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**Erin Kotch**

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Dear Chair Lipps, Vice-Chair Stewart, Ranking Member Liston & members of the Public Health Policy Committee,

Regarding HB 68: I vehemently oppose this legislation on the grounds of government overreach. Medical decisions, particularly when following established best practices, should be left between a patient (and their parent) and their doctor.

There is no real debate amongst the major medical associations on standards of care for gender dysphoria, so the issue is not experimentation. There is no surge in former minor dysphoria patients demanding government oversight. There is no one affected by this bill who is asking for you to step in.

Who are you protecting?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin E. Kotch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'E' and a long, sweeping underline.

Erin Kotch