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Physician Testimony Against Colorado's HB17-1122

The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons and the American College of Pediatricians urge legislators to oppose HB17-1122 for the following reasons:

1. A person's genetic sex is determined at conception and cannot be changed.
2. A new birth certificate cannot and does not change a person's biological sex.
3. Children cannot make an informed decision to attempt to transition to a gender identity different from their biological sex.
4. Children are easily influenced by parents or other adults who may have their own motives for desiring the child's gender change.
5. Over 80% of children who are not programmed to impersonate a different sex grow out of this ideation by late adolescence.
6. Medical treatments for promoting a gender transition, such as puberty-blocking drugs or cross-sex hormones, may cause irreversible adverse health effects, including sterility.
7. Present law protects everyone. HB17-1122 allows biological men to legally access private spaces reserved for women. This endangers women and children.
8. Many physicians, out of fear of harassment by activists, or for ideological or financial reasons, will improperly provide the needed documents.
9. This could have a devastating effect on girls' and women's sports in Colorado, where boys and men could attain an unfair advantage in girls' and women's sports by changing their birth certificate. This could adversely affect the ability of biological girls from Colorado to compete for college scholarships after being defeated by biological boys.
10. If passed, this legislation will offend a majority of citizens in Colorado and lead to widespread fear especially among survivors of sexual assault.

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