

Witness: Tara and Matthew Thompson  
Jurisdiction: Baltimore County  
Bill: HB0722 - Health – Minors – Gender and Sex Transition Procedures  
Committee: Health and Government Operations  
Position: SUPPORT

Dear Committee,

We are writing in support of HB0722. Thank you Delegate Arian for sponsoring this bill and your courage to stand up against this attack on our families and our children here in Maryland.

Minors CANNOT CONSENT TO medical decisions and treatments that come with LIFELONG CONSEQUENCES. Minors are a protected class. Minors cannot buy alcohol, cigarettes or get tattoos for a reason.

I request an amendment to this bill.

~~FOR the purpose of prohibiting a health care provider from knowingly engaging in or causing certain medical or surgical procedures to be performed on a minor without the consent of the parent, guardian, or custodian of the minor if performed for the purpose of attempting to alter the appearance of, or affirm the minor's perception of, the minor's gender or sex and the appearance or perception is inconsistent with the minor's sex, except under certain circumstances; and generally relating to gender and sex transition procedures and minors.~~

CHILDREN NEED TO REMAIN PROTECTED. We humbly request your **FAVORABLE** vote on this bill for Maryland families and children. You all know the devastating consequences gender surgery has on children. ONLY adults should be making this decision for themselves when they are of adult age.

Sincerely,

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