

To Chair Lipps, Vice Chair Steart, Ranking Member Liston
and Members of the Public Health Policy Committee:

HB 68

I write to you today in concern for what HB68 would mean for my family and many families within the state. This bill does not actually protect children but hurts them. In passing this bill that would mean my child and many like mine would not receive the physical and mental health care that that they have been “allowed” to this point. Gender affirming care has so much to do with the mental health and well being of these children and taking that away would do more harm than good. My child since coming out at Trans has been fortunate enough to have a loving and accepting home. By receiving the care she needs from medical doctors and mental health professionals her quality of life has significantly improved as have many other children. Selfishly I would like to write this in concern for just my family and how this will effect us but others like us can’t afford for me to be so selfish. By this bill passing schools and medical professionals will be outing children to unaccepting parents/legal guardians and who knows what that could mean for that child. For the families like us that won’t be able to get the care they need will have to leave the state completely uprooting their lives for the sake of their children. This bill doesn’t do anything but give the government more power that it should not have. I ask the committee to vote against this dangerous and unnecessary bill.

Thank you,

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