

January 24, 2023

Human Services Committee  
HB 1301

Chairman Weisz and Committee members:

Let the record reflect my support for House Bill 1301 ("HB 1301"), as written and introduced by Representatives Prichard, Dyk, M. Ruby, Tveit and VanWinkle, and Senators Boehm, Dwyer, Paulson and Vedaa.

What is "child abuse" in an era where all terminology and language is under constant assault to obfuscate, demean, and degrade? To borrow from former Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart: "I know it when I see it." Permanently disfiguring a minor child as a means to avoid addressing an underlying psychological malady IS child abuse, irrespective of what the credentialed lab coat types who stand to reap material monetary benefits from the administering of such "treatments" contend.

Lobotomies and electro-shock therapy were once the darlings of medical consensus.

HB 1301 addresses short-comings in existing statute by providing means of recompense, at least in a monetary sense, for individuals abused as minors under the demonic religion of "gender affirming care".

There is substantial financial incentives for medical providers to disregard their Hippocratic Oath placed into effect by politicians who seek to place themselves in power positions by the administration of large sums of money. HB 1301 provides a counterbalancing financial disincentive for such medical malpractice and barbarism.

Similarly, there is social credit in our current culture to be reaped from being the parent of a "transitioning" child. We, as a collective society, have punishments in place for the exploitation of minors, but seem to disregard if it may offend a newly-minted "protected class". Why? Our foremost duty is the defense of the defenseless if we purport to hold ourselves out as a moralistic people.

We have a moral obligation to defend children. Mutilation, disfigurement, chemical castration and every other "Island of Doctor Moreau" horror being perpetrated upon minors who are incapable of legally making these decisions for themselves is abhorrent and should be thoroughly rejected, renounced, and defeated. Full stop.

I respectfully request a "do pass" recommendation from the Human Services Committee.

Respectfully,

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