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VIA ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION

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Dear Mr. Cook:

Americans do not want federal tax dollars funding irreversible gender transition procedures on children. In his first month in office, President Trump made clear that protecting children from chemical and surgical castration must be a priority. As chair of the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions (HELP), I am working hand in glove with his administration to achieve this goal.

On January 28, 2025, the President issued Executive Order (EO) 14187 titled, "Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation," establishing that the United States will not support gender transition procedures on individuals under age 19, which includes the use of puberty blockers, cross sex hormones, or surgery.¹ The EO condemned guidance issued by the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH) as "junk science" and directed federal agencies to enforce all laws that prohibit or limit these destructive and life-altering procedures.²

On July 9, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced that it has sent more than 20 subpoenas to doctors and clinics involved in performing gender transition procedures on children.³ DOJ is investigating alleged fraud as well as misstatements by providers regarding the harms of those procedures.⁴

¹ Exec. Order No. 14187, 90 Fed. Reg. 8771 (Feb. 3, 2025).

² *Id.*

³ Press Release, Dep't of Justice, Department of Justice Subpoenas Doctors and Clinics Involved in Performing Transgender Medical Procedures on Children (July 9, 2025), <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/departments-justice-subpoenas-doctors-and-clinics-involved-performing-transgender-medical>.

⁴ *Id.*

I applaud President Trump's strong leadership in telling providers directly that these dangerous practices must end. As a doctor, I am extremely concerned that medical organizations continue to promote irreversible gender transition procedures for children against scientific data. It is critical that medical standards of care for the treatment of children reflect the best scientific evidence available at present, consistent with current regulatory requirements for providers.

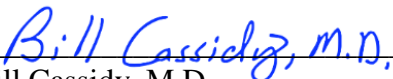
Providers must align with the evidence outlined in the President's EO and related agency guidance and enforcement actions, and your association has a critical role to play. Providers understandably may be confused by the conflicting provisions of WPATH's standards and clinical guidelines, as they seek to comply with applicable federal requirements and avoid sanctions.

Therefore, please provide a detailed response to the Committee no later than August 7, 2025, to the following questions:

1. What actions, if any, has the association taken to ensure its members' compliance with Executive Order (EO) 14187, which prohibits the funding, sponsorship, promotion, assistance, or support of gender transition interventions for minors?
2. Please describe the types of gender transition services that the association's members either currently provide or have provided to minors at any time, including counseling; speech and communication modification services; behavioral adaptations; puberty blockers; hormone therapy; hair removal; surgical procedures; and resident and fellow medical training.⁵
3. Please provide the sources and dollar amounts of any federal funding received by the association annually.
 - a. What amount of this funding is utilized for association member and/or health care provider outreach, education, or other initiatives related to gender transition services for minors?
4. Following the signing of EO 14187, please describe what, if any, revisions have been made to the association's guidelines on chemical, surgical, and behavioral interventions for gender transition services for minors.
 - a. What related guidance or guidelines for practice, including revised scientific literature, has the association provided to its members and/or health care providers?
5. Please provide copies of guidance documents, guidelines for practice, and scientific literature provided by the association from January 28, 2025, to the present to its members and/or health care providers related to gender transition services for minors.

⁵ This information should be provided in a manner consistent with the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).

Sincerely,



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Education, Labor, and Pensions