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While I FULLY SUPPORT Reproductive Rights for Women, this bill contains access and insurance payment for Gender Affirming Care and Prohibits the informing of Parents when Minors have abortions. I do not agree with either of those two provisions.

Here are my concerns:

Sections 19-23: I do not think Gender Affirming Care belongs in a Reproductive Rights Bill. As a life-long democrat who fought for Roe v. Wade, I do not believe these two issues are tied In Any Way. Although I agree that Gender Affirming Care should be available, our existing medical "best practice" does not evaluate co-morbidities and mental health issues prior to "prescribing treatment". This bill will exacerbate that. Furthermore, the provision does not require the Insurance companies to provide "De-Trans Services". If you are pushing for access to Gender Affirming Treatments - you MUST also allow people who decide to de-Trans to have like-type access to services and financial support.

Section 9 - It is my opinion, that the majority of children will need support from their families IF they are receiving an abortion. The state alienating parents from this care only furthers the disintegration of the family and potential mental anguish for the child.