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I know of two families—one who has sought and one who is seeking gender affirming care for their children. It is an extremely difficult situation—heartbreaking for parents with children begging for acceptance and support to help them become their authentic selves. Emotions are raw yet the search for counseling and medical support must begin. I cannot imagine the stress and worry these families are under.

And yet Missouri’s legislators and governor have no problem butting in, setting rules for something they can’t begin to comprehend. Shame on Missourians who placed in office these individuals who believe it is their right to meddle in the health and welfare of another individual or override a parent’s best judgment for the health of their child.

These families need our support. They need a place where they are free to make decisions with help from real professionals. Kansas City has Children’s Mercy and other hospitals who can provide the kind of services these families need. Please designate Kansas City as a place where this help can be freely sought and given.

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