

Shortly after puberty started we noticed a big change in our son. He was withdrawn, he was sad. The previously happy, thriving kid had changed. He attempted suicide. He self harmed. Only after he came out to us and we got him in therapy and began treating his body dysmorphia with puberty blockers and testosterone did we get our happy, loving kid back. Only the deepening of his voice and sprouting a few hairs on his face snapped him out of the pit of depression he had fallen into. Four years later he is thriving. He'll be a senior this year. He has a job. He plans to attend college. We thought he'd be dead by now. We thought we'd lost him and we'd never get him back. I am grateful to the therapists and doctors that we worked tirelessly with to get him back. We're thankful for the medicine that has made looking in the mirror bearable for him. We're thankful these things were enough for our son. Please do not take these decisions out of the hands of doctors and therapists and parents who need them to save lives. This bill does not protect children. It does the opposite by restricting life saving treatment from an at risk population. Kids will die if this Bill is passed in Ohio and their blood will be on the hands of anyone who supports preventing their treatment

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