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Legislators,

Regarding House Bill 7884, I urge you to vote NO. I believe that if children are too young to vote, to drive, to enter the military, to purchase firearms and a whole host of other things we don't allow them to do, it makes no sense to allow them to irreversibly alter their bodies/genetics. If a child is struggling with who or what they are I think a therapist is more in order to guide them through this challenge. I have no stats to back up this opinion other than what I have read but it seems the suicide and depression rates among children who alter their bodies is higher than average. Also I believe younger children especially cannot comprehend what they are feeling and would be better served talking and working through these feelings/issues with a trained therapist.

Thank you,
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