

Dear Members of the Senate Finance Committee,

I am a resident of **D46** and a **professional mental health therapist (LCSW-C)**. I am testifying in **support of "Trans Health Equity Act" (SB460)**.

Gender affirming care has been shown, both by research and in my clinical experience, to reduce psychiatric hospitalizations and suicidal out in transgender youth and adults. I support gender-affirming care being available to individuals in need of it.

It is for that reason that I am encouraging you to vote **in support of SB460**.

Thank you for your time, service, and consideration.

Sincerely,
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