

Abigail Hust

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 Abigail Hust (she/her). I am a mental health and sex therapist as well as a mom of two. I am strongly opposed to House Bill 454, preventing transgender youth from receiving proper medical care. Affirming care is life saving to those accessing it and we should be working to EXPAND care for youth rather than restrict it. I would like my clients, as well as my children, to have access to medical care. Somewhere between 30%-50% of trans* youth have attempted suicide--not because they are trans, but because we live in a culture that attempts to shame, harm and ostracize them for simply being who they are. I ask you to find your humanity and do the right thing for our kids. I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this extremely harmful, dangerous and oppressive bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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