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

The Honorable Steve Womack Chairman Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government 2000 Rayburn House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515 The Honorable Rosa DeLauro Ranking Member Committee on Appropriations 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Steny Hoyer Ranking Member Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Chairwoman Granger, Chairman Womack, Ranking Member DeLauro, and Ranking Member Hoyer,

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.

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 reimburses health care providers who mutilate and douse with chemicals both children and adults confused about their gender.

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,

Paul A. Gosar, D.D.S. Member of Congress

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