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Testimony before the Kansas Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare,
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Madam Chair, distinguished committee members:

My name is Festus Krebs III MD MBA and I am a proponent of SB 12

I wish to relate a history lesson concerning transgender philosophy, politics, and medicine. In 1980 I was a surgical intern in San Francisco, California. In the ER I saw a number of patients in extreme emotional and psychological distress, and who had mutilated or missing sex organs. An older surgeon explained to me that years ago the very progressive state had passed legislation funding free sex-change operations and hormonal therapies. Subsequent follow-up studies on these patients proved that after sex-change surgery, intensive psychological therapy, and/or hormonal manipulation therapy, they were overwhelmingly more unhappy and had more serious psychological pathology as a result. They were completely miserable and maladjusted in society, with skyrocketing suicide and self-harm episodes. For reinforcement of these conclusions, a 2021 30-year retrospective study from Sweden found that compared to normal controls, sex-change patients had three times the mortality rate, 19 times the suicide rate, three times the rate of psychiatric inpatient care, and a higher risk for criminal convictions. Fortunately, these California transsexual programs were all shut down, and many lives were saved.

I later learned that even in California, on the outer fringe of progressive thought, neither the populace, nor the legislature had ever considered performing sex-changing operations, nor hormonal manipulations, on minors.

Please, learn from our painful California experiences of the 70's and pass SB12, so we don't have to repeat the sex-change disasters. Thank You.