

SUPPORT OF BILLS 1254 and 1301

I am an attorney, a life-long Democrat who voted for same-sex marriage and a mother of two. I am a co-lead of Our Duty, an international group of parents from various political backgrounds and religious or agnostic backgrounds

I am the parent of daughter who at age 13 was convinced that she was a trans boy. She did not come by this belief organically. She was indoctrinated by her public school, an older trans-identifying girl and people she met online. She was influenced by TikTok, Youtube, Instagram and Twitter. She came to her identity after spending hours online during the COVID lockdown. She was taught how to dissociate from her body and that all of her pain would disappear if she just transitioned to a boy. I watched as close to 50% of her girl scout troop - 7/16— came out as trans or non-binary.

As soon as she announced her trans identity, her mental health plummeted. She barely got out of bed. Brushing her teeth was a feat. She copied her older trans-identified friend and limited her calorie intake. She imitated this girl and others online – cutting her hair, dying it different colors, donning binders, piercing her nose, decorating her room in a goth motif. She started failing her classes at school. She was diagnosed with severe depression and anxiety.

All of the medical providers, teachers and therapists, save for the one we hired, told us that she would kill herself and that we needed to accept that she was a “he.” We did our own research. We ignored the medical advice and my daughter is now happy in her female body, and thriving with her body intact. No child can consent to sterilization, and no parent has the right to take that from a child. Parents are pressured into believing that they have two options – transition or suicide. That is belied by my story and countless others, and most importantly the medical evidence. I have attached materials that demonstrate what Europe is doing. Sweden, the most progressive country, has stopped medicalizing minors. The US turns a blind eye because of conflation with “trans” and being gay, and the enormous profits that are exacted from creating a life-long medical patient.

Be on the right side of history, it is astounding to me that states are even considering whether children should be experimented upon, locked into an identity as children, have undiseased body parts removed, in the name of true self. Authenticity does not require medical intervention.

Support AB 1254 and AB1301. But remove the phrase, “assigned sex at birth”. Sex is observed, not assigned. Don’t adopt nonsensical language.

Respectfully,

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