

Melissa Henderson

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Melissa. I am from a small town in the midwest and I use she/they pronouns. I am strongly opposed to House Bill 454, preventing transgender youth from receiving proper medical care. I left my small town and now work for a tech healthcare company that provides trans affirming care in 15 states and counting. I fully believe that healthcare should be a right of everyone and that includes transgender individuals, especially children. I have people in my life who will be directly affected by harmful legislation like House Bill 454, but we should not need to love those directly affected to understand and EMPATHIZE with those around us. I ask you to consider my testimony and vote NO on this dangerous and indecent bill. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.