

Petition: Limit Medical and Surgical Transitioning for Minors

To The Honourable the Legislative Assembly of the Province of British Columbia, in Legislature Assembled:

The petition of the undersigned, _____, of the _____, states that:

WHEREAS most children with gender dysphoria need time rather than a medical or surgical transition to become comfortable with their bodies; and

WHEREAS medical and surgical transitioning are associated with many adverse health outcomes; and

WHEREAS the number of cases of gender dysphoria has risen dramatically in recent years, especially among adolescent girls, and there is evidence to suggest that this expansion is due in part to social factors; and

WHEREAS children as young as 8 or 9 are receiving puberty blockers and teenagers as young as 14 are getting mastectomies despite the irreversible, long-term consequences of these procedures; and

WHEREAS Alberta and many developed jurisdictions around the world (e.g. Finland, Norway, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and many American states) are all limiting medical transitioning for minors;

Your petitioners respectfully request that the Honourable House urge the Government to prohibit health professionals in British Columbia from providing puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and transitional surgeries for minors under the age of 18.

Dated ___ day of _____, 20__.

First and Last Name	Address	Signature