

Submitter: Ed Diehl

On Behalf Of: Anonymous

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I am in opposition to the gender-affirmation treatment sections of House Bill 2002. As a mother and grandmother, I have seen my family go through many phases in life. That's just part of growing up. That is how we learn and develop as human beings. Making life altering decisions without the guidance and support of your parents, such as this bill is proposing, will cause irreputable damage to the parent/child relationship at a time when the child obviously needs the parent the most. Will you be there to support these children when they are experiencing emotional distress and trauma when they realize that these decisions can't be undone. I doubt that. The parents that you have disregarded in this bill, will have to pick up the pieces and try to help their child and have to bear the cost involved in any additional treatment that may involve. You don't have the right to play God with these young lives. I urge you NOT to pass this bill.