

Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
SB12 Proponent Testimony

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Dear Chairwoman Senator Gossage and Committee,

I strongly urge you to support SB12.

Kansas needs this bill to protect the children and teens of Kansas.

God created them male and female and blessed them and said to them be fruitful and multiply. God is not the author of confusion.

What's the rush to change a child or teen's biological sex?

Why not wait to allow these young people to naturally develop as they grow from childhood to adulthood?

What's the rush to sterilize children and teens by surgically removing their reproductive organs?

Why not wait to castrate a young male or remove the ovaries of a young female lest they later decide they want to be who they were created to be, lest they decide as mature adults to create or conceive a child?

What's the rush to subject children to the risks and dangers of unnecessary, irreversible surgery?

Why not wait to allow them to develop the mental capacity that comes in the early 20's to understand the risks, dangers and outcomes of all that is involved with this type of surgery?

What's the rush to subject children to the pain, the medications, the rehab of unnecessary surgery?

Why not wait to see if the child grows into an adult who is willing to accept these post surgery conditions?

What's the rush to needlessly give healthy children high risk drugs with severe and often irreversible side effects?

Why not wait until they can fully understand what these drugs will do to their bodies?

What's the rush? Why not wait? Unless — it's not about the children or the teens.

We need SB12 and I ask that you give it your support, vote to pass it out of committee to a full vote in the legislature.

Praying God will guide you,

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