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Dear House Committee on Health and Human Services,

Bill: H7884
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
House Lounge-State House

I am IN SUPPORT of bill H7884. My name is Monica Vance and I am a Rhode Island resident. My address is 582 Blackstone St. Apt 1L Woonsocket, RI.

I am in favor of the passage of bill H7884. As a Mental Health Therapist who has worked with children and families for several years, I am aware of the development of children. The development of a brain stops around 30 years old. Hence, a child cannot make logical decisions surrounding gender transition. Gender hormones and reassignment surgeries create mental, physical, and emotional chaos in the bodies of individuals choosing to transition from one gender to the next. Our children need to be protected from such chaos. They need to be allowed to flourish and to know that they have a God-given, biological sex.

Instead, let us support children who are vocalizing gender dysphoria to be nurtured by spiritual leaders and institutions. Let us prevent doctors from offering gender hormones and surgeries to children as a way to manage their distress. Their distress has a spiritual root that needs to be solved with a spiritual solution.

Thank you for allowing me to speak with you about the significance of this bill as a way to protect our children.

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