



Women's Declaration International

Testimony of _____
Before the [BODY NAME: Committee or Chamber]
[BILL NUMBER]
[DATE]

OPPOSE

Thank you, members of the House and the Joint Standing Judiciary Committee, for allowing me to provide written testimony in opposition to [BILL NUMBER]. My name is _____. I reside in _____ County, State of _____

[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 advocate for the protection of women and girls on the basis of sex rather than "gender" or "gender identity." It has over 35,000 signatures from 160 countries.

Our interest in this legislation is based upon Article 9 of the Declaration, which reaffirms the need for the protection of the rights of the child, and specifically opposes harmful medical procedures intended to disguise sex.

The vast majority of children will outgrow discomfort with their sex if allowed to go through puberty. Most of these children become [lesbian or gay adults](#). A [2021 study](#) of boys clinic-referred for "gender dysphoria" showed that 88% desisted by their early 20s; this is consistent with previous studies on desistance. The health and well-being of children are best served by grounding them in the reality of their sexed bodies and not interfering with their right to parental guidance concerning medical interventions that will affect them irreversibly for life.

The [adverse effects](#) of Lupron, a so-called "puberty blocker" often used to delay or prevent puberty, include [seizures, bone loss, and mood disorders](#). Adverse effects of cross-sex hormones include [heart disease, cardiovascular damage, and deep vein clots](#). There is no credible evidence showing a link between such drugs and a reduction in suicidal ideation.

[BILL NUMBER] would interfere with a child's right to parental guidance and substitute the state's adherence to the unscientific and harmful ideology of transgenderism, to the detriment of both the child's health and the child's bonds to family.

Given the substantial harms of medical procedures to disguise sex, and of interference with the child's need for parental guidance, compared with the absence of demonstrated benefits, we urge you to oppose this bill.

[NAME], signatory to the Declaration