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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a physician in academic practice in Kansas City, MO. I have been practicing for 17 years. The entirety of my career has been spent providing care to under-served communities in Kansas City. I am board-certified in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics, and am a fellow in the American College of Physicians and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

In my practice, I have the privilege of caring for gender diverse people. My professional organizations have long recognized gender dysphoria as a medical condition and have published evidence-based protocols that support the treatment of this condition.

Gender affirming care saves lives by decreasing depression and suicidality.

It has been disappointing and disheartening to hear the ongoing debate and never-ending legislation from Jefferson City that seeks to impair my ability to care for patients.

I am a proud Kansas Citian, and am grateful for the opportunity to express my support for this resolution. It is my sincere hope that Kansas City will continue to be a leader in the compassionate provision of high-quality care for all.

Sincerely,

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