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HB 2791

Proponent Testimony (Written only)

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

I am a Proponent of HB 2791.

The state and our taxes should protect our children until their brains are fully mature enough to make their own decisions about irreversible gender transitioning procedures. There are just too many case studies of the misery these “patients” go through and more when they find they cannot live normal lives subsequently.

In 2011, the NPR article “Brain Maturity Extends Well Beyond Teen Years” covers an interview with Sandra Aamodt, neuroscientist and co-author of the book *Welcome to Your Child's Brain*.

<https://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=141164708>

In summary, children’s brains are not fully developed until 25 years of age.

Recourse needs to be legally available to those who have unfortunately come to their mature conclusions when they are biologically able to do so and realize at that time that they have been abused by such “healthcare professionals” in their earlier years.

Sincerely,

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