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My name is Dr Roy Eappen. I'm an Endocrinologist from Montreal. I am a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and a Fellow of the American College of Endocrinologists. I am speaking against this bill. In Dec 2023 I wrote an op Ed in the WSJ equating GAC with gay conversion therapy. I am gay and as you can hear I have a high pitched voice and am somewhat effeminate. I have no doubt that if I was an adolescent today I would be told I'm trans. Most of the kids exposed to PB and cross sex hormones should only get therapy and be allowed to go through puberty. In most cases that would heal the gender dysphoria. comprehensive review of GAC was done in the UK by dr Now Baroness Cass. from the report onGIDS the central child gender clinic in the UK. . The evidence base on which it prescribed major hormonal or interventions such as puberty blockers was close to non-existent, and many clinicians had expressed concerns about poor diagnosis and record-keeping, and a culture of shutting down criticism. The situation in the US is not better and in many ways was worse. The Cass report rightly made the point that we cannot tell which kids will persist. The cass report also makes the point that social transition also has profound effects on children . The systematic review of social transition from the university of of from University of York found low quality evidence for the benefits of social transitioning. The benefits of GAC are unclear and there are questions of harms such as infertility , osteoporosis and even on brain development. This bill shuts down data sharing that is the life blood of clinically research. Given the poor and low quality evidence in this area , one would think that the aim would be to increase research . This bill does the opposite. This bill stops data sharing to researchers but allows the data to be shared with HHS as required by statute. It is a badly though out bill and should be defeated