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Earlier this week, a jury in New York awarded damages to a 22-year-old woman who sued her therapist and plastic surgeon for medical harm related to the removal of her healthy breasts when she was 16. She is among a growing number of young women who describe themselves as detransitioners or individuals experiencing gender medical regret. Her case is a significant first and there are many more working their way through the court system <https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/03/health/gender-surgery-malpractice-varian.html>

In the days following that verdict, major medical organizations issued updated guidance. The American Society of Plastic Surgeons announced a policy opposing so-called “gender-affirming” surgical procedures for minors, and the American Medical Association has since taken a similar position. These developments suggest that medical opinion in this area is neither settled nor static, and that professional consensus is moving toward increased caution and restraint, particularly where minors are concerned.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/04/health/gender-surgery-minors-ama.html>

<https://www.statnews.com/2026/02/03/gender-affirming-surgeries-delay-until-age-19-plastic-surgeon-association-says/>

I urge you to practice caution and restraint and vote NO on this bill in favor of watchful waiting to learn more on this important and complex issue.

Thank you