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This bill does not promote women's health, professional accountability, or child safety. It undermines parents' responsibility for their children, puts undue pressure on young adolescents to make permanent decisions long before they are ready or able, and promotes reckless medical practice. As a long-term high school teacher, I have seen countless students spend a year or more researching, visiting, and investing themselves deeply in picking just the right college, only to switch their decision at the last possible moment and abandon their choice college for a new college. Sterilization and gender transitioning are vastly more important decisions than situating a college education. This bill trades good medical science for expedient political points and commercial greed.

To say we are opposed to this bill is an understatement. We are appalled at how brazenly this bill violates the safety of women and children and promotes an agenda that is driven by financial profit under the guise of "rights". How can the public support such legislation? How can elected representatives claim to represent the public when so many citizens see this bill as detrimental to themselves, their families, their communities, and our state? In the clearest possible terms, we urge you to oppose this bill in its entirety. Short of that, we urge you to vote on the bills' several items separately in the hopes that the most egregious violations of human rights and ethics may be eliminated or drastically mitigated. As it stands now, this bill should not see the light of day.