

January 24, 2023

Human Services Committee
HB 1254

Chairman Weisz and Committee members:

Let the record reflect my support for House Bill 1254 ("HB 1254"), as written and introduced by Representatives Tveit, Anderson, Bellew, Prichard, Rohr, and VanWinkle, and Senators Boehm, Clemens, Estenson, Luick, Myrdal, and Vedaa.

We must never allow the victimization of the most defenseless in our society because we buy into the "appeal to authority" logical fallacy and cede our better judgement to those who stand to financially benefit from that which they are providing their "expertise".

Our society cedes the moral high ground when pointing out the barbarism of the genital mutilation of minors by other cultures--which we all agreed was pure evil up until about 5 minutes ago--when we condone the same practices under the misguided auspices of "affirmation."

We have a moral obligation to defend children. Mutilation, disfigurement, chemical castration and every other "Island of Doctor Moreau" horror being perpetrated upon those whose prefrontal cortex has not yet fully developed and are in every way incapable of legally making these decisions for themselves is abhorrent and should be thoroughly rejected, renounced, and defeated. Full stop.

"The moral test of government is how that government treats those who are in the dawn of life, the children; those who are in the twilight of life, the elderly; those who are in the shadows of life; the sick, the needy and the handicapped."

--Vice President Hubert Humphrey

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny sincerely exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It would be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience."

--C.S. Lewis

I respectfully request a "do pass" recommendation from the Human Services Committee.

Respectfully,

Matthew S. Simon