

## HB 679- SUPPORT

My name is Prisha Mosley. When I was a teenager, I was depressed, had low self esteem, and was dealing with trauma. I needed help with my struggles and time to grow into myself when doctors affirmed my delusions that I was really a boy trapped in a girl's body. They fed me pseudoscience and fantastical promises that I didn't understand were just advertisements. They referred to the amputation of both of my healthy breasts as "top surgery," a euphemism meant to market the surgery to a suicidal teenager who needed ethical care. They called it "hormone replacement therapy" when they destroyed my endocrine system with high doses of anabolic steroids. I was still a teenager when it began, and it took me years to untangle the lies and come to terms with the betrayal that my doctors put me through.

I am suffering life long medical damage as a result of falling for the lies of medical professionals I should have been able to trust. My body cannot regulate my hormones on its own anymore, making me dependent on the pharmacy for prescriptions for the rest of my life. I have insulin resistance, an enlarged liver, hair loss, chronic pain, and more all as a result of testosterone use, none of which my doctors warned me about.

My chest is scarred and numb and also in pain. I have nerve damage and scar tissue. My double mastectomy led to severe complications after I gave birth. Breast tissue was left behind by my surgeon which led to milk being trapped inside my chest. I couldn't feed my baby from my body while I ached to do so. It broke my heart.

I urge lawmakers to protect children from the medical fraud and malpractice that happened to me when I needed help. Identifying as trans does not give anyone's doctor the right to experiment on them. Everyone deserves ethical and evidence based care.