

**House Health & Human Services**

**03/04/2025 Upon Adjournment**

**HB25-1256 Life-Sustaining Treatment Minors Parent Rights**

**Typed Text of Testimony Submitted**

<b>Name, Position, Representing</b>	<b>Typed Text of Testimony</b>
Logan Holtz Against themselves	This bill is in contempt of scientific and professional findings on how to best care for transgender youth and will have a horrible impact on the mental well-being of children who are already extremely vulnerable in today's political climate. Trans rights have real effects on citizens' physical and mental health and should not be treated as a political plaything. Information and access to appropriate health care is life changing in a positive way. Trans people, including children, will be trans even when they don't have the words or support to understand and tend to their distress, and aiming to repress and take away their resources is cruel and unjust.



**COLORADO  
ORGANIZATION FOR  
LATINA  
OPPORTUNITY AND  
REPRODUCTIVE RIGHTS**

March 4, 2025

**OPPOSE HB25-1256 Life-Sustaining Treatment Minors Parent Rights**

Dear Mister Chair and Members of the House Health and Human Services Committee,

My name is Vanessa Martinez, and I am representing the Colorado Organization for Latina Opportunity and Reproductive Rights (COLOR). COLOR is a reproductive justice organization who works alongside and empowers Latinas across the state to speak out on the issues that impact their daily lives. Today, I'm asking for your no vote on HB25-1256. This bill is one of a number of bills that we are concerned with because they limit bodily autonomy and the right of young people to decide what type of care is right for them.

As a reproductive justice organization, COLOR has strong concerns around legislation that is based on the perception that young people are incapable of making their own decisions without a parent. The assumption that minors cannot understand their medical needs or that they should be prevented from making decisions about their bodies and health is both incorrect and unjust.

Medical professionals are trained to assess and act in the best interests of their patients and healthcare principles emphasize respecting a patient's autonomy, yet this bill takes the decision out of the hands of the patient and their medical care provider.

The bill does not take into account that many young people are capable of providing informed consent and expressing preferences regarding their care, including regarding the end of their life. Every person deserves to have their voice heard when it comes to decisions about their health and well-being. For young people, particularly those who are capable of understanding their medical condition, this bill undermines their ability to participate in life-or-death decisions.

We urge you to oppose House Bill 1256.