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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SB0314 Certificates of Birth, Licenses, and Identification
Cards - Sex Designation (Birth Certificate Modernization Act)

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TO: Chair Beidle, Chair Smith, and members of the Senate Finance & Judicial Proceedings
Committees

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Transgender parents should be able to freely change their own gender designation on the birth certificates of their children to prevent discrepancies between their gender identity and any legal documents related to them. If a parent truly identifies as a gender that is no longer accurate to how they identified when they had their kid, the parent should be able to modify their gender marker to reflect their present-day identity. A person's gender identity is up to the discretion of said person alone, and I care immensely about trans people having the right to legally identify as the gender they personally identify with.

If for any reason a parent tries to change their gender marker to a gender that they do not personally identify with, the bill would call for the parent to be penalized under perjury. This should effectively dissuade those who would want to disingenuously change their gender marker.

In conclusion, I, as a US citizen, am in favor of the SB0314 bill.

Thank you.