

My name is Erin Lorenz and I am a resident of Annapolis, Maryland and a teacher at a local public high school.

I am writing to express my support for HB 746/SB 682. This piece of legislation will provide immeasurable support for our transgender neighbors as they navigate the challenging and often confusing path of gender-affirming medical procedures. By ensuring that these procedures can be covered by insurance, the state of Maryland will be protecting our citizens' mental health and well-being and taking leadership in being a fully welcoming state to people of all genders and gender expressions.

As a high school teacher, I see the beginning stages of a person understanding themselves to be trans and I have seen a great deal of the anguish and conflict that surrounds their physical appearance. On an even more personal note, a young family member has also recently come out as trans, and I am hoping that we can make his life as full and affirming as anyone else living in Maryland.

Thank you for supporting this bill.