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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2458

I strongly oppose this bill.

Please look at the current situation in England (and Sweden and Finland).

we are not using science to move forwards. we are not dealing with this complex issue in a thoughtful way.

I am the mother of a troubled teen who has come out as 'trans'. It is a very useful shield for her to avoid the real problems underneath. It is an avoidance strategy. And therapists and medical professionals are pushing my daughter into an irreversible medical path. Believe me, I have studied this matter in great depth.

I VEHEMENTLY oppose this bill. We need to slow down. we need to talk and listen to each other in a more thoughtful, open minded way.

if an anorexic went to therapy would we say 'go ahead an lose another 40 pounds. you must be right?'

thank you for being open to my viewpoint.

respectfully A Highly Distressed Mother of a Highly Distressed Teenage Girl