

Chairman Brenner,

Do not move the censorship/forced outing (HB 8) bill forward. The lack of autonomy for human children in deciding how they want to arrive in the world in accordance with what allows them to express themselves most easily in this bill is counter-human. We are social beings and need to be able to be who we are in social spaces. Coercion from the state that leads to forcing children to follow a standard that someone else puts forth is not a freedom based law. All humans have layers of secuality and preventing the education to youth learning and exploring these layers makes dangerous outcomes more likely.

Please consider freedom of choice, expression, education and self. This is a first amendment issue. This is a pursuit of happiness, life and liberty. This is a right to be the human that you are issue.

Thank you,

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