



Independent Women Supports The No Subsidies for Gender Transition Procedures Act

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Dear Members of Congress,

Independent Women applauds the introduction of the “No Subsidies for Gender Transition Procedures Act” by Representative Claudia Tenney. Independent Women fights for women and their loved ones by effectively expanding support for policy solutions that aren’t just well-intended, but actually enhance people’s freedom, opportunities, and well-being.

The No Subsidies for Gender Transition Procedures Act would direct the Department of Education to ensure that taxpayer dollars will not go toward so-called gender transition procedures via Medicaid, Medicare, the Children’s Health Insurance Program, or the Affordable Care Act. It would also ensure that there would be no medical expense tax deduction for gender transition procedures.

While the bill applies to procedures for adults and children alike, it will additionally support President Trump’s **executive order**, “Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation,” which declared his administration will “not fund, sponsor, promote, assist, or support the so-called ‘transition’ of a child from one sex to another, and it will rigorously enforce all laws that prohibit or limit these destructive and life-altering procedures.”

Indeed, gender transition procedures—including puberty blockers, hormones, and surgeries—are neither safe nor effective. Females who are prescribed testosterone experience **vaginal atrophy**, **vaginal lacerations**, **clitoral enlargement**, **facial hair growth**, **vocal hoarseness**, **menstrual irregularity and suppression**, as well as **suppression of ovulation**, which can lead to sterility. Males who are prescribed estrogen are at **higher risk of blood clotting** and may also become sterile as a result. Many of these side effects—including sterility—can continue even after transgender-identifying people stop taking cross-sex hormones. Moreover, surgeries like vaginoplasty—which surgically cut off the penis and create a gaping wound (“neovagina”) that is **prone to infection**—and double mastectomy are irreversible.

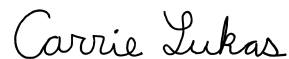
More and more **detransitioners** are coming forward, reporting the complications of such surgeries and hormonal regimens. Many are forced to rely on—and fund—the same medical system that chemically and surgically mutilated them in order to have

any hope of reversing or at least mitigating the iatrogenic harm that was done to them.

Doctors swear an oath to “do no harm.” What passes as gender “medicine” these days goes against this basic principle—whether the harm is done to children or adults is irrelevant. It is unethical to force American taxpayers to sponsor the violation of this very basic oath, and it is unethical for the federal government to tacitly endorse bodily mutilation and iatrogenic harm by calling it legitimate “health care.” Representative Tenney’s bill ensures that no doctor will be able to profit from harm and that no taxpayer will be funding it.

For these reasons, we urge Congress to work toward the swift passage of this bill. Thank you, Representative Tenney, for your leadership on this important issue.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carrie Lukas". The script is cursive and fluid.

Carrie Lukas
Vice President
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