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For both SB 63 and HB 2071
Opponent
Written only

Chairman and Members of the Committee, thank you for giving me time to share my thoughts on SB63. My name is Fred Bellemere and I am a voter in Leavenworth County. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote no on SB 63.

I am the father of a now adult Transgender Daughter. My daughter came out to us as a minor. My wife, my daughter, myself and Dr's of our choosing made decisions based upon what we felt was best. We were told about options with respect to puberty blockers and hormone treatment and were made fully aware of all risks involved. We were also told, in no uncertain terms, that surgery is not an option for a minor. Your job as Legislators is not to dictate medical treatment for your constituents. You have no business getting in between a parent and there medical doctors. Beyond the restriction of medical treatment this bill adds plenty of vague wording about unacceptable practices leaving plenty of room for lawsuits that will ultimately cost our state money. My daughter is a hard working college graduate and I could not be more proud of her. I do not understand why you think this issue is so pressing every year. Our state has far bigger problems than this to address.

Thanks for taking the time to read my story. I encourage you to vote no on the passage of SB 63.