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Cc: Rep. Knight, Jason

Subject: Opposition to H5688 and H5739

Dear Members of the House Education Committee,

When you hear House Bills 5688 and 5739, please understand that they are veiled and overreaching attempts at infringing on the rights of transgender (and other sexual minority) individuals to exist. Please do not be misled by the language of these bills and do not vote them out of committee.

I have worked with transgender clients in my private therapy practice for more than ten years. Many of these clients (ages 10 - 82) have felt discriminated against and shunned by their own families and by their communities. They need our affirmation and protection, not our ignorance.

Thank you for your time, attention, and service to Rhode Island,

Cynthia

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