

Testifier: Mike Klinger, Opposing HB 6599, AN ACT CONCERNING DISCRIMINATION

Dear CT Judiciary Committee,

As a father of two children and a concerned citizen of the State of CT, I am deeply troubled by HB 6599, entitled, 'An Act Concerning Discrimination'. This bill would raise a cluster of various transsexual related behaviors, under the title of gender identity and expression, to a 'protected class'. It would make transsexuals equal to constitutionally protected classes such as race, color, religion and national origin.

- Let me remind the Committee, that your job is to:
 - Uphold the current law, not create new ones;
 - Uphold current protected classes of citizens, not interpret new ones; and,
 - Protect the Common Good of ALL Connecticut citizens (especially our children) not impose on the majority, the deviant life-style choices of the few;
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Further, what does House Bill 6599 really mean?

1. It means that a man who is a sexual predator could claim to be "transgendered" and enter a women's public bathroom.
 2. It means that your son or daughter would be exposed to teachers in their schools who on one day will be a man and the next day could decide to be a woman . . . and this would be protected.
 3. It means your child could be forced to learn that their teacher, say Mr. Jones, has now become Mrs. Jones--and that this is perfectly normal.
 4. It means that court-ordered same-sex "marriage" is just the first step in a campaign to force children in our public schools to be exposed to "alternative lifestyles" even if their parents disapprove.
 5. Above all this legislation means that those who see "gender" as something to be changed at will, are trying to deconstruct the most basic of natural categories--male and female- in our society.
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Let me close by asking each of you on the Judiciary Committee, is this what the forefathers of our country envisioned as freedom, or is this rather an abuse of freedom turned into license, with no moral compass left to protect the Common Good of our citizens and children anymore as a society?

Very Respectfully,

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CT Citizen
