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I am a resident of Kansas City MO and I am asking that you would have courage to not go against the people of the state of Missouri on the matter of gender affirming care for minors.

When I was kid and teen I was very confused about my gender, I thought God made a mistake, to be honest. This kind of care would have caused irreversible damage to my body. There is a better way to show compassion and care for others. This is not the way forward. This is overreaching and it is wrong. The science here is not in favor of affirming care like you all seem to think.

I encourage this documentary. <u>https://youtu.be/910JVOJSM2I</u>

"The Detransition Diaries is a documentary film that recounts the stories of three young women, who felt that their trauma and dysphoria would be fixed by trying to medically transition from female to male. Medical professionals, therapists, counselors, and even school officials affirmed that they were indeed 'trans' but only once they started down this path, which promised to offer hope, they each came to realize that they had made a terrible decision."

Thanks for your time,

Amanda Smith