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Dear Chair Kropf, Vice-Chair Chotzen, Vice-Chair Wallan and members of the House Judiciary Committee,

Access to my trans healthcare, especially my hormone replacement therapy, is so so important, in the face that it is safe and affordable for me to acquire. It keeps me happy and healthy, and most importantly alive. I can say this for certain, if I did not have my HRT, I would not be alive. Unfortunately there are some who would jump at the alternative of me or people like me not drawing breath anymore. This bill protecting trans folks from their information being accessible by those who would use that to strong arm and deny care, is exactly what we need to keep us safe. Ensuring that medical professionals can allow us to make informed decisions utilizing our own bodily autonomy, without fear of retribution or persecution from the federal government is absolutely necessary for access to gender affirming care to continue. It pains me to say but I know if medical professionals weren't protected or enabled to give this care, so so few wouldn't. We need to do everything we can to ensure that we are safe and able to continue to access HRT, because the federal government is continuing to try and take that from us. Thank you to those proposing this bill for doing what they can to keep my loved ones and I safe and alive.