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Dear UN Independent Expert on SOGI,

Thank you for your call for submissions for your report on Gender, Sexual Orientation, and Gender Identity. Unfortunately, your request appears to be non-scientific and deeply ideological, and such an approach will cause great medical harm to children and young people.

I support the protection of all fundamental human rights of all persons regardless of sexual orientation and gender identity. This means we must insist on the best possible care for all people. Therefore, we must acknowledge that the current focus on gender ideology has no basis in medical evidence and scientific research.

We know that the majority of children, if left alone from medical abuse, will lose their feelings of gender confusion as they grow older. According to Dr. Paul McHugh, "*When children who reported transgender feelings were tracked without medical or surgical treatment at both Vanderbilt University and London's Portman Clinic, 70%-80% of them spontaneously lost those feelings.*" see Transgender Surgery Isn't the Solution: <https://genderidentitywatch.files.wordpress.com/2014/06/paul-mchugh-transgender-surgery-isnt-the-solution-wsj.pdf>

However, when children are affirmed in their gender confusion by parents, schools, the community and others, the chance that they will normally outgrow this gender confusion is greatly diminished. This means that "gender identity" affirming policies, at times well-intentioned, are misguided, because they harm the very children that need our help.

In addition to Dr. McHugh, there are other responsible physicians and medical professionals who are encouraging a more rigorous, non-ideological, scientific approach, based on the principle of "First Do No Harm"

Dr Michael Laidlaw describes the harms of gender ideology in this short presentation: Doctor Exposes Transgender Propaganda | The Daily Signal | [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3T\\_QpR4FhU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=b3T_QpR4FhU)

Sasha Ayad, M. Ed, LPC has carefully documented the frightening parallels between the transgender medicine movement and earlier medical movements advocating lobotomies, see her discussion here: Parallels between lobotomy and childhood gender transition <https://inspiredteentherapy.com/parallels-between-lobotomy-and-childhood-gender-transition/>

Endocrinologist Will Malone, MD, and other medical professionals started the Society for Evidence based gender medicine, SEGM, to oppose the current, dangerous affirmation only approach, and call for more rigorous scientific review, see <https://segm.org/>

I oppose the UN Independent Expert on SOGI's attempt to embrace policies that will cause irreversible medical harm.

Sincerely yours,

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