

I opposed HB 68.

I trust parents to make health care decisions about their children. I trust doctors to make evidence based decisions about their patients. HB 68 takes away parents rights and had no medical or scientific evidence of solving any problems- in fact it causes harm. One in five children who are trans are suicidal or experience suicidal ideation as a direct result of not being able to present as their chosen gender. Gender affirming care is proven to reduce death by suicide by 60%. You are taking away parents' rights to keep their children alive by supporting this bill. People have the right to make choices about their healthcare and gender affirming care has a positive benefit on the mental health and wellbeing of trans and gender dysphoric people.

HB 68 would harm the safety and well-being of children and teens. Please do not support this bill and vote no if it comes up for a vote. Gender affirming care saves lives.

The so-called SAFE Act isn't safe. It's cruel.

Thank you for your consideration. Please vote NO on HB 68

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