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Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee

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Dear Members

I realize and accept we live in a pluralistic society where we may differ in principle. I accept there is real pain and suffering for those who face gender dysphoria. The pain for them and their families is and can be intolerable. Yet, for moral reasons, I urge you to vote not to forward HB 4088 to the full House of Representatives for a final decision.

I am particularly concerned that providing definitive invasive gender transitioning procedures to pediatric patients does not have research data supporting the interventions. What are the long term outcomes? Are the data credible? What does peer-review have to say?

I support my concerns based on position papers of the American College of Plastic Surgeons and the American Medical Association. These bodies have recently and publicly questioned the science.

Medical Associations Trusted Belief Over Science on Youth Gender Care
<https://www.nytimes.com/2026/02/24/opinion/medical-associations-youth-gender-care.html>

<https://segm.org/ASPS-position-statement-2026>

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons Rejects Adolescent Gender Surgery and Raises Serious Concerns Regarding All Minor Gender Transitions

ASPS Position Statement: gender surgery for minors fails the evidence test

American Medical Association Says Gender Surgeries for Minors Should Wait

<https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2026-02-06/american-medical-association-says-gender-surgeries-for-minors-should-wait>

I am confident the clinician specialists in gender transformation care and its advocates on behalf of the suffering are well intended. Yet, science must be our guidepost.

Sincerely and respectfully,

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