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Submitted to the Committee on Public Health
For HB 454

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Hearing Date: April 3, 2023 9:00 AM

Alma Hawes
Self
Victoria, TX

Thank you for listening to my voice

Kris King, Mrs
Self
Lubbock, TX

FOR requiring continuing education of physicians regarding Identifying trafficked people

James Branden, Mr.
Self
Carrollton, TX
For

Erin Cogburn
Self
Tuscola, TX

Human trafficking is a multi billion dollar industry. With Biden's open border policies Texas borders are letting in an increased number of trafficked individuals. All Texas citizens need to be aware of how to identify and help victims of human trafficking. Medical professionals play an important role in protecting victims of human trafficking and should receive specialized training to do so.

Mary Mathis
Self/Retired
Mckinney, TX

Please pass this bill if it helps identify any persons being trafficked. Traffickers are wiley, and they need to be found out. Doctors would be great advocates. Thank you

Nelda Allen
Self/Retired
Pearland, TX

This is something that physicians need to know.

Carole Widmann
Self/retired
North Richland Hills, TX

Support

Ricky Menking
Lt. Col, USAF
Calvert, TX

Not doing so is unthinkable, as traffic people are victims, and physicians are supposed to help people.

Maria Alridge, Mrs
Self
Amarillo, TX

For it.

Jay Akridge, Mr
Self
Amarillo, TX

Yes.

Lowell Thompson, Mr
Self
Canton, TX

I am not against education to help Doctors identify trafficked persons, however, Texas needs to secure the border and prosecute traffickers with prison time that includes having to do physical work while in prison. Texas has the right to shut down and protect the citizens of Texas from this happening. Governor Abbot and the legislature needs to take the appropriate actions to make Texas safe. Do not put band aids on the problem, go directly to the root.

Linda Mack
Myself
Dallas, TX

Take their license and lock them up for life

Diane Huff
Self
Paradise, TX

I support HB 1686

Carol Devine, Mrs.

Self

Spry, TX

In favor

Cynthia Allison

Trinity Fellowship Church

Amarillo, TX

Needed to support accurate diagnosis

Terri Alexander

Self

Red Oak, TX

STOP THIS MADNESS AGAINST CHILDREN AND PARENTS WHO OBVIOUSLY NEED MENTAL HELP THEMSELVES!

Donald Wicker, Rev.

Self

The Colony, TX

No comment

Mary Ann Flores, miaa

self/retired

Kerrville, TX

Ethically, I believe this is negligent practicing of medicine just for the money and power.

There are still so many unknowns with how much a human body is able to endure long term and I would want the entire medical and treatment team of each patient that is being deluded into thinking that this is a good choice accountable and financially responsible until this person dies of natural causes.

Donna Dockery

Self - retired Principal

Karnes City, TX

Regarding HB 1686:

I am a retired teacher, counselor, and principal of the Texas public school system. I am a very proud conservative and strong Christian. I have a grandchild that is 8 years old and has gender dysphoria. I do not believe the state has the right to legislate how my daughter and her doctor can help my grandchild. After helping hundreds of families in the school system, I believe it is wrong for the state to mandate what kind of treatment is available to transgender youth. If anything, these families need MORE help and resources to deal with their situations.

My daughter and her husband are currently planning to leave the state because of the social and legislative pressures put on them while trying to take care of their family. This is a loss for Texas as they are productive, tax-paying citizens of this proud state, and heartbreaking for this grandmother that devoted her career to educating and loving its' children!