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In this country, both Republicans and Democrats put a heavy emphasis on individual rights, and I believe this extends to personal autonomy, whether it be reproductive health care or gender-affirming care.

I am a heterosexual who has witnessed the struggle of women across this country to protect their bodies from unwanted pregnancies. The reason of the pregnancy doesn't matter. What matters is the woman's right to choose and have bodily autonomy.

It is not the role of the government to regulate our bodies. The woman is the one who lives with those decisions that are directly related to her ability to live her life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. No one else knows ourselves any better than... ourselves. It's not the government's job to get in the way of that no matter what, especially without any context or nuance.

This concept also applies to gender-affirming care - any person who seeks this care is seeking to live their best, authentic life, and the government should not be telling what people cannot do especially when it interferes with their pursuit of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.