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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I ask you, Dear Legislators and Committee Members:

Who among you has not looked back at some of the crazy, dumb, and possibly dangerous choices we made at 12, 13, 14, or 15? Many times, I have personally been so grateful that I simply learned a lesson and did not have to suffer what could have been painful, even devastating consequences. Gender affirming medical procedures, masquerading as 'healthcare' have irreversible, long term consequences that a child simply cannot comprehend.

We do not allow a minor under a certain age to get a tattoo, buy tobacco products or alcohol. Yet, here we are debating that a child of 15 can make the choice to take powerful cross sex hormones that are prescribed 'off label', ( meaning they are not FDA approved for this treatment). These drugs result in irreversible, long term consequences on the developing body. Even more shocking, we're debating whether a child of 15 can consent to having healthy functioning body parts surgically removed.....PERMANENTLY! Body parts that are responsible for some basic human functioning. In what universe would this ever be considered, let alone appropriate?

I urge you to have the courage to stand against the those who will tell you that we must allow this in the name of compassion and tolerance. It is neither. And it is most certainly NOT healthcare.

Please oppose HB2002