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The Honorable Kay Granger Chairwoman Committee on Appropriations H-307, U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Ken Calvert Chairman Subcommittee on Defense H-405, U.S. Capitol Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Betty McCollum Ranking Member Subcommittee on Defense 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Chairman Calvert, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Ranking Member McCollum,

Sex change surgeries on minors are nothing less than mutilation. Prescribing puberty suppressors and cross-sex hormones in a misguided, evil attempt to change genders is nothing less than chemical castration. Doctors who engage in these acts are participating in child abuse.

Furthermore, it is unconscionable that taxpayers are forced to pay for these assaults against human dignity when they are utilized by adults.

TRICARE is the health care system utilized by the military and their dependents. In 2017, 900 children received puberty suppressors and cross-sex hormones through TRICARE.

The Federal Employees Health Benefits Program (FEHB) is administered by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM) and serves over eight million federal employees, federal retirees, and their dependents. The employer contributions of health care premiums are discretionary funds paid directly by the agency employing the federal employee. OPM is responsible for the premiums of retired federal workers.

The FEHB program reimburse health care providers who mutilate and douse with chemicals both children and adults confused about their gender. TRICARE also does the same except that they are prohibited by statute from performing surgical sex changes on minor.

Accordingly, I request that the following language be included in the FY2024 bill:

SEC. None of the funds made available by this Act may be issued to health care providers that perform sex change surgeries, also known as gender-affirming or sex reassignment surgeries, or that permit the prescribing of puberty suppressors and cross-sex hormones like testosterone and estrogen for the purpose of attempting to change genders.

Thank you for your effort and consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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