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This proposed law is a travesty. It attempts to mislead the voting public into believing that responsible therapists gently questioning kids' SELF-DIAGNOSED state of transness\*, a state often accompanied by severe mental distress and other mental health concerns, is the same as historical, anti-gay conversion "therapy"...the so-called "therapy" and horrific abuse that homophobic parents leveled against their own gay sons and lesbian daughters in the last century.

This law is a lie. As is often the case in the transactivist community, common words, terms, language are appropriated, redefined, and twisted to serve the agenda of the trans-gender identity lobby. Here, the term "conversion therapy" was appropriated, redefined and twisted to mean independent therapists...therapists not captured by gender identity ideology...therapists NOT accepting that kids' self-diagnosis, self-discernment of their own "transness" are made out to be the bad guys...and, nothing could be further from the truth.

We NEED therapists of integrity...therapists, who when confronted with a 13 year old girl who thinks she's a boy...inside...who thinks she needs binders, puberty blockers, x-sex hormones, and mastectmies NOW, are willing to say, "Wait, hold on a minute...let's explore this further."

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\*And, not blindly RAH! RAH! affirming this self-diagnosis.