

Children should be protected at all costs. That statement includes every child no matter their race, gender, identity, and presence in the LGBTQ+ community. When you take away their right to have their identity and presence acknowledged you are not taking away who they are but instead putting them in danger of physical and mental harm by other students and staff who oppose their existence. That being said, if you were to ban children from using the appropriate bathrooms and pronouns that they align with, you are putting them at risk of hate-crimes and violence towards their mental health and overall well being.

Secondly, how will you determine what child belongs to which bathroom? Are you going to inspect a MINOR's pants to see what their birth gender is? That also provides risk to children because you are giving easier access to sexual predators and pedophiles, besides the fact you are crossing a massive boundary to a child. This would affect all children, and cause massive distrust, anguish, and mental distress to each of them.

Thirdly, suicide rates are already at a high rate for transgender individuals . Doing this will push those numbers even higher. Amongst these faults, these children are prone to domestic violence outside of school and in their own homes by their own family if they are outed to their parents.

When you review this bill I want you to keep these reasons in mind. Children will commit suicide and be harmed by those they should trust or those they should be protected from.