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I oppose this legislation. My concern is individuals who wish to change their orientation to coincide with their birth gender would be denied counseling services.

Whether a minor or an adult, if they are able to make a decision in one direction, they should be able to reverse those decisions and have counseling services in their process.

As counselors we have ethical obligations to avoid imposing our beliefs on clients regardless of which side of this issue we are on.

This bill is ill conceived in that it places certain restrictions on counselors, therefore denying counseling to a portion of the population that would request it.