

HB0691

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I'm in favor of HB0691 because every Marylander deserves to have their bodily autonomy protected especially when it comes to gender affirming and reproductive healthcare. They go hand in hand and any weakness in protections for one makes the other vulnerable. The government should never be able to get in-between people and their doctors/insurance in these deeply personal decisions.

Additionally, every major medical association recognizes and supports gender affirming healthcare. The American Medical Association, The American Academy of Pediatrics, The Endocrine Society and many more. You can view a letter from the AMA defending gender affirming healthcare here:

<https://www.ama-assn.org/press-center/press-releases/ama-states-stop-interfering-health-care-transgender-children>

A Cornell University analysis reviewed more than 25 years of scholarship on transgender mental health (more than 4,000 studies) and found “a strong consensus that undergoing gender transition can improve the well-being of transgender people”:

<https://news.cornell.edu/stories/2018/04/analysis-finds-strong-consensus-effectiveness-gender-transition-treatment>

There is no “debate” in the medical community. Gender affirming healthcare is real, backed by science, and actually saves lives according to the evidence. Do not listen to the bad faith actors pushing anti-science propaganda that's intended to harm trans people. Those people have a personal political agenda and do not care to listen to the facts/science. Do not get in-between people and their doctors/insurance.

Please pass HB0691 immediately!

Thank you,
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