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Hello,

I'm writing this after the committee meeting for this ordinance in support of it as it moves out of committee. I am majorly in support of this ordinance. I want consideration of this to be grounded in the notion that at its core this is a civil rights issue and fundamental human rights issue. It is also a reaction to the regressive and punitive laws being passed in Jefferson City.

People are scared and families that are affected by the AG rule will leave if they can and suffer if they can't. I have friends who grew up here who are saying they thought they'd be able to move back home, but now, because they are trans, don't feel safe. I have a friend who was working in a lab at a university in Missouri that would have moved into her post graduate studies there, but is now changing those plans and giving up a position at a great school in the city she grew up in because the state laws have made it unsafe for her and potentially impossible to continue receiving health care.

Trans people in KC are stuck between the Missouri and Kansas laws that have been passed to discriminate against transgender people. These laws are attempts to exclude trans people from public participation, make their lives difficult and perhaps unlivable. These laws are ultimately genocidal as they drive trans people in this state into unsafe housing, informal work or out of work, and away from services that could save their lives.

Kansas City has the opportunity to set an example and to start a conversation that urgently needs to be continued. We need to take whatever route possible as a city to defy bigoted laws and to protect our transgender citizens.

I am not fully aware of how the ordinance was drafted, but I hope that trans people—especially poor trans people and trans people of color, and medical providers of gender affirming care are at the forefront of drafting the language of what they need to survive and thrive in Kansas City.

Thanks,
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