House Bill 722 - UNFAVORABLE Health and Government Operations

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee;

Here we go again. Another attack on transgender people.

Last week, I was in tears when listening the testimony of a woman who was in favor of a "parental rights" bill in the Judiciary Committee. This is a parent who can't handle that her child is trans, and forced him to leave school and cater to her bigotry. Thankfully, he escaped from homeschooling into a school where he can be accepted as he is. This is a child who should be put on suicide watch because his mother is rejecting him so much that she showed up to testify about it. How can anyone applaud that and call it good parenting?

Stop. Killing. Trans. Kids.

Please give House Bill 722 an UNFAVORABLE report. And consider putting forth legislation to protect LGBTQ+ children from parents who despise who they are. It's emotional abuse that can lead to death.

I'm so tired of these attempts to hurt children. And I'm disturbed that there are legislators who are obsessed with what's in children's pants.

Sincerely, Debi Jasen Pasadena, MD

(With apologies to the delegate who suggested I be cordial in my testimony. These bills are just too infuriating, exhausting, heartbreaking, and depressing, and I don't have it in me to be nice about it right now.)