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Hello,

My name is Jennifer Greenwood and I am writing today to express my thoughts on HB 68. I oppose HB 68 for a variety of reasons, but I recognize that you have an undoubtedly busy schedule so I'll make this as brief as possible.

Important medical decisions should remain between youth patients, their families, and medical providers – not our politicians. HB 68 changes this in a monumental (and detrimental) way by getting the government involved in personal healthcare decisions.

It is a cruel slap in the face to parents who want the best for their children and would like to keep politicians out of their family's very private health decisions.

To learn that, on top of putting imperative healthcare resources at risk, HB 68 would ban trans girls and women from playing on sports teams that match their gender identities...it's just shameful and embarrassing that the state government feels the need to step in and regulate youth sports. Why? State resources would be better spent elsewhere.

I grew up being told that the party of small government was the best path to freedom. What has changed? Why the sudden overreach? Why is there such a desire for the government to run everyone's personal lives?

Please, don't let HB 68 happen. It is a dangerous, exclusionary bill that is destined to put lives at risk.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,
Jennifer Greenwood