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My beautiful daughter. I'm not allowed to say that anymore. But I can't stop loving my daughter. My darling beautiful sweet kind lovely daughter. Who is so deeply loved and cared for, back when that was allowed. She was so shy, not able to make friends very easily, often didn't respond to kids overtures when she was young. I suppose I should've had an assessment for autism but I didn't want the stigma attached to her. I was always trying to help her make friends, feel connected to her peers. But it didn't really work. Then she started washing her hands, compulsively, 10-15 minutes every time she went to the bathroom. This developed into obsessively perfect attendance, grades and winning every possible competition. She is a highly accomplished mathematician, plays with Portland Youth Philharmonic, etc. She still doesn't have any real friends, that we know of, because now she has essentially cut me and her father out of her life. We live together, sure. We drive her everywhere, buy her whatever we can, we would do anything to help her feel better. She has not revealed where, who, how, why this sudden and out of the blue "new identity" evolved, but suddenly she was abandoning herself, her family, all ability to speak reasonably about her past or reality. She is not actually a boy and she cannot ever be one.

Like thousands of parents across the US when the pandemic hit, and panic entered our minds, we allowed our kids to get onto Instagram because "that's the only way I can talk to anyone at school"! We had firmly kept it off the table, but we were destabilized by Covid. My darling daughter, she was 14 when we gave her Instagram. After that, she rapidly changed. Seriously, overnight, like a bomb had been dropped, she was screaming that she was not a girl, we were transphobes, we were insane for saying girls can't have dicks! Her abusive language was sudden, extreme and terrifying. Threatening to "stab the TERF!" meaning me, her mother. Of course we wanted to get her medical help, therapy, but we had done our research and knew that therapists aren't allowed to explore possible co morbidities like OCD or Autism, both highly likely in our case. They must AFFIRM! This terrified us because we knew our kid is not trans, but likely she is gay and perhaps struggling with that, possibly on the autism spectrum, very high functioning and very good at masking it. She saw the way labeling yourself under the trans umbrella helped a person be "seen", something she's always struggled with...I love my darling, once kind hearted daughter. Please help us parents get help for our kids who have other reasons for sheltering under this trans umbrella, help kids who will likely regret medical interventions and **DESPERATELY** need exploratory therapy.

Let therapists do what they do best. Ask open ended questions, not politically

railroaded ones. Our family has suffered tremendously from this gender ideology pushed at school and online and no one is allowed to question if a child might be possibility confused? Or have other problems that could lead them to this conclusion falsely.

I worked on Bernie Sanders campaign. I'm far left, progressive but not regressive and I know something is wrong with trying to transition the likely gay and autistic girls of the world!

HELP!

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