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Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I am apposed to HB2002. This is a very dangerous bill with lifetime consequences for our gender dysphoric youth giving them no recourse should at a later date they change their minds and decide what was done to them was not right. This bill allows a minor, 15 yrs or older, to give consent for this treatment without a parent or guardians consent and creates a crime punishable by a maximum of 364 days of imprisonment and or \$6250 fine for a parent or others to say no to this outrageous medical treatment for their child. It also includes this punishment for an aggrieved health care provider or person for interfering with these procedures if they have a professional view that this treatment should not be done. Where is the science? Where are the studies on those who have had these surgeries and are now traumatized by the results? Where are the studies on suicides from these traumatized young people who realized these surgeries and tactics were not the answer they were looking for?

These procedures are life changing and in most cases irreversible. Any of us who have had children know what a confusing time it is for those starting or going through puberty are. Most of us don't know what we want out of life or who we are even when we are adults. Why are we forcing this irreversible barbaric ideology on our youth at such a traumatic time in their lives? Why is this soooo important to create such laws? Why are the parents and guardians not informed about what is going on? Why are they hiding this? What are we doing to our youth? Please vote no on this horrific bill. Save our children!