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This testimony is written by myself as a physician, mother of a daughter, and woman. My adult daughter who has autism, adhd, and mild bipolar II disorder came home from a very liberal special education college after having been isolated due to Covid literally believing she was a "grown gay man". To my perspective she was delusional. Unfortunately, the delusions fell on the "transgender" manifestation. After 4 months of absolute torture in trying to find her help, her delusions worsened and finally the psychiatrist acknowledged that she was exhibiting signs of bipolar II disorder. After appropriate medical treatment, the delusions subsided and she no longer believes she is a "grown gay man". It is appalling to me that it was so difficult finding help because all of the professionals involved either completely affirmed these beliefs or were too afraid to say the wrong thing that they couldn't help my child. Exploring why a young person believes they are a gender different from their biological gender is crucial. It is not conversion therapy to understand one's emotions. This is not equivalent to homosexuals being converted to heterosexuals. In fact, it is just the opposite. Leading a child or young adult, especially when there are significant other mental health issues, to a life of medical interventions and surgical interventions is criminal. Europe has learned this the hard way and their gender clinics are being closed down. As you may know, Chloe (Cole?) is suing Kaiser Permanente in California for medical malpractice. She has had testosterone and bilateral mastectomies as part of the one direction narrow minded gender affirming care. She cannot have normal intimate relations and cannot bear children. If a psychological exploration was able to be provided, she would not have landed in this spot. As we all know, in America one lawsuit will start the avalanche of more lawsuits.

PLEASE do not ban psychiatrists, psychologists, counselors, social workers from doing the proper job of talking and understanding this gender dysphoria contagion that is happening to our young girls and women.