Human sexuality is a deep topic, it runs to the very core of our being and what it means to be human. Who tells us who we are? That is the fundamental question. The Declaration of Independence states that we are to "assume among the powers of the earth, the separate and equal station to which the Laws of Nature of Nature's God entitle them." Our country was founded upon the idea that there is higher authority than government. The Declaration of Independence also includes the phrase "We hold these truths to be self-evident...". Truth and moral absolutes exist. The purpose of government is to protect man from government because we have innate rights that come from God. If we didn't have this recognition of a higher authority, then man will look to become that highest authority, which leads to tyranny.

This Bill seeks to replace what nature and nature's God has revealed with what man's opinion alone is of human sexuality. It seeks to confirm confusion with children into rebelling against the very body God gave them without any conversation or interest in seeking the truth about their biological and sexual identity. If a person is confused or is questioning the biological body they were born into, they need a loving, honest conversation with either a parent or a professional. Why is this Bill prohibiting professionals that opportunity to converse with children on the perspective of what nature and nature's God has given them via their biological bodies? The only logical reason is because the Bill's authors know what they are proposing is a lie that will be exposed with further discussion, or they would not be attempting to silence any potential dissenting opinions.

Again, truth is not subjective human opinion, it is self-evident and proceeds from nature and nature's God as stated in our Declaration of Independence. Without acknowledging nature and nature's God, the subjective opinion of men will seek to become that absolute truth which will seek to silence discussion, which is exactly what this Bill wants to do. Why? Because deep down man's knows he not God. Those; however, who determine they want to play God then seek power to control to hide obvious truth and, in this case, biological truth. If what this Bill was proposing was the truth, they would have no problem allowing children to meet with others who have a different perspective that what a child may have regarding their sexuality. We as adults are called to love children. There are self-evident truths related to children's sexual biology. To tell a child different or prohibit them from discussing this at all is evil. Those who promote this will be held accountable by God. I STRONGLY encourage to you to vote NO.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,

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