

Honorable Beverly Gossage  
Chair, Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare  
Kansas Capitol, Room 142 South  
Topeka, Kansas 66612

Re: Proponent Written and Oral Testimony, SB12

Dear Chairwoman Gossage and Committee:

My name is William Mize. I live in Louisburg and operate a law office in Overland Park.

SB12 is a bill designed to limit sexual reassignment procedures to only those who are mature enough to make the decisions necessary to live with the lifelong medical consequences. Just like society places limits on numerous decisions our youth may make, this bill is just an extension of our desire to protect these individuals from their own decision. However, rather than place the burden on those who lack maturity to make such far reaching decisions, this bill places that responsibility on the ones who are in position to evaluate these decisions – the medical community.

Sexual reassignment surgery on our youth is a recent phenomenon, at least in any widespread sense. Like any untested procedures, it is doubtful that we have had the time and opportunity to fully grasp all the ramifications that these procedures will bring on the youth. This is reminiscent of the recent covid response where, without allowing for enough time to study the virus, the experts were allowed to dictate the way we would respond, telling us they were the ones following the science. Remember the so-called truths like the vaxed would be less likely to contract covid? That if you are vaxed, you will be less likely to spread covid? That if you are vaxed your immunity to covid will be superior to those who have only developed natural immunity to the virus? All these so-called truths and many others pushed by the medical experts were eventually shown to be false. Are we prepared to accept another round of trusting the experts with their pronouncements on physical and mental health without first demanding the evidence backing up their claims?

I would ask you to protect our children from life altering decisions until we have an opportunity to know about the future ramifications these procedures will bring.

I recommend the approval of SB12 by this committee.

Respectfully,  
William Mize  
Louisburg  
Proponent