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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 biological sex is determined at conception and cannot be changed. A birth certificate is a legal document that records the immutable fact of a person's biological sex at birth.
2. Under HB17-1122, *the fact that a birth certificate has been altered to match a person's subjective and changeable gender identity will not be recorded. This could lead to government-sponsored fraud.*
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.
9. This could have a devastating effect on female athletes in Colorado, where boys and men could attain an unfair advantage in 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. This legislation is offensive to a majority of citizens in Colorado especially survivors of sexual assault.

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