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Chair Manchester, Vice Chair Cutrona, Ranking Member Liston, and members of the House Families, Aging, and Human Services Committee, thank you for this opportunity to voice my opposition to House Bill 454.

My name is Robin Snyder, and I am a university professor. I am strongly opposed to House Bill 454, preventing transgender youth from receiving proper medical care. As someone who teaches undergraduates, I have seen what a relief it can be for my trans and nonbinary students to be recognized as the gender that they are. I have also seen how damaging having to hide can be --- certainly to mental health but in some cases to physical health as well. Part of that healing recognition comes from getting the medical care they need to allow their bodies to fit their internal sense of self. My students are not minors, but the problem is no less acute for younger students. And some young people just need more time to work out whether their gender dysphoria is permanent or something that can be worked out over time --- puberty blockers are perfect for these young people. I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this harmful bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

I urge you to oppose HB 454 and protect our state's youth.