

As an individual who has suffered from depression, anxiety and suicidal ideation since a young age, and years of therapy and medication to treat these issues, some of which were made worse by the treatments, I believe enacting this bill would be HUGELY detrimental to young people everywhere. I have recently been diagnosed with gender dysphoria as a 27 year old adult, a condition that i firmly believe was the root cause of my mental troubles during adolecense. Since the diagnosis and steps toward receiving gender affirming care I have not had a single suicidal thought or depressive episode. I believe, had I been given the option as a young teen to recieve puberty blockers and Gender affirming care during my pubescence I would not have attempted to end my own life 3 times in the last 10 years.

Denying this OPTION to teens who experience gender dysphoria is cruel and I believe will lead to the continued decline of the mental health of those effected by dysphoria.