

Members of the Colorado Title Board
Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024
Remarks in response to Initiative #175

To the members of the Colorado Title Board:

My name is Jamie Gentry Cunningham and I am submitting remarks for the record on the concerns I have regarding single subject in initiative #175. As a parent, I am concerned about the impacts on receiving healthcare for my child.

My initial objection is that Initiative #175 is too broad regards to the treatment that a transgender minor requires, and how many different providers this will affect. This initiative does not meet the single subject requirement because it would regulate several healthcare systems and providers that are not regulated by the same systems. In this initiative, a healthcare provider is defined to mean "professional establishment or facility" - to me, this is too broad. Because my child is transgender and receives gender affirming care, her visits to the orthodontics for her jaw, her visits to her therapist or if she had to go to the emergency room for something unrelated, these could all qualify under this initiative as violation. This initiative would put all of her healthcare providers at risk and expose them to liability - leading to significant gaps in continuation of care. As a healthcare worker myself, the lack of clarity regarding this one area alone is extremely alarming.

My second objection is that Initiative #175 is incredibly complicated and confusing for any reasonable person. In the last 9 years, I have become well acquainted with gender affirming care, and I still need an explanation from an attorney to understand the language in this initiative. For individual electors understanding this bill will be next to impossible, and therefore they will be unable to make an informed decision in voting.

My final objection to initiative #175 is that accessing gender affirming care is already a process regulated by providers, insurance companies and hospital systems. In the last almost 9 years we have seen three different endocrinologists, three different pediatricians, two therapists, and two different psychologists - all confirming that gender-affirming care for gender diverse or transgender patients is the best and only way to treat them. This initiative would regulate all of these providers the same, even though they provide different services and are currently regulated under different Colorado laws.

Thank you for your time.

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