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Hello -

My organization, Courage Is A Habit, works with parents across the country in issues regarding K-12. There is no such thing as a transgender child, the explosion that we are witnessing is not even gender dysphoria (which is a miniscule percentage and mainly effects boys), it is a social contagion. We see exactly how it is delivered in K-12 public education, mainly through social emotional programs and the school counselors from the American School Counselor Association. Therapist have always sought to help find the root cause to what plagues a child, not send them down a path of sterilization, mutilation, and being a lifelong medical patient. The "they'll commit suicide" rhetoric is not science, it's not ethical, and defies any logic; it's pure emotional blackmail.

There has been a 4000% explosion in children identifying as transgender. That is not "love". That is not "acceptance". That is what a social contagion looks like. Let me give you some data and context.

Google Trends data is an unbiased sample of Google search data. It's anonymized, categorized, and aggregated. This allows Google to measure interest in a particular topic across search, from around the globe, right down to city-level geography.

A score of a 100 indicates the peak frequency of a term searched. Before August 2007, Google Trends reports a 0 for the term "puberty blockers," meaning that it was searched so infrequently in the U.S. that there was not enough data for this term. The term "puberty blockers" did not average 5, or one-twentieth of its peak popularity, in any year before 2015.

Google Trends scores for "puberty blockers" "transgender", "gender identity disorder", "gender identity disorder", "gender dysphoria" were searched infrequently until 2015 then there was a dramatic increase every year through current year.

Furthermore, the treatment protocol of puberty blockers followed by cross-sex hormones among adolescents did not exist in the United States prior to 2007 and was extremely rare before 2010. Starting in 2010, however, the use of both puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones for adolescents who identified as transgender rose dramatically and was widely available by 2015. 2011 is when the queer theory begin to be smuggled through a mental health Trojan horse called "Social Emotional Learning" (SEL) in K-12. By 2016, 90% of all K-12 in the country had SEL programs

in their schools.

If you allow this bill to pass, you will flood your state with children who will grow up deformed. It will be on your watch this type of child mutilation happened. Let therapist do their jobs which is to help these vulnerable children figure out their baseline comorbidities. Nearly every single child that succumbs to the Transgender Cult has a multitude of untreated underlying issues.

You're all in a position of power. Do not succumb to this cult.