

## SB 119 2024 Legally Protected Health Care

Hello Honorable Chairperson & Vice Chairperson and Committee Members.  
My name is Sharon Blinder Hill. I am supporting Senate Bill 119.

By protecting medical professionals who provide medications and supplies for gender-affirming treatments from criminal and civil proceedings, people will be able to properly take care of their patients. A truly holistic system of care is focused on supporting and affirming a patient's internal sense of who they are in order to have their bodies conform with their internal sense of self.

Research shows that foregoing gender-affirming care often leads individuals to be anxious, depressed, socially withdrawn and potentially suicidal. With appropriate gender-affirming care, human beings have improved mental health and the opportunity to lead a happy & healthy life. Real measurable & positive changes in lives occur alongside supportive health care.

Please vote YES to SB 119