

My name is Elena Niehoff. I am a Registered Nurse from Rochester, MN. I am testifying in objection to bill HF16. I would like to address the House committee and express my deepest concern and sorrow caused by this bill.

The bill HF16 is a disaster for the Minnesota families. It will cause grief to many parents, grandparents and people of faith in my community by assaulting the truth of God's creation. There are only two genders: man and woman, male and female.

Also, I would like to inform you that the State of Arkansas has a law called *Save Adolescents from Experimentation Act* which bans the use of puberty blockers on children with gender dysphoria.

That law "*prohibits physicians from providing puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones and elective cosmetic gender surgeries to children under 18.*" (1)

I found the Arkansas law **AR HB1570** to *Save Adolescents from Experimentation Act* as a voice of reason in the midst of irrational thinking. The AR HB1570 law was also supported by Attorney Generals of Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee and Texas.

Seventeen Republican Attorney Generals reasoned in their amicus brief that "The "peculiar vulnerability of children," specifically their "inability to make critical decisions in an informed, mature manner," is listed as a justification for state action." The state has the obligation to protect children from experimental treatments.

I request DFL legislators to listen to the voice of reasoning from Arkansas and seventeen Attorney Generals. Vote NO on bill HF16.

Sincerely,

Elena Niehoff.

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