

Dear Senator Washington and respected members of the Finance Committee,

I am writing to request that you submit an unfavorable report on SB0460. Requiring medical assistance to cover the procedures outlined in the bill is unethical and discriminatory. Should medical assistance also cover Botox for people who are uncomfortable with the process of aging, or liposuction for those who find themselves despondent over the fact that they have gained weight?

This is nothing to say about the permanent and irreversible damage that these procedures will cause. **Not one person who has undergone a vaginoplasty or phalloplasty has ever achieved orgasm.** The scars created by a mastectomy never disappear and the chest of someone who has had this procedure does not resemble a man's. To insinuate that puberty can be put on pause is to liken a child to a robot that does what its master instructs. In reality, the damage done to a child who halts a natural process is debilitating.

We are seeing more and more courageous men, women and children who are desisting from these ruinous procedures; there is a Reddit group of over 48,000 "detransitioners" all of whom regret the abuse which was done to their body in the name of "care." To really care for a person is to assess his or her mental state and get to the root of the issue.

Please consider what most Marylanders know to be common sense. Taxpayers should not be required to fund procedures and drugs which are contrary to their morals and values,

Thank you,

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