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**Testimony in support of HB0679
Health Occupations – Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors**

Dear Chair Delegate Heather Bagnall and Members of the Committee

Thank you for providing me the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill HB0679.

It saddens me that we even have to legislate what should be common sense. There is no other way to describe the medical dispensing of puberty blockers and cross sex hormones than it is the medical abuse of a minor child. What's even more disappointing is that many of the same members of this committee voted against an amendment in 2023 that was introduced by Delegate Fisher on HB0283 Maryland Medical Assistance Program - Gender-Affirming Treatment (Trans Health Equity Act)! The Amendment said: THE PROGRAM MAY NOT PROVIDE GENDER-AFFIRMING CARE TO RECIPIENTS UNDER THE AGE OF 18 YEARS, INCLUDING PUBERTY BLOCKERS FOR THE TREATMENT OF GENDER DYSPHORIA OR IN ORDER TO PROVIDE GENDER CONFIRMATION CARE.”.

Chair Bagnall, not only were you a co-sponsor of HB0283 in 2023, the record shows that you voted no on the Delegate Fisher amendment! Unlike a Disney Cruise play, there is no magic fairy dust that you can sprinkle to restore the harm that has potentially been inflicted on these minor children.
<https://mgaleg.maryland.gov/2023RS/votes/house/0440.pdf>

In 2024, our partners in the United Kingdom enacted a ban on puberty blockers as well as transition surgeries on minor children based on expert medical advice! See the press release:
<https://www.government.uk/government/news/ban-on-puberty-blockers-to-be-made-indefinite-on-experts-advice>

In case you missed it, on February 5, 2026 The American Society of Plastic Surgeons issued a statement that rejects adolescent gender surgeries on minor children under 19 years old.
<https://segm.org/ASPS-position-statement-2026>

In New York recently, a jury awarded a 2 million dollar verdict holding doctors liable for malpractice for performing gender surgery on a 16 year old! I encourage you and your fellow committee members to listen to a recent interview with de-transitioner Chloe Cole.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AvbnSX2nnWc&t=44s>

While jury awards will not restore the healthy bodies that these child victims have lost, this bill is a start to holding the medical abusers accountable for their medical malpractice. I encourage you to do the right thing and pass of HB0679 Health Occupations – Cross-Sex Hormone Therapy for Minors! Otherwise, I pray that the voters will replace you on November 3rd with someone else who will!

This is why I strongly urge you to vote yes on HB0679!

Thanks,

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