

House Judiciary Committee
SB2231
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I am in favor of SB2231

I had to really think about what I believe to be truth in my personal belief system after hearing the testimonies of the trans-communities. I have quoted before the statement by Warren Wiersbe, Quote: "Truth without love is barbaric, and Love without truth is hypocrisy" end of quote. Because of these testimonies, and the ensuing conflict with my personal beliefs, I have come to this conclusion:

As a teacher, to make a decision on calling a student a pronoun that doesn't line up with their biological sex, it would be difficult for me. If I was forced to call a student a different pronoun, I would have to excuse myself from that position or quit my job in order not to go against my own beliefs. It is a difficult decision but one that I would have to take. I cannot compromise my belief that God created man and woman, and that a male can never be fully a female, and a female can never be fully a male. When reproductive abilities are distorted, damaged or eliminated, I feel our societies' human race is being destroyed. And I cannot condone that.

When children are forming their identity, I cannot agree to affirm pronouns different from their biological sex. To me, it's like helping them stay in that position over and over, and causing them to believe it even more. This would make a huge compromise in my own personal consciousness.

I relate to a letter that a Grandma sent to her transgender grandchild, which the grandchild read in a YouTube video called, [Amazing Response to Gender Confusion](#):

Quote: "got this letter from my grandma and it is addressed to miss Old Name. Not actually but you know I don't say my real name on the internet. (Next reading letter from her grandma) "Dearest dead name, on this our Blessed Mother's feast day, I am writing you to tell you that I will not address you as Mike. My decision is probably not a surprise to you. Others may comply with your request. My anguish and your chosen name and what that means has to do with your eternal soul. Know that I love you more than words could ever possibly convey to you. No matter how you decide to identify yourself does not change my deep love for you honey. Because of my concerns for your soul and your mental health, I'm spending more time with Jesus and adoration. The (my cousin's last names), are doing the same for you." End of quote.

So, I identify with this grandmother and how she feels about her grandchild. Is this grandmother hating her grandchild because the grandma won't accept the grandchild's preferred name? I think not! This is my constitutional right to believe in my personal belief system. Please pass SB2231. Thank you!