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I am opposing this bill because we as a society have established the age of 18 as the age when one reaches maturity and is capable of making adult decisions. Until that time, a minor is prohibited by law from purchasing tobacco, getting tattoos, getting plastic surgery, serving in the military and getting married because these choices have life-long consequences that an immature person is not capable of making. Gender transition hormones and surgery should also be included in this category because Gender-related distress will alleviate for around 80% of pre-teen children once they become teenagers. Source: <https://statsforgender.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Gender-related-distress-will-alleviate-for-around-80-of-pre-teen-children-once-they-become-teenagers.pdf>

I cannot recall a single one of my female friends who was comfortable with their bodies going into puberty. We hated our periods, we hated the increased attention from men and we felt awkward and uncomfortable in our bodies. That is not a sufficient reason to take puberty blockers and have surgery. It is far too easy for minors to be shuttled into the gender transition pipeline by unscrupulous health care providers who don't take the time to examine co-morbidities to gender confusion such as social pressure, unstable home environments, childhood abuse, autism, depression, and drug use. The transgender industrial complex is powered by the lifelong medical expenses of those who transition. If someone wants to make that choice as an adult when their brain has fully developed, let them. But keep our kids out of it.