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The Honorable Brenda Landwehr,
Chairperson House Committee on Health and Human Services
300 SW 10th Avenue, Room 112-N
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Dear Chairperson Landwehr and Members of the Committee:

Please accept this letter as an expression of my support for HB 2791.

HB 2791 bars taxpayer funds from being used for futile and unsafe gender-transitioning of children. It also prohibits advocating for the medical or surgical transitioning of a child if state funds are accepted to treat psychological disorders in children.

These therapies in children are currently unproven. Long-term effects have not yet been studied satisfactorily. And there are known to be disturbing side effects. Kansas taxpayers should not be saddled with paying for these therapies.

Children affected by these conditions deserve better. They deserve our compassion and our finest scientifically-proven care, not treatments that can leave them barren or with permanently disfigured genitalia. They deserve better.

We need to move forward with what other civilized western cultures are doing, care for our children appropriately, and protect them from harm.

Thank you, Madame Chair, for hearing this legislation, and I hope that when we work this bill, we pass it out favorably.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Bryce".

Ron Bryce, M.D.

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