

Submitter: Bailey Garvin

On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I am in full support of HB2002 bill for several reasons. Both for myself and for the youth I have worked with and mentored. I am a trans man and while I always knew I was a boy. I wasn't sure that I needed to have surgery right away but I had a great therapist who help support what I needed. I think we need to allow medical professionals to their job and support the choices of their patients using their medical training. The youth I mentor need to be protected and supportive in their gender affirming care. I also support this bill because for many trans women their gender affirming care is not covered and this care is life saving. I also think it is important to keep abortion providers able to perform these life saving procedures. We need to allow people to make decisions about their body and life with the support of their medical providers. We need to support body autonomy and support the providers who are listening to their patients providing care.