

Dear Members of the House Committee on Health and Human Services,

I am writing to express my strong SUPPORT for H7884 in Rhode Island. The necessity for this bill cannot be overstated; it addresses a critical need to ensure that children are safeguarded from the complexities of gender affirming care until they are of an age where they can comprehend the profound ramifications of such decisions.

Children, by virtue of their developmental stage, lack the cognitive maturity to fully understand the lifelong implications of gender affirming care. As such, it is incumbent upon us as lawmakers to enact prudent policies that protect their well-being and future interests.

I implore the committee to recognize the urgency of this matter and to pass this legislation without delay. By doing so, we affirm our commitment to upholding the welfare of our children and ensuring that their rights and futures are carefully safeguarded.

Sincerely,

Anthony D'Ellena