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Opposition Testimony

Senate Bill 76

My name is Katie Mastrosimone and I live in Douglas County. I am a junior in high school. I oppose this bill because it will harm kids who might find their only support at school for who they are.

It eliminates the free speech right of teachers and students. Your name is very personal to you. It is disrespectful to call someone by a name they do not use.

Trans kids exist. You are trying to erase them.

This ban will also encourage bullying by other students.

How does calling a kid by their preferred name cause harm to anyone else? Why do you care what students call themselves? How is this the business of government in any way? All that this bill does is say to these kids that the government believes their identity is up for legislation. It says that the government who is supposed to represent and stand for them believes they are unworthy of the dignity of being who they are.

Please vote NO on this bill.

Thank you.