Dear Chair Lee and the members of the Senate Human Services Committee,

I urge a "Do Not Pass" on HB 1254.

I personally know three youth that have started their transition in their teens. Their parents are loving, caring, and responsible people. They have sought the help of professional counselors and doctors and have supported their teenage children during this whole process. These parents are no different than you and I. They want what's best for their children. No one has recruited them or forced this decision upon them.

I feel that people who have never listened to a trans person tell their full story will never really understand what a life-saving procedure transitioning can be.

I feel blessed that they have been willing to share their stories.

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