Health and Government Operations Committee House Bill 1368 <u>FAVORABLE</u>

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

Under the Trump/ Musk regime, where scientific articles have been erased from government websites, history has been rewritten to exclude transgender people, and doctors have been threatened, it's more important than ever to pass legislation that recognizes the existence of transgender people.

Medical personnel are already refusing to provide gender-affirming care, including to adults, due to fear of government retribution. There was already a concern about the costs of the doctor's appointments and paperwork needed in order to obtain a new birth certificate. Now there's the additional problem of transgender people not even being able to find gender-affirming doctors with whom to make the appointments.

Please trust that transgender people know who they are and support House Bill 1368, the Birth Certificate Modernization Act. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely, Debi Jasen Pasadena, MD