

Witness: Tara and Matthew Thompson
Jurisdiction: Baltimore County
Bill: HB0691 - Legally Protected Health Care - Gender-Affirming Treatment
Committee: Health and Government Operations
Position: UNFAVORABLE

Dear Committee,

We are writing to request an UNFAVORABLE vote of HB0691. THERE IS NO AGE LIMIT ON THIS BILL.

*This bill seeks to, alter the definition of “legally protected health care” to include certain gender-affirming treatment, including medications and supplies, for the purposes of certain provisions of law that prohibit health occupations **disciplinary actions** and **certain actions in criminal and civil proceedings** and the use of certain resources in furtherance of certain investigations and proceedings related to legally protected health care; and generally relating to legally protected health care.*

Performing gender-affirming treatment including medications and supplies on a minor comes with LIFELONG consequences that any medical professional should be aware of. If this bill is passed, parents will not be able to hold anyone accountable for future disciplinary actions in a criminal and civil proceeding if and when that child is harmed in the long run. The state is PRACTICING and attempting to LEGALIZE MEDICAL EXPERIMENTATION on MINORS. Minors CANNOT CONSENT TO medical decisions and treatments that come with LIFELONG CONSEQUENCES. Minors are a protected class. CHILDREN NEED TO REMAIN PROTECTED.

We humbly request your **UNFAVORABLE** vote on this bill for Maryland families and children.

Sincerely,

Tara and Matthew Thompson
Parents of 3 school-aged children in Maryland and lifetime residents of Baltimore County