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Reproductive health should be for everyone, no exceptions. I believe that there should be absolute separation of church and state. Currently the church is attempting to dictate policy for all of us, including Christians who disagree as well as non-Christians. The public is the public; those who serve the public, such as doctors and pharmacists, should offer all the services that promote health whether it be reproductive health or any bodily system. One segment of society doesn't agree with the morality of the issues involved. That is fine so long as they don't dictate public policy for everybody. No one is trying to force this segment to undergo any type of treatment. We need a law to ensure that those who seek treatment, get it.

I am not trans, nor do I have any trans persons in my family. Same on the abortion issue. Yet I uphold the right of all to make decisions with their doctors about reproductive health in the privacy of doctor's offices and people's homes. I am old enough to remember the time of back alley abortions. Now science has developed a pill that is minimally invasive. Let's go with science rather than religion on matters affecting the public.

I urge you to support the emergency bill HB 2002.