

Dear Chair Weisz and members of the House Human Services Committee,

My testimony is in opposition to House Bill 1254. I ask that you give this bill a Do Not Pass.

The American Association of Pediatrics has provided an evidence-based gender-affirming approach to caring for transgender and gender diverse young people. You can read about the release of this policy statement [here](#), which is further linked to the policy statement, itself. The proposed legislation of Bill 1254 runs counter to what we can read there: a clear, consistent and compelling piece of guidance from our nation's largest association of medical professionals trained and experienced in caring for our nation's young people.

Why am I, a Minnesota resident, writing this testimony? The vast majority of my 30-year career has focused on working with young people in school and ministry settings. I am committed to their well-being.

Best Regards,
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