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In our country around 40% of LBGTQ+ consider suicide and over 10% attempt suicide annually. This bill is not about suicide, but confidentiality with our healthcare. If these teens knew they could talk to a healthcare provider and the information would be protected, they may seek the help they need.

Seeking care with our doctors is a confidential matter with strict HIPPA compliance rules. This should not change based on the type of care we are receiving. Any care and treatment should be protected.

When we allow one of our basic rights to go away, it makes it easier for other rights to also be taken away. The people that oppose this bill due to their religious preferences have the right to have a religious freedom. They would be horrified to have their religious freedom taken away. We need to continue to support everyone's right to live to their fullest self with dignity and privacy.

I support this bill. Thank you for bringing it forward.