

Gender Affirming Care Saves Lives.

Hello, my name is Samantha Rose Lee, and I am here to represent an organization I help run called Trans Humanity. I am speaking today in opposition to House Bill 68. HB 68 is a very dangerous and hurtful bill, and it must not be passed. This bill will do so much harm to so many innocent kids who are trying to enjoy life living as their true and authentic selves. Gender Affirming Care is life saving and it saves so many lives. By taking gender affirming care away from these innocent kids you are basically saying that you want them to commit suicide. Do you like killing kids because it sure seems like you do. Puberty is a hard time for anyone but its especially hard for trans kids whose brain and body does not match. Forcing these kids to go through the unwanted changes of going through the wrong puberty will have a very bad effect on their mental health. Puberty blockers allows trans kids to stop the unwanted changes of going through the wrong puberty and when they are ready, they get put on hormones that match their gender identity. This improves the life and mental health of these trans kids so they can develop the same way as the gender identity of their peers. Gender Dysphoria is a real thing and the only treatment for gender dysphoria is gender affirming care. Since age 5 I've known that I was a really a girl. My brain has always been female. I've always known that my brain and body did not match. I have tried to take my life many times because my brain and body did not match. Once I was able to start receiving gender affirming care my life really improved. Since I had to wait till transition as an adult I had to suffer through the unwanted effects of male puberty and some of those effects are irreversible such as my voice. My voice got deep due to male puberty that I must try so hard to make my voice sound feminine which makes my life kind of hard. Please do your research on gender dysphoria before making your vote. Please save the life of these transgender kids. Please vote no on House Bill 68.