

Committee Chair, Representative Scott Lipps, Vice Chair Brian Stewart, et. al:

I write in support of House Bill 68, the "SAFE Act."

While Ohio is behind other parts of the country and world on matters such as this, we can look to other places where such drastic and life-altering procedures have been taking place for much longer. The landscape is bleak, indicating a path of depression and destruction. Perhaps more importantly, there is scant little evidence that body-altering surgeries lead to happier or healthier children; in fact, quite the inverse appears to be true. As stories of "detransitioners" surface, evidence is mounting that many very young children are caught up artificially in such surgeries and greatly regret it later. Such people routinely suggest that the medicines, hormones, and surgeries not only did nothing to address their underlying issues, but exacerbated them by altering their physical bodies and making them sterile.

it is best, I suggest, to allow children to go through adolescence as un-adulterated as possible, leaving life-altering decisions such as surgeries for later in life.

Please vote YES on the SAFE Act.

Yours,

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