



Women's Declaration International

Testimony of [NAME]
Before the [STATE] [LEGISLATIVE BODY]
[BILL NUMBER]
[DATE]

OPPOSE

Thank you, members of the [LEGISLATIVE BODY], for allowing me to provide written testimony in opposition to [BILL #]. My name is [NAME]. I live in [COUNTY], State of [STATE].

[Women's Declaration International](#) (WDI) is a global, nonpartisan group of volunteer women dedicated to protecting women's sex-based rights. [WDI USA](#) is its U.S. chapter.

The [Declaration](#) on Women's Sex-Based Rights (the Declaration) was created to lobby nations to maintain language protecting women and girls on the basis of sex rather than "gender" or "gender identity." Based on established principles of international law, the Declaration reaffirms women and girls' sex-based rights and challenges the discrimination we experience from the replacement of sex with "gender identity." It has over 37,000 signatures from 160 countries.

Our interest in this legislation is based upon Article 1 of the Declaration, "Reaffirming that the rights of women are based upon the category of sex." Sex refers to reproductive biology, whereas the stereotypes of masculinity and femininity ("gender") enforced on both sexes constitute a fundamental basis of women's inequality, and must be abolished in law and culture.

As WDI USA's Lesbian Caucus recently [explained](#):

Most minor patients seen by the Tavistock and Portman clinic in the UK who were seeking such medicalization were reported to be [same-sex attracted](#). While in early years most of these children were male, in the last several years there has been a greater than 5000% [increase](#) reported in the numbers of girls seeking "treatment." In combination, this data means that the huge increase in children and young adults is largely due to the increase in young lesbians seeking to disguise their sex medically.

"Gender identity" by definition exists in contradiction to sexual attraction exclusively to one or the other sex. Either a lesbian, for instance, is a woman (the sex) attracted only to other women (the sex); or else a lesbian is anyone claiming to be a woman who is attracted to people of both sexes as long as they present as feminine (the gender). Attempting to avoid performing either type of "conversion therapy" (either to change someone's sexual orientation or "gender identity") to comply with this bill will inevitably put the licenses of covered professionals at risk, because this legislation would frequently force them into an impossible dilemma. For these reasons we urge you to oppose this bill.

[NAME], signatory to the Declaration