

A message to the reviewers, writers, analysts, and voters of HB68,

As someone who does not see gender as binary, but as a spectrum of identities one can shift between given the circumstances, the proposed idea of banning gender-affirming care for minors, and especially trans girls from playing school sports, seems illogical. Firstly, how would an adult know a minor is a trans girl? Gender, like our hormones, can change, so let's quickly look as to how fast our hormonal composition can change within a day: within minutes. So, if we were to assess how "female" a minor was would we have to test a persons' hormonal levels multiple times throughout the day, prior to them participating in sports? And what would this mean for non transgendered individuals whose hormonal fluctuations would be out of bounds for this test? Would they be deemed unfit to play because of their bodies always changing hormonal levels? The more I progress into how ridiculous this bill is, and would then further play out when introduced to school districts, I soon begin to realize perhaps the people writing these bills do not actually understand how our bodies work, and do not need to be limiting other individuals access to not only healthcare, but access to recreation, a type of segregation we haven't seen put into law since Jim Crow. Gary Click, a former pastor for more than 30 years, who is also the sponsor of this bill, should seriously reconsider if this bill is upholding to the promise this country has to its individuals to keep church and state separate.