

Any law restricting care, identity, or personal growth of any Transgender person is hateful, ignorant and ungodly! These bills if passed, will have tremendous and lasting negative effects on youth and adults. I urge other adults — doctors, nurses, teachers, principals, counselors, therapists, and parents and even adolescents to educate others and speak out on the negative impacts that these acts will have on the health of adolescents who identify as transgender or have dysphoria. If these bills were to become law, we would eliminate any Transgender, NonBinary person from living a healthy and Authentic life setting them up to spend days and hours struggling to be comfortable in simple daily tasks. These would compromise the safety and well being of Transgender people.

Interactions where someone denies your chosen name or pronouns can be psychologically damaging. Having your identity disrespected by those around you might start as unpleasant, but over time it can build to become draining and truly damaging. Having to endure disrespect and discrimination regularly can lead to significant health consequences over a person's lifetime.

The Harvard Medical School and the Fenway Institute published a study showing that access to puberty blockers during adolescence is associated with lower odds of transgender young adults considering suicide. Despite fearmongering, these are safe medications that doctors have been using for decades for cisgender children who go through puberty too early. They also are reversible — if the medication is stopped, puberty will progress. Continuing HRT means that a person can continue to be who they are, reversing that care will spiral that person into unjust mental health risks and dysphoria that they have already adjusted from.

Deciding any law based on prejudice or ignorance is neglectful, an error in judgement and a bad ethical practice. Voting against laws that have been researched to be beneficial to those who are represented in them draws to question the reasoning. The use of bathroom plans, Pronouns, Gender Affirming Care have been done so for each individual based on a team of people looking out for their best interest. Parents, doctors, counselors, family members, school staff and the individual have all already decided what is best for them, your refusal to see that is not their burden and should never be. You will not have to live with the damage you have caused they will and for some that may mean an early death.