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3.		Favor	Hripsime Marjanyan	
			Manvel Dalyan	
		Oppose	Adrina Hovsepian	
			Alejandra Puebla	Good morning. AB 957 is item 3 on the 6/27 meeting agenda. I am writing to urge caution and not support this bill. While we'll meaning, the language of the bill is significantly vague. Many problems with the bill were pointed out by the Senate Judiciary Committee last week, and they called for further amendments before sending it to the floor. Under this bill, a loving parent could lose custody of their children if they do not believe that affirmation/transition is in the best interest of the child. Research from around the world, including the countries where children transitioned originated, indicates that it is not universally in every child's best interest. Please delay a vote of support on this bill until after further amendments can be reviewed.
			Alice Bohlinger	This is an infringement on parental rights. Parents know their children better than anyone and want the absolute best for them.
			aline Toujian	There is no need for this to be taught to our youth. Acceptance and kindness can be taught without indoctrination and any conversation about gender diversity. This should all happen in the home. Whether our local government and school board agree or not.
			Alisa Pisikyan	
			alyson Pernecky	I am stunned that the BOS would even consider supporting this bill. As a parent of 3 children ages 23, 21 and 19 I can tell you with complete certainty that until the age of 25, yes 25, their brains have not fully developed to make any life changing (threatening) medical decisions. I remember my daughter wasn't allowed to get a bikini wax or my son a tattoo before age 18 without my consent and this bill would let them surgically and chemically alter their bodies for life? There are no long term studies to support this and in fact short term studies show 80% want to change back to their birth sex. As a "tomboy" myself I am horrified that this is becoming legislation. We have truly lost our minds in this state. And for money? Isn't this bill authored by the same rep that wants to allow 14 year olds to consent to sex with someone that is 24? Shame on all of you that supports this bill an others like it.
			Alyssa Sonora	LEAVE OUR CHILDREN ALONE



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			Ana Bagumyan	
			Anais Nahapetyan	
			Anamaria Young	
			Angela E	I strongly oppose this bill!!! The medical procedures are experimental. There aren't enough studies to show what the long term affects will be. A child's well being and safety is always a given, first and foremost but this is NOT the way. If an individual cannot get a tattoo until age 18, then an individual nor his/her parents should make a life altering decision. This is wrong.
			Angelica Contreras	This bill threatens parental custody rights. Affirm /transition is not always in the child's best interest. Thank you
			Angin Vardanyan	It's not right to threaten parental rights to guide their kids. Nobody else will take care of them and keep safe except parent. Placing kids in unsafe and overburdened foster system to facilitate treatment that their parents oppose is child kidnapping and abuse according to state law. To stay apart from their family kids will decide when they're adults and can take care of themselves.
			Angry Senior	STRONGLY OPPOSE support for Assembly Bill 957. The State of California taking a child away from his or her parent(s) is insane. One parent can lie; the child is held hostage and traumatized over a lie...hurting both the lied about parent and the child. If there is a disagreement, counseling would be the best way forward. NOT STATE SANCTIONED KIDNAPPING.
			Ani Boghosian	There are too young. Let parents decide.
			Ani Ekizian	
			Ani Martirosyan	Why not teach religion and tradition marriage while you are at it. School is to teach mathematics, science, history, etc.



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3.		Oppose	Ani Sarkissian	This bill places unnecessary restrictions on parental rights based on whether the parent affirms a child's gender identification. This bill is void of solid scientific findings & goes against all safety precautions for all children's overall well being.
			Ani Shakardzhyan	This bill is not in the interest of the children. This is a very bad bill and should not be passed.
			Ani Topchyan	
			Anna Garibkhanyan	Children should not be taught things like this. Parent are the ones who should be in control of what they want their kids to be exposed to. Its unethical and disgusting.
			Anna Orujyan	This is insane . Please stop !
			ANNINE MADOK	This bill will escalate the mutilation of children similarly to what the us has condemned in African countries. It plays into use by parents in custody battles which is the only place children ever lie about child abuse. Imagine what you are doing to a child who doesn't want this and is forced by a parent who wants to retain custody?
			Anoush Hayrosian	This bill is based off of flawed ideological beliefs & takes away parental rights. I oppose this bill entirely.
			Armen Sargsyan	
			Armenui Labachyan	
			Armina Shak	
			Armine Garibkhanyan	
			Armineh Ohanian	
			Arpi Malikian	
			Arpi Mehrabi	This bill is a direct attack on parental rights.
			Arpine Arabyan	
			Arsen Sarkissian	I oppose this bill because it goes against innate parental rights.
			Arsen Sevoian	
			Arshaluys Menemshyan	

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3.		Oppose	Arthur Daniels Jr	I oppose this motion and AB 957. We do not need to follow the failed gender ideology of John Money and his failed experiment with the Reimer twins with laws supporting "gender affirming care" within custody cases. The proposed motion and Bill irrationally disregards the evidence that "gender affirming care" (as is the case with the Reimer twins) can be detrimental to mental, physical and emotional health. Furthermore, the increasing numbers of people who are detransitioning demonstrates that we cannot assume that "affirming" someone's gender identity is the best course of action. We cannot stick our heads in the sand and pretend detransitioners do not exist, and we cannot ignore the tragedy of the Reimer twins, which was caused by flawed gender identity ideology.
			Beth Abreu	
			Candace Sam	I strongly oppose this bill. Children need to be children and often go through phases and change their minds as the years pass by.
			Cathy Hobart	Just stop already. Leave the kids alone.
			Cesia Reynoso	
			Charlene Far	This is insane. You cannot remove parents from their kids lives. Enough.
			Charles Jackson	Undermining parental authority is a dangerous act no matter how some would justify it. The political left in CA lives without being checked and has stopped reflecting as to whether they go too far. You have.
			Cherie Raidy	Children should not be removed from their parents. Sex or transgender choice can be made at age 18 when a young adult. Removing children from their parents to change gender is a form of grooming that can be irreversible with operations and hormone drugs that can increase the risk and chances for cancers such as breast, ovarian, and hormone cancers. Children are highly influenceable at ages below 18 and need time to mature to make life decisions including operations, drugs and parent family removable. The family is the structure of society, whether one parent or two. Removal causes grave emotional damage and predatory practices and grooming for sexual changes.
			Cheryl Kelly	STRONGLY OPPOSE!!! Leave our kids alone and let them be their parent's responsibility!
			Chris C Lopez	This bill will infringe on parental rights and is anti religious
			Christy Anthony	



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3.		Oppose	Citizen Citizen	
			CONCERNED MOTHER	Affirmation is not always in the best interest of a child. this bill threatens Parental rights and this is a very bad bill
			Concerned Mother	This bill assigns custody to parents based on whether they affirm/transition the child. Affirmation/transition is not always in the best interest of all children and this threatens all parental custody rights. This is a very bad bill.
			Concerned Parents	
			Cyrus A Javadi	I oppose this bill. It promotes the exploitation and abuse of children by a parent, custodian, or the State.
			Daniela Mottahedeh	Affirmation/transition is not always in the best interest of the child. This bill threatens all parental custody rights. This is a very bad bill.
			Debra Cummings	Absolutely oppose this bill in total, children need to grow up and make determinations once they actually have spent time in their own bodies.
			Denise M Desantis	These children need mental evaluations and support not immediate affirmation
			Diane Mendez	This should be something children will decide when they become adults. Children That are placed in foster already go through a lot they don't need more problems and stress.
			Elise Atsilatsyan	
			Elizabeth Cebula	I strongly oppose this bill.
			ELIZABETH VASQUEZ	
			Emily Venning	
			Erika Aleman	I strongly oppose this bill.
			Erika Foy	Allowing a child to determine their own gender identity before they become a true adult is absurd. You are taking parents rights away to determine what is best for their child. You are trampling on parental rights vs. focusing on keeping streets safe and public services working. This is a horrifying bill for children and their parents.
			Evelyn Ceja	Its a parents job to have discussions like this with their children. Not be taught, talked, forced upon children at school.
			Gary Akopyan	Really, you spend our tax payer dollars to do nonsense work. Stop this fake gender spectrum and fix real issues.



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3.		Oppose	Harout Mouradian	
			Hasmik Muradyan	
			Hayarpi Sogomonyan	This bill threatens all parental custody rights. My child my choice Very bad bill. Do not passs
			Hayley Boaz	I am asking you to oppose AB 957. This is an absolutely horrific bill. Children are unable to make such a life altering decision at such a young age! Putting children with a complete stranger is completely harmful to the child. Please do not pass this bill.
			Hovhannes Hasasyan	
			Hovik S Mekhjian	
			Ingrid Avila	
			Inna Dan	
			JEFF FRAZIN	
			Jennifer Aragon	If there is anything left in you that actually cares about the well being of children you need to oppose this bill. The harm this is cause children and family will be disastrous. Children need to be able to be kids and go through all that it means to be a kid. If you pass this bill you will be setting kids up to be take. From loving homes and possibly put into abusive situations. Please from once so the right thing.
			Jenny Aivazyan	
			JERRY TUTUNJIAN	
			Jessica D Anderson	This bill assigns custody to parents based on whether they affirm/transition the child. Affirmation/transition is not always in the best interest of the child and this threatens all parental custody rights. This is a very bad bill.
			Joanna Anderson	



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3.		Oppose	Julie Hamill	Anyone supporting this bill supports forcible mutilation and sterilization of children. The state should not be making these decisions for kids. Let's walk through a real life scenario assuming this bill becomes law: A child identifies as the opposite sex. CA law defines "gender affirming care" as including drugs and surgery, even for minors. There is a custody dispute. If a parent wants to keep custody, they must "affirm" child's gender by consenting to surgery and medication to allow that child to "change" gender. This bill forces parents to go along with castration medication, phalloplasty, mastectomies, hysterectomies, and orchiectomies for their children if they want to keep custody.
			Julietta Martinez	
			Kasia Williams	AB957 creates a norm that affirming a confused child is permissible when the truth is affirming a confused child is damaging to that child mental health.
			Kelly Sultemeier	I oppose this bill
			Khoren Dalyan	
			Kristine Kirakosyan	I oppose this bill. Parents should have the right to oppose affirmation of a child's gender identity for many reasons. Just like they have the right to pick the best school or make any other decisions. Parents know what's best for their child. Parents care more about their children than anyone else. This should have no bearing on their rights in custody.
			Ksenia Drozdova Agayan	I oppose the AB 957 as it comes as a treat to the families of the government children's kidnaping legalization. It will not serve the best interest of the family foundation and problem solving such a separation of parents and kids , and placing minors into the unsafe system of foster care. I strongly believe that children have to wait until they become an adults to make a dramatic life changes such as gender transition.
			L Garrett	Respectfully ask you to oppose this legislation. Bad for families, tragic for kids and all mental health in general.
			L S	AB957 has the very real potential of harming children. AB957 will remove critically important judicial discretion in deciding the best interests of a specific child in their specific circumstances and replace it with an inappropriate one-size-fits-all ideological-driven mandate. Please see this commentary from civil rights attorney and mother Laura Powell: twitter.com/LauraPowellEsq/status/1669462326901342209?s=20 .
			Lalageh Margousi	



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3.		Oppose	Laura Garcia	LEAVE OUR CHILDREN ALONE... Stop interfering with a parent's responsibility. Why don't you invest more time in trying to get to the root of the problem, instead of masking it. Help parents instead of alienating them.
			Laura D Morales	This bill assigns custody to parents based on whether they affirm/transition the child. Affirmation/transition is NOT always in the best interest of all children and this threatens ALL parental custody rights. This is a horrible Bill.
			Liana Hasasyan	
			Lilit Hasasyan	
			Lilit Hasasyan	
			Lilith M Haas	I find it hard to believe we are allowing the castration and mutilation of children because they may be confused about their gender identity. This is criminal. When my kids were in school they could not be given any medication without their parents approval. If just one child regets their choice and sues, the liability to taxpayers could be astronomical. The UK and other countries are realizing how short-sighted and damaging this practice is. The world is watching as we are failing an entire generation. This is appalling and their will never be any excuse for allowing this psych-op attack on our kids. Shame on you all.
			Lina Khorani	
			Lindsay Jaime	
			Lisa Howard	I am your constituent and I strongly oppose this bill. Parents know and love their children and this proposal will have terrible unintended consequences. European countries are banning minor transitions and this will basic mandate them, on a whim!
			Lisa Kabaker	After 3 years of being abused by a health dept that cares nothing about our health. You are now doing ever in your power to destroy families and children. Have you paid any attention to 'saintly' Europe, they realize the horrible mistake of castrating children, while ensuring they will never be able to enjoy any kind of sex life. All this while tearing families apart. The evil is unbelievable. How do you justify this?
			Lori Polich	I strongly oppose this Bill. It's wrong, will result in child abuse and it's inhumane.
			Lusine Kirakosyan	This is a very poorly written bill that will strip parental rights. Not all transitions are in the favor of the child or even needed. Many problems with the bill were announced by the senate and judiciary committee. I strongly oppose this bill.

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3.		Oppose	Margarita Sarkisian	
			Marie Hovsepian	
			Marisa Marquez	
			Martha Monje	This is a very bad bill. This threatens all parental custody rights
			Mary Tatarian	
			Mary Beth Solorzano	I hope the county does not support the mutilation of children. These decisions should be left to the people who actually love the children, the parents. LA County continues to prove they will do everything in their power to harm our children.
			Mary J Forrest	How disgusting that a group of strangers would decide what is best for my child that they know nothing about. Putting a child with the parent who supports their gender affirmation is completely harmful to the child without knowing the full scope of the familial situation. Children are unable to make LIFE ALTERING decisions at such a young age. As a parent of 4 children, 8, 6, 3, and 18 months I can tell you they change their minds all the time. I am their parent and I know them better than anyone, my spouse and I should be the only ones who have a say in their upbringing. Please do not pass this.
			Mayra Ornelas	This bill assigns custody on whether they affirm or transition the child. As other western countries are finding, affirmation/transitioning is not always in the best interest of all children and it threatens all parental custody rights. This is a very bad bill.
			Mayranush Varikyan	This bill threatens parental custody based on unsupported and theoretical gender ideologies. Absurd.
			Meghrik Gorjian	
			Melissa Eaves	This is a terrible and outrageous idea. It effectively makes a child a witness in his/her parents' divorce at an already traumatic time. It also erodes the parents' parental rights. Who are you or teachers to decide what's best for someone else's child? This is just to jump on a bandwagon. RIDICULOUS.
			Meri Ghazaryan	
			Monica Stevens	Not suited for children education.
			Moses C Garza	I oppose this bill.



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			Narine Minasyan	
			Narine Poghosyan	
			Natalia Dilanchyan	
			Nelli Arabyan	
			Oganes Abdunaryan	
			Oscar Arrizon	
			Patricia Fink	It has been medically and scientifically proven that children under age of 21 cannot make such life changing decisions. I do not support such a bill and believe such legislation is more harmful to children.
			Paul Scrivano	This bill represents the most disgusting of all governmental practices-trying to raise citizens' children without the consent of the parents. Lindsey Horvath has SO many other problems in her district, like crime and homelessness and the mass exodus of taxpaying residents and businesspeople (like ME!). This obsession with the phony trans ideology is grounds for her recall and removal.
			Priscilla Lizardo	
			RALUCA Ploog	This bill goes against parental rights, further dividing families. Parents have constitutional rights and this bill infringes on those rights.
			Rebecca Vega-Leivas	Oppose, not in favor
			Rina Azaryan	
			Rio Martinez	
			Robb D Stroyke	I am opposed to this sick, twisted act.
			Robert Fabiani	This is not ethical. I opposes
			Romel Ambarchyan	This bill is poorly written because it places parental rights at risk all based on whether the parent affirms a child's gender transition. This is flawed & will take away parental rights!



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			Rosie Lopez	INCITES FURTHER GOVERNMENT OVERREACH
			Roth S	This bill allows the state to decide if a parent is fit to care for their child based on whether or not they support transitioning. Bad bill. Unlawful.
			Sally Awad	
			Sandra Locke	I do not agree with this position
			Sareneh Zadori	Hands off our kids. Kids should not make life altering decisions. They can do so when they are adults and have a full understanding of all the consequences of their actions. No one will care for a child like their parents. Kidnapping kids from their parents should be illegal!
			Sarkis Minasyan	
			Shawn Anderson	This bill assigns custody to parents based on whether they affirm/transition the child. Affirmation/transition is not always in the best interest of the child and this threatens all parental custody rights. This is a very bad bill.
			Silva Atsilatsyan	
			Sirvard Arabyan	
			Sona Aslanian	Weaponizing children in family court- this is not how to help children
			Sona Devedjian	
			Stella Cartozian	This is absolutely ridiculous and puts children in harms way. Shame on you all for shoving this down everyone's throat. Leave the children alone. Stop taking away parental rights. What you are all doing is reckless and sick!
			Stephanie Aleksanyan	
			Storm Robinson	I'm a left-leaning gay man in Hollywood. Not only is AB957 not based in any real science, its impact will tear families apart and ultimately sacrifices gay and gender-conforming youth to big Pharma. I urge the board to reject this homophobic motion and not blindly go along with Horvath's conspicuous activism.
			Svetlana Kasman	This bill assigns custody to parents based on whether they affirm/transition the child. Affirmation/transition is not always in the best interest of all children and this threatens all parental custody rights. This is a very bad bill.



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			Thomas Rogers	
			Timothy Cremins	Stay out of the parenting business.
			Vardui Tatarian	
			Victoria Garcia	
			Violeta Malyan	
			Yelina Karapetyan	
		Other	Joey Williams	
			Tracy Stickney	I strongly oppose this bill.
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I am so disappointed and stunned that the BOS would even consider supporting #AB957 Family Law:gender identity. As a parent of 4 children ages 24, 20, 18, and 16, I can tell you confidently that until at least the age of 25, their brains have not fully developed to make any life changing and threatening medical decisions. I remember my oldest couldn't get her ears pierced without my consent before 18 and this bill would let them surgically and chemically alter their bodies for life. There are no long term studies to support this in fact short term studies show 80% want to change back to their birth sex. I am horrified that this is becoming legislation. We have truly lost our way in this state and we need to correct ourselves and not play God. And for money? Isn't this bill authored by the same rep that wants to allow 14 year olds to consent to sex with someone that is 24? Shame on all of you who may support this bill. Please re-consider for the health and safety of our children and our future.



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May 14, 2023

Re: OPPOSE AB 957

Dear Senate Judiciary Committee Members,

We write on behalf of thousands of California Parents Union members to express opposition to AB957. I, Tracy Henderson, also write as a licensed California attorney personally. As you know the purpose of the bill is to “..require the court to strongly consider that affirming the minor’s gender identity is in the best interest of the child if a nonconsenting parent objects to a name change to conform to the minor’s gender identity.” The bill is legally offensive for several reasons.

The most important issue is that this bill will encourage Judges to violate their canons of ethics.

As found in the California Rules of Court, it is mandatory that a Judge do the following:

- 1) *Uphold the Integrity and Independence of the Judiciary*; Cal Rules of Court, Canon 1
- 2) *Avoid impropriety and appearance of impropriety*; Cal Rules of Court, Canon 2
- 3) *Perform the Duties of the Judicial Office Impartially*; Cal Rules of Court, Canon 3

Each of these canons are requisites for every Judge. They are also self-explanatory. Pointedly, no Judge can be dictated to - by the legislature - as to how to rule on a case. The Judge's are required to rule based on the law and the facts before them objectively and *without* bias. I would submit this is especially important when a ruling is based on a very dangerous issue that could result in a permanent life altering decision. The undisputed fact is that participating in changing “genders” of a minor child is extremely controversial and medically dangerous. Judges cannot be told to favor one side or the other ethically. The Advisory Committee commentary on the first canon aptly makes the point:

ADVISORY COMMITTEE COMMENTARY: Canon I

Deference to the judgments and rulings of courts depends upon public confidence in the integrity and independence* of judges. The integrity* and independence* of judges depend in turn upon their acting without fear or favor. Although judges should be independent, they must comply with the law * and the provisions of this code. Public confidence in the impartiality* of the judiciary is maintained by the adherence of each judge to this responsibility. Conversely, violations of this code diminish public confidence in the judiciary and thereby do injury to the system of government under law.*

*The basic function of an independent, impartial, * and honorable judiciary is to maintain the utmost integrity* in decision-making, and this code should be read and interpreted with that function in mind.*

It must be said even more directly – this bill essentially is telling a Judge to rule in favor of a name change for a minor based on “gender identity” and against a parent who does not support their child’s name being changed. This “directive” violates the separation of powers doctrine on its face which will also likely subject it to serious legal challenges.

Finally, the current law in the context of family law courts requires a Judge to rule in favor of the *best interest of the child*. If the intent behind this bill is to truly help children, then it should mandate a Court to instead order a series of visits to a psychotherapist before *any* outward physical manifestation of change of “gender” occurs. The fact is that any child who wants to change their name from boy to girl or girl to boy suffers from the mental condition of gender dysphoria¹, that they typically grow out of. What they need is professional help.²

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Most Sincerely,



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