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

HB68 is unfounded in science or socioeconomic statistics. It will kill the children you are saying you want to protect. The rate of suicide among trans youth is already high, and passing any bill like this will make it sky rocket even further. Passing this bill puts the blood of those children directly on your hands. You will be responsible. Hundreds of teens, dead, and their blood pooled directly at your feet, under your desk. Soaked into your shoes, iron in your nose. The squelch inside your shoes anytime you stand to speak.

The only thing passing this bill protects, is the fragile, scared ego of adults. Children and their lives are always more important than the fear of accepting the wave of youngsters who actually, for the first time in centuries, are starting to feel safe to be alive and be well. Do not pass this horrendous bill.

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