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Transgender and nonbinary people have always existed and will always exist. They are not an ideology. They are our friends, our family, our neighbors. Flesh and blood people who eat, sleep, and need healthcare the same as anyone else.

A cisgender man with low testosterone can easily access the gender-affirming hormone replacement therapy he needs. Why is it harder for a transgender man to get the same gender-affirming care?

A cisgender woman experiencing menopause can easily access estrogen therapy to help relieve uncomfortable symptoms. Why is it harder for a transgender woman to get estrogen to help her body feel better?

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Fear based on lies. Lies about protecting children. You want to protect children, give them free food at school, hold companies accountable for the toxic chemical they pump into our air and water, and ban guns.

Lies about sexual assault. You want to prevent sexual assault, punish rapists no matter how promising their future might be, teach children proper sex education so they know how to set boundaries and protect themselves, demand regulation on accessible bathroom stalls with doors that actually lock. And recognize that transgender people are more likely to be the victims of sexual assault than the perpetrator.

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Hatred based on misguided religious intolerance. Well, I've got news that might come as a shock to a lot of people, but the First Amendment of our Constitution says "congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion." It gives us the right worship or not. And laws based on the beliefs of one religion inherently violate the religious freedom of other religions and the freedom of our citizens to not practice any religion.

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Power and control. Control over a person's right to make choices about their own body.

Get you filthy hands off our bodies and give us the healthcare we deserve.