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Our youth need to be supported through life-altering decisions, but not pushed into them. Our brains are not fully formed until 25. It is too easy, as a young person, to make decisions they later regret. There is no reason for the government to make it easier, especially not by removing parental input and guidance. Parents and guardians live with their children day to day. If a medical procedure has ramifications and a parent/guardian doesn't know it was undertaken, how can they get appropriate medical care for that child? Please also think of permanent things like tattoos, which we don't let people get until age 18 without parental consent. As adults, many people regret getting tattoos. They can maybe be covered over or lightened, but they are mostly permanent. Gender-affirming care is far more permanent. You can't take hormones out of the body and you absolutely cannot re-attach functional genitalia and breasts. It is one thing to offer counseling and another to offer body modification. Please oppose this bill.