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On Behalf Of: myself and 2 women I take care of

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Thank you so much for this wonderful bill. I am a transsexual woman with a professional career. Since I have a career I am able to take care of 2 other transsexual women who would otherwise be homeless. One of the women I care for began to transition in high school but was met with so much violence that she now has head injuries that impact her mental health very negatively. No one would choose to be transsexual. We are instead, driven to try to find ways to be who we are. The healthcare guaranteed by this bill addresses painful gender dysphoria. The healthcare supported by this bill will allow transsexual people to be recognized as their true gender. It is painful to live your life in the wrong body and to have others recognize you as the wrong sex. It is so painful that many transsexual people commit suicide. Upon transitioning, myself, I was able to become much more positive about my life and become more productive. This bill will provide hope for many who would otherwise be hopeless. This bill will prevent suicides and self harm. This bill will allow many people who need gender affirming care to lead more satisfying, productive lives. Thank you, Thank you!