

## **Roman Trimbach**

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.

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Roman. I am a young transgender male (he/they). I am strongly opposed to House Bill 454, preventing transgender youth from receiving proper medical care. You will never understand the feeling of looking at your TV screen and seeing that some people who have never met you are debating if you should be allowed to exist. You'll never understand that tight pain in my chest I get when I realize I'll never be a cis-gendered male, you'll never understand what its like to go through the traumatizing experience of being a transgendered person. The bullies, the slurs, the unaccepting family, the feeling of dysphoria when you look in the mirror. I walk past store windows and look at the reflection only to freeze as I see an unfamiliar face staring back. Its hard to look at yourself and know you aren't you. That sudden urge to cry when you realize you will never get a childhood as your gender. The knowledge of knowing no matter how hard you try, how loud you scream, how much you cry, how much you fight, you'll never be cis. You will NEVER understand. We, transgender people, are not bothering you. We aren't bothering anyone. All we want is to be able to be ourselves, something every human craves. So why is it so difficult to allow, why must you pass laws banning medical care. Why must you try and ban medical care that helps us. How many more people have to die of suicide to prove that banning medical care for transgender people will do more harm than good. How many more kids have to kill themselves because they feel like they will never be accepted or be themselves. I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this harmful, disgusting, bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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