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There really is no question about it- if we *actually* lived in a free country, we would all have the right to live how we choose and do with our bodies what we choose. I live in fear every day that I'm going to wake up to news of my rights to free expression ripped away. Trans people wake up everyday and I face a world that sees us as off, as 'Other'. And yet, we choose to express ourselves authentically anyways, because that's how important it is to our sense of well-being. In order to be at peace with oneself, one needs to honor that i'm which that know to be undeniably true. To do anything else would be self-betrayal in the highest form. We would rather submit to the pain, danger, and loss of power that comes with being as we are because the pain of being as we *were* is much, much worse. All I am asking is for a right to be honest with myself, a right to be able to look at myself in the mirror and feel like I can recognize the person looking back at me. My body is my business. No one needs to have control over how I want to live.