

February 16, 2026

The Honorable Chair
Delegate Heather Bagnall
Health Committee
240 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: OPPOSITION of House Bill 0679 (Health Occupations - Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors)

To the Chair Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and esteemed members of the Health Committee,

As an individual resident of Baltimore City, I strongly oppose House Bill 0679. Every major medical association considers age-appropriate transition-related care medically necessary, including the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), the [American Medical Association](#), the [American Nurses Association](#), the [American Psychiatric Association](#), the [American Psychological Association](#), the [Endocrine Society](#), the [Federation of Pediatric Organizations](#), the [Pediatric Endocrine Society](#), and more.

The American Medical Association states that trans and non-binary gender identities are normal variations of human identity and expression. HB0679 would deny gender-affirming care which can have tragic health consequences, both mental and physical, as well as ignoring every major medical association's insistence that this care is medically necessary.

The proposed legislation would restrict the range of evidence-based treatment options available to families and youth and interfere with decision-making between families, youth, and clinical teams. Please keep Maryland safe for our trans and nonbinary youth.

For these reasons and many more, **I ask the Health Committee to give HB0679 an unfavorable report.**

For more information about this position, please contact Zoe Renfro at zoe.renfro@gmail.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Zoe Renfro". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end of the name.

Zoe Renfro, MPH
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