

Proponent Testimony for HB 2791
Committee on Health and Human Services
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Thank you Chair Landwehr and Committee Members for this opportunity to testify on HB 2791. Out of my love for youth in our state I am here testifying today. Every child is given a precious uniqueness all their own, even his or her own fingerprint. Minors are not mature enough to make a lifetime changing decision of rearranging body parts and hormone levels to have a seemingly new bodily identity.

Who is behind pushing children to become transgender and why are they doing it? I assure you it is not being done out of love for children or protecting them from suicide. The transgender industry complex began in the 1990s with T added to LGB and is founded on two faulty studies (The Federalist, 2-1-2023). **One of the biggest child abuse scandals in history of instilling psychological trauma in our youth with age-inappropriate queer theory, is well funded by billionaires, NGOs, and our government. Its goal is deconstructing the personal identity of our youth to advance a collective transformation of society (Imprimis, Sept-2023).**

Executive orders by Presidents Obama and Biden advanced the transgender agenda, and Obamacare mandated insurance fund these practices in the name of health equity and accessibility. Big pharma made \$4.12 B in 2022 on gender transition products which are not approved by FDA for this use (Spectator.org-- Blood Money, The Rise of the Gender Reassignment Industry). "Gender affirmation" has so much power over our children and the medical community because it is a political, financial and social fad. 22 states, including most in the Midwest, have passed legislation against this practice, **Kansas could become the destination for transgender treatments to minors.**

Children are first introduced into the transgender ideology in Kansas schools. The social emotional learning curriculum is exposing youth to queer theory and uses testing to ask students to decide their gender of choice, making sure the students know they are not talking about their gender assigned at birth (KCTC Gender Module). The national sex ed standards require 3rd to 5th graders to distinguish between sex assigned at birth and gender identity and explain what it means to be transgender (siecus.org). **This is instilling spiritual, physiological, and psychological damage on students.**

Children are being taught they will be "born again" when they find their true gender identity. At that point the child's belief system is turned upside down. Darkness is light. The child is destabilized. This is child abuse! Without the parent's knowledge, the student falls prey to the "love and acceptance" of the new

gender world by some counselors and the Gay Straight Alliance club in the school. Pushing children to make new gender choices is in violation of parents' rights and four US Supreme Court rulings that say parents have the total right to raise their child.

Body mutilation and fertility destruction of children is immoral and should be a cause for the prolife community. Planned Parenthood, who has access to our youth, is the second-largest provider of transgender/non-binary hormone therapy in America (Catholic News Agency, Sep 9, 2022). The American College of Pediatricians Biological Integrity website warns that disrupting biological integrity from birth causes minors' bodies to be in a diseased asexual state, does not reduce suicides, damages the brain, and all development. Children who undergo cross-sex hormone medications can experience blood clots, heart attacks, strokes, tumors, liver dysfunction, and breast and uterine cancer, among other diseases. The long-term effects of these treatments have not been studied. **It is unthinkable that any educator or medical personnel would conduct such cruel experimentation on the bodies of our children and because of it leave behind broken people and ultimately help no one.**

Suicidality is a socially constructed manipulation of minors. A recent study published in BMJ Mental Health on the youth of Belgium, US, Finland, and UK reported "The goal of suicide reduction, which has long been asserted by the proponents of youth gender transitions, appears to be a flawed measure." A Denmark study reviewing 6.6 million people found transgender individuals were 3.5 times more likely to kill themselves.

This battle is to save minors from anyone in the education and medical community who would purposefully cause gender confusion in a child leading them to believe their lives would be better as transgender. In *The Hiding Place*, Corrie Ten Boom wrote her father told her, "A pretty poor father would ask his little girl to carry such a load. (a case full of watches) It's the same way, Corrie, with knowledge. Some knowledge is too heavy for children. When you are older and stronger, you can bear it. For now, you must trust me to carry it for you." Our children are being destroyed with age-inappropriate teaching and asked to make inappropriate life altering decisions. Boundaries must be set. Will you "carry the load" for our children with this legislation to protect families and their minors who should not be coerced into life altering decisions at a young age?

Please end these transgender procedures for minors in Kansas, and make certain that henceforth, puberty blockers, cross sex hormones, and surgical interventions will be banned for minors in Kansas. We must pull together to **Value, Save, and Protect the Lives of Our Youth!**