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On Behalf Of:

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I oppose HB 2002.

This bill assumes that children can make important decisions at a young age. That they are capable of knowing, as a child, how they will want to live/believe as an adult, even though many of us have drastically changed our minds about the protectory of our lives over the years since being a teen.

What has changed that convinced us of those two things? Was there a big scientific discovery that proved something genetic, not mental, causes transgenderism? Has the premise that children are fully capable of making their own decisions replaced the belief they are not capable until their brains are developed fully? Has it been proven that similar conditions, such as anorexia nervosas and cutting, are totally a mental condition/social contagion but there is something distinctly different about transgenderism that puts it in another category – not genetic/but not mental? And why does it seem to affect more affluent countries and seemingly not affect others at all; and why do the numbers keep growing exponentially? There is a lot of social pressure about this subject. Nobody, including me, wants to be considered hateful or bigoted, for not accepting children/young adults who are uncomfortable in their bodies as truly transgender. But we all want to do what is best for those children/young adults who are caught up in what seems to me, because of the steep uptick in occurrences, a social contagion. As a society we need to, I believe, stop and think about why things have changed so drastically in recent years from what we believed for thousands of years before.

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