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I am a practicing physician for over 12 years in the Kansas City community. I am dually board certified in internal medicine and pediatrics. I proudly care for gender diverse people. The professional organizations I work with recognize gender dysphoria as a medical condition and have evidence-based protocols that support the medical and psychological care for my patients. Gender affirming care saves lives by decreasing depression and suicidality beyond the individuals we treat and into the families and communities of our patients. I am disappointed about the legislation in Jefferson City and the steps Missouri is taking to divide my community. I hope that Kansas City can support this resolutions to affirm this community and lead the state in action for supporting out neighbors.

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