

Dear Legislators,

I am writing to urge you to vote in favor of SB12. This bill will save countless lives and will help to turn around this messed up idea that people under the age of 21 really know what they want!

If you look back when you were 16, or even 18, you probably are not the same person now. We are still developing our minds and ideas about what we want for our life. If we do something permanent during these formative years, we may live with regret for the remainder of our lives. I suggest you find the sites and online groups of people who have received gender altering surgeries and now regret it. It is painful to hear their stories!

When doctors perform reassignment procedures on minors, they may think they are doing a noble service, yet in reality they are potentially ruining the life of a person who is confused. A woman who undergoes this surgery may become sterile and never be able to give birth. That alone could cause someone to go into deep depression.

This bill would make it a crime if a doctor performs such surgery on a person under the age of 21. We need this bill because unfortunately many doctors will do any surgery that is legal, regardless if it is ethical.

Sincerely,

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