

Members of the committee.

I write in favor of the passage of HB 7006. My name is Leonidas Jones, a resident of Meriden. I write as a private citizen of this state who has the good fortune to have friends who are transgendered. As such, I have grave concerns about the situation in which they are placed by our society.

It is very important for transgendered individuals to have documentation reflecting their desired gender. Current law insists on gender reassignment surgery, a very expensive operation, as a requirement for a revised birth certificate. I feel this to be patently discriminatory against those many individuals who simply cannot afford such a procedure, as well as to those who, for their own reasons, may not choose to have this major surgery.

I urge you to support the rights of transgendered people, and in light of that, support passage of HB 7006. thank you for your consideration of my opinion.

Leonidas Jones