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Dear Legislators;

I wholeheartedly oppose HB 68. It is an attack on the rights of Ohio families to make healthcare decisions for their children, in consultation with their child's medical team. This bill will cause irreversible harm to Ohio kids who are questioning their gender, or are gender diverse by not allowing them to seek out emotional and physical healthcare that would allow them to "pause" puberty while they sort out how they want to grow and develop. Currently in Ohio, no medical interventions such as hormone blockers or HRT are given without parent/guardian consent, and letters of recommendation from counselors and doctors, in agreement with the WPATH guidelines. Also, no surgical interventions are performed without careful planning by the medical team, recommendations from mental health professionals, and parent/guardian consent. In accordance with the WPATH guidelines, most surgical interventions are performed with late teens/early adult aged kids; after years of treatment from both emotional and physical healthcare professionals. The WPATH guidelines are available on the web for anyone to read, along with the peer reviewed, widely accepted research that the guidelines are based on.

Please, before you vote, go to the WPATH website and read the research so you will see that most of the "research" and "statistics" that are being touted as support for this heinous, harmful legislation is not widely accepted, nor peer reviewed.

I ask you to vote in opposition to HB68.

Thank you,

Chance Jones