

October 21, 2022

The Honorable Joseph R. Biden, Jr.
President of the United States
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

As organizations concerned with the health and safety of women and girls, we are writing to ask you to take a closer look at the tragic consequences wrought through policies that conflate the universally understood meaning of biological sex to include the social conventions referred to as “gender.”

A disturbing trend has come to light in which adolescent girls, who have never shown evidence of thinking that they are “in the wrong body” prior to puberty, become convinced that whatever discomfort they are feeling can be resolved if they only were to present as a different sex. In 2018 physician and researcher Lisa Littman termed this as “Rapid-Onset Gender Dysphoria.” Dr. Littman found that among the families in her study, over 80 percent of the adolescents who experienced this phenomenon were young girls. Moreover, over 86 percent of the parents reported that their child’s experience of this condition coincided either with an increase in use of social media/internet, participation in a friend group in which one or more friends identified as the opposite sex, or both.

Abigail Shrier, author of the 2020 book, *Irreversible Damage: The Transgender Craze Seducing Our Daughters*, found a pattern: “A girl never expresses any discomfort with her biological sex until puberty, when anxiety and depression descend. The girl struggles to make friends. She immerses in social media and discovers transgender gurus. . . . At first, she tries out a new name and pronouns. Her school encourages her, keeping all this a secret from her parents. Then, she wants more.”

A dramatic increase in the number of adolescent girls seeking treatment for gender dysphoria has been documented internationally as well. Yet a large number of other nations are putting the breaks on this discomfort to “transition” pipeline because they are observing that this is not a solution; at the same time, your administration is full steam ahead seemingly blind to the consequences. You have harnessed federal education funding to require our nation’s public schools to affirm schoolchildren when they assert a new identity as a member of the opposite sex; interpreted the Affordable Care Act to compel doctors and medical professionals to perform gender transition medical procedures, even on children; issued a resource encouraging puberty blockers, hormone treatments, and gender-reassignment surgery for children and adolescents; and written to all state attorneys general asserting that state laws and policies restricting access to gender transition medical procedures may violate the Constitution and federal law.

Your unrelenting commitment to this agenda is probably best summed up by your March 2022 video message: “To parents of transgender children, affirming your child’s identity is one of the most powerful things you can do to keep them safe and healthy.” In that same video you told the transgender community that they are “made in the image of God.” And that is true. All human beings are created in the very image and likeness of God. God also creates humans as male or female, a sex which is evident by the very structure of our bodies. No matter what chemicals are administered, or outward surgical interventions performed, a female will remain female at her core.

Mr. President, we ask that you look at the growing number of girls who tell of years lost to trying to solve their personal distress by impersonating a different identity. Less than a month ago, detransitioner Chloe Cole testified before the California State Senate Judiciary Committee, “I was approved for a double mastectomy all by the age of 15. No one explored why I did not want to be a girl. More and more kids are falling for the false promise of happiness if they transition.”

These stories tell of anguish that, far from being relieved, is intensified. They tell of the pain of lost fertility, grotesque bodily disfiguration, premature menopause, compromised bone density, and acute pain from atrophying sexual organs.

There are the stories of family members who are desperately trying to help their loved ones and find themselves faced with either the mental and emotional incongruence of helping their daughters to live out a lie, or the pain of watching them attempt to assume a false identity alone. Families have been forced to remove precious baby and early childhood pictures from the walls of their family homes (but never from their memories).

These detransitioners will one day be seen as heroes whose stories and warnings of personal pain have shone a spotlight on this medical travesty.

Mr. President, for the sake of the health and wellbeing of our nation’s women and girls, we are writing to ask you to channel your compassion into policies that will enhance human flourishing rather than lead to misery and suffering, and to take a stand for truth by abandoning these detrimental policies and use your bully pulpit to protect women and girls as well as to encourage them to cherish their female sex and to live their lives with their bodies fully intact.

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