

My name is Cassidy, I am a 19 year old detransitioned woman, born and raised in Texas. My family and i were forced to move to maryland from my home town last year when the state opened an investigation into my parents for child abuse, after the attorney general stated that providing gender affirming medical care to individuals under 18 was abuse. I was 14 years old when i started hormone therapy and had a gender affirming double mastectomy, 17 when i was forced away from my home and school and friends, and 18 when i began undergoing a gender affirming breast reconstruction covered by maryland medical assistance, something that was only possible for me as a college student living with two disabled adults because of the Trans Health Equity act, a bill by transgender activists expanding maryland medicaid coverage for gender affirming care that included coverage of breast reconstruction for detransitioned women. I will be 19 when I move to Ohio to attend college for early childhood education, please do not make it so my trans friends, family, and future students in Ohio do not have a safe environment to live their most authentic lives. medical intervention is the most effective known treatment for gender dysphoria, transgender people regardless of age who meet the medical criteria for gender dysphoria are statistically very unlikely to regret medical transition. Those of us who do often require gender affirming medical

care to live our happiest lives, something Ohio conservatives have not advocated for us to have easy access to. My gender dysphoria as a teen caused me severe depression, what I needed wasn't to be barred from the best known treatment. What I needed was for there to be more research into treating gender dysphoria and discerning who medical transition benefits. I am who I am, and I love myself; the boy I was and the woman I am becoming.