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Birth certificate bill

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To: "Rep. Pete Lee" <reppete@gmail.com>, aidesenatorpetelee@gmail.com

Hi team! I think this runs about 1.5 minutes, so if that's too long for the chair's personal privilege, feel free to cut it down.

Senator, I don't know if you've considered your closing comments, but if you want to make the people emotional, this might be what you're looking for!

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Jack Teter wasn't able to be here today. He estimates that he has testified on the bill seven times and regrets that he could not attend this 10th and hopefully final hearing.

He wasn't able to testify in 2015, the first year the bill passed in the house and died in the senate, because he was serving as a legislative aide for a then-Representative named Pete Lee.

Jack was the first trans legislative aide at the Capitol. He transitioned while serving in this building.

Jack made a bet with himself that if Pete Lee was re-elected in 2014, he would tell his family that he thought he might be trans. He didn't want to go back for another legislative session with a name tag that wasn't right. Incidentally, he knew that Pete would win.

After talking to his family and friends over the holidays, Jack's parents helped him choose a new name. He delayed and delayed, and finally, in January, the day before the 2015 legislative session began, he emailed his boss.

Here is the email:

"Hey Pete!

I've decided, with the support of my family and friends, to change my name to Jack. I'd also like to be referred to with "he" pronouns and identified as male i.e. "This is my aide, his name is Jack." Looking forward to getting back to work soon – see you tomorrow."

Here's the email he, Jack, got back, almost immediately:

"Hi Jack; I support your decision and commend your courage. I will help you out in any ways I can as you make the transition with our colleagues. See you tomorrow."

Many of us have known Jack for years, many of us from before he transitioned. Time to pass this bill.

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Much love, Pete! Wish I could be there. Honored to know you and to have worked with you, and so incredibly pleased that this bill will pass with you sitting in the chair. Thanks always, for all things. See you soon.

Jack Teter

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Sent from a phone.