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I am a gender affirming mental health care provider. I do not want to be forced to make an individual choice between providing evidence-based, best practices, gold-standard care for my gender diverse clients and complying with a discriminatory federal law. As a healthcare provider, all I want to do is provide the best healthcare and every reputable study indicates that gender affirming care prevents suicides and leads to better overall social, vocational, and emotional outcomes for clients of diverse gender experiences. At a time of so much fear and threat in our state, I want the sacred space of therapy to provide a sanctuary for all clients, including and especially those that the federal government is targeting and scapegoating.