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To whom it may concern,

I strongly support efforts to classify Kansas City as a sanctuary location for those receiving gender affirming care.

Research demonstrates that gender-affirming care greatly improves the mental health and overall well-being of gender diverse, transgender, and nonbinary individuals. Gender-affirming care saves lives.

As a physician I am committed to providing patient centered, evidence based, lifesaving care.

Thank you for your consideration.

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