expectancy is

now shortened. He is at more risk for recurrent infections from surgeries, heart disease, stroke, mental illness and bone loss.

He needs to address the cause of his depression instead of making any further cosmetic changes to his body as he will never be a woman.

He has been told that he is better off without having his family in his life. We haven't seen him in almost 3 years. Our relationship with our son has been destroyed. My heart aches for him.

We have been called transphobic, angry and hateful since we do not affirm him as being female. We have been made to feel guilty by being asked "Wouldn't you rather have a live daughter than a dead son?" We will not participate in this lie.

How many more bodies will be harmed before this is stopped? My question for anyone who doubts this is happening, is "What if your son or daughter was told he or she needed to mutilate his or her body in order to become mentally healthy or happy?"

The system has failed our son. Vote NO on HB 2458