

Testimony

Gender-affirming care can be described as social, medical, psychological, and behavioral interventions, created to affirm one's identifying gender. This bill will tell transgender children that they are unimportant and that they do not deserve the dignity and respect to be themselves.

Did you know that according to the American Society of plastic surgery in 2015 6,472 minors above the age of five received an Otoplasty? A surgery to make ears not stick out as far off the head, where are your interventions there?

Did you know that in 2015 according to the American Institute of plastic surgery over 30,000 rhinoplasties were performed on children from the ages 13-19, a surgery to alter the shape of a child's nose? Where are your interventions there?

Did you know that in 2015 according to the American Society of plastic surgery over 7,000 male children ages 13-19 underwent a male breast reduction surgery? A surgery to remove breast tissue that was not harmful other than aesthetically based on the society we live in. Where are your interventions there?

The national library of Medicine states that less than 1 percent of transgender individuals regret the gender-affirming care they have received while another study showed that 17-18% of parents regret having children.

A transgender person or even you have a higher possibility of regretting having children than living their lives as themselves authentically.

My point here being is you do not care about the transgender children that you are banning this care from. If you did you would be banning more than just gender affirming care. You do not understand the amount of pain you will cause the transgender community in Ohio. We are the people you are making choices for, can you at the very least take the time to try and understand us before you take away the care that helps prevent suicide within its community.