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Submitted to the Committee on Human Services
For HB 1106

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Shan Schaffer

Self

Austin, TX

I grew up in a faith denomination that believes that being gay or being trans is against God's will and a sin. Through my work now, I am able to work with congregations across the state that believe that a person who is trans or gay or a member of the LGBTQIA+ community is sacred, is divine, is loved, and should be loved for who they are, not in spite of who they are. I am so grateful for the values and beliefs that were instilled in me as a child through my church and through my faith: a commitment to compassion for others, to love my neighbor, to treat people with respect, to always listen and value what others have to say, even if I disagree. However, I didn't know that those values and beliefs of love, compassion, and respect were for myself too until I had a teacher tell me that God and Jesus would always love me. That changed my life. That was a message that I needed then and it is a message I still find myself needing now and am able to hear from the many faith leaders and clergy I'm honored enough to work with every day. The bill author admits he does not know a trans person and did not seek out any LGBTQIA+ people while writing this bill, and so instead time after time we are made to be heard and share our traumas to try to be educated on the realities of our lives and childhoods. I ask you to vote no on HB 1106.

Andrea Segovia
Transgender Education Network of Texas
San Antonio, TX

Hello, members of the committee. My name is Andrea Seovia. I'm the Senior Policy Director for the Transgender Education Network of Texas. I'm speaking in opposition to HB 1106.

February 22 of 2022 is a day I will never forget.

DFPS was instructed by the attorney general and the governor to investigate families who affirm their trans kids not by a law chane, simply because they wanted to. Nothing has ever been the same in my home state of Texas.

Reports came from people's neighbors, from their church, even from their kid's karate group. These families did not feel safe anywhere. They expressed that they felt like they were being hunted for sport by all people who were around them, even their own family members.

TENT provided and continues to provide support and resources for families with trans kids. I was up 20 hours a day for weeks because parents were terrified of what to do next, where to get help, and didn't know who they could trust.

I personally received calls at all hours of the night of parents worried about their children and how they could keep their child safe.

Families completely lost their kid's mental healthcare support because their providers worried if the government would attack them and their practices they worked so hard for as a domino affect.

Bills like these and extremist anti trans ideologies led to this chaos and upheaval.

One parent slept on the floor of their child's room due to their child wanting to commit suicide because they felt like the entire state they lived in hated them and they didn't know how to change that.

Adults using policy and political power to terrorize trans children and intimidate affirming families.

While I was working all hours to mitigate the harm that was caused, I also had to worry about my own family. I am a parent of a trans kid, and my husband and I were terrified that they would be taken from us. We especially felt targeted as people who work in transgender education and policy in our state.

There is real harm to this bill, we've seen it in real time, I personally still feel this heavily, especially in this moment.

I urge you to not allow HB 1106 to advance. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Landon Richie

Transgender Education Network of Texas

Missouri City, TX

My name is Landon Richie, I use he/him pronouns and I'm the Policy Coordinator for the Transgender Education Network of Texas. I'm here in opposition to HB 1106.

HB 1106 puts in jeopardy any child who is queer, gender expansive or transgender—by the very system that is supposed to protect them.

Lack of affirmation by family, friends, and peers results in mental health disparities, including increased risk of suicidality, amongst trans adolescents.

According to the Trevor Project's 2024 U.S. National Survey on the Mental Health of LGBTQ+ Young People, 42% of LGBTQ+ young people in Texas seriously considered suicide in the past year, including 49% of transgender and nonbinary youth. 13% of LGBTQ+ young people and 16% of trans and nonbinary adolescents attempted suicide in the past year. 66% of LGBTQ+ youth and 70% of trans and nonbinary young people reported experiencing symptoms of anxiety, and 55% of LGBTQ+ young people (60% of transgender and nonbinary youth) reported experiencing symptoms of depression.

Despite the prevalence of anxiety, depression, and suicide risk among LGBTQ+ youth, 60% were not able to access the mental health care they desired. Queer and trans youth who wanted mental health care but were unable to get it cited being afraid to talk about their mental health concerns with someone else (42%), not wanting to have to get parent's/caregiver's permission (38%), and being afraid they wouldn't be taken seriously (37%). This bill will contribute to LGBTQ+ youth feeling unable to ask for help without the fear of being rejected, dismissed, or harmed by their parents.

Conversely, studies show that social and legal affirmation, including familial support, are associated with improved mental health outcomes in LGBTQ+ adolescents. When LGBTQ+ young people have access to affirming spaces and communities, they report lower rates of attempting suicide. But, only 34% of LGBTQ+ young people and 34% of trans and nonbinary youth in Texas said that home was an affirming place for them.

Texas should be working to ensure that all youth have every possible opportunity to thrive, not emboldening parents and guardians to bully their kids with impunity. Vote against HB 1106.

Jake Wilson

Self - CPA

Fort Worth, TX

I support HB1106 by Representative Shaheen.

These topics of sexual orientation and gender identity carry a lot of passion and conviction from multiple perspectives. We should all respect one another as humans made in the image of God regardless of our perspectives.

I recommend that members of the Texas House Human Services Committee, as well as members of the public, check out the videos at the Identity Project for some resources from Christians on these topics and other topics.

Please feel free to visit <https://identityproject.tv>.

Thank You,

Jake Wilson

Fort Worth, TX

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Timothy Mann

Self

Buda, TX

I oppose this bill. This is an unnecessary bill and an attack on trans rights. Not using a child's pronouns or giving them the care they need can obviously be neglect or abuse in certain context. Such a blanket denial is wrong.

Pat Carlson, Mrs.

Eagle Forum

Fort Worth, TX

I stand in support of this bill. This bill, in my mind, is meant to protect TX parents from those who would take away their parental rights as is happening in other states such as California. Loving a child enough to help them through these periods of gender confusion is not the same thing as abuse. Please support this bill.

Mandy Waid

Self

Austin, TX

This bill seems to legalize abuse & neglect of lgbtqia children. The study shows that children thrive when their self identity is respected. I strongly oppose this bill and as a parent and as a gay parent.

Susana Carranza, Dr.

self, retired engineer

Austin, TX

I am Dr. Susana Carranza, representing myself and I oppose this bill.

I understand that our society can be too quick to separate parents from their kids, often due to financial distress. I also empathize with parents who might not understand what is going on with their child. But there is a difference between not understanding and denying what your child is going through.

The author is concerned about parents losing rights by not agreeing with the sexual orientation or gender identity of their kid. But in Texas the opposite is true: parents of trans kids who support their kids' orientation and identity have been harassed and sued.

This bill would allow parents to deny a child sexuality or gender identity, essentially denying who they are and causing unbearable pain. This is mental abuse.

I urge this committee to oppose this bill.

Elva Mendoza

Self; Legislative Communications Associate

Austin, TX

I oppose HB 1106. While refusal to affirm one's child's sexual orientation or gender identity does not necessarily constitute abuse, it certainly could. There could be a situation in which a parent says, "I love you so much, but am having trouble accepting you are transgender." This alone would not constitute abuse. There could be a situation in which a parent subjects a gay child to conversion "therapy" that causes extreme emotional duress, or in which a parent subjects their child to constant abusive comments about the child's sexual identify, which cause extreme emotional distress. It should be left to Child Protective Services to make the determination on whether abuse has occurred based on the specific circumstances of the case. HB 1106 would open the door for parents or guardians to abuse children based on their sexual orientation or gender identity without consequence. This is a vulnerable population already experiencing higher than average rates of depression, suicide, and violence. We should be protecting them, not enabling their abuse.

Alexandra Weeks

Self

Austin, TX

House Bill 1106 is a dangerous and deeply misguided piece of legislation that puts children at risk. It represents the worst of political maneuvering—an attempt to distract from the real issues Texans care about, such as protecting our most vulnerable: our youth. Every child deserves the opportunity to grow into a healthy, happy adult, free from harm and discrimination.

Enshrining harm into law is not only cruel—it undermines the very fabric of a compassionate and thriving society. I urge lawmakers to reject this bill and demonstrate that Texas stands for the well-being and safety of all children, regardless of their orientation. Let's send a clear message: our state will not tolerate abuse disguised as policy.

Deidra Miniard, Dr.

Self, Researcher

Austin, TX

I write in strong opposition HB 1106. 3000 characters is not enough to correct the blatant disinformation and ideological pandering put forward by Rep. Shaheen who does not get to legislate based on his own personal opinion. He can deny it all he wants, but LGBTQ people are real. They have always been real. His comments and deeply partisan opinion are not based in any science, research, or medical consensus. Parents refusing to affirm their child's identity ABSOLUTELY WILL contribute to harms like depression, anxiety, and suicide. If this bill passes, he will be responsible for the subsequent harm that children experience.

And the disrespect of Rep. Shaheen to sit on his phone and ignore constituents who this bill will affect, who have the lived experiences of the children he will be harming, is abhorrent. He should be deeply embarrassed and ashamed. If he truly cared about the impact this bill would have, he would be listening, learning, and receptive to what people have to say.

The argument that this bill simply allows parents to "disagree" with their children severely minimizes the well-documented psychological harm from persistent rejection of a child's identity. Major medical organizations recognize that affirming care reduces depression and suicide risk in LGBTQ+ youth—this isn't about "agreeing" with children, but about following evidence-based approaches to their wellbeing. This bill directly contradicts established research on healthy child development. Studies show LGBTQ+ youth who experienced high family rejection are eight times more likely to attempt suicide compared to those with accepting families. By codifying into law that rejection of a child's identity cannot constitute abuse, this legislation grants immunity for behaviors mental health professionals widely recognize as harmful.

Child protective services should maintain the ability to evaluate each family situation on its merits. This bill removes important tools from professionals trained to distinguish between parents who hold conservative values and those whose behavior crosses into emotional abuse. The blanket exemption would prevent investigation where rejection has escalated to severe psychological harm. Parents who consistently emotionally abuse their child should lose their child, & religion shouldn't be used as a shield for emotional abuse.

Most troubling is how this bill singles out LGBTQ+ children for different treatment under child protection laws. Every child deserves protection from harmful parental behavior. This bill creates a second-class status for LGBTQ+ youth in the child welfare system. The state's interest should be protecting children while respecting parental rights. This bill upsets that balance, placing ideology above the needs of vulnerable youth. Child welfare determinations should be guided by evidence-based standards, not political considerations. I urge you to reject this harmful bill and support policies that protect all Texas children.

Cindi Castilla
Texas Eagle Forum and self
Dallas, TX

We strongly support HB 1106 (Shaheen) protecting parents' rights in Texas. It also protects children, as their parents have their best interests in mind. The worst case for children is to take them from their parents. Children need to be raised by their parents whenever possible. Children do not have the maturity and life experience to understand the impact of trying to change sexes - something that is not physically possible. Good parents would want to help their child NOT move toward mutilating their body and mess up their hormones, possibility their fertility, and their sexual function. Affirming a childhood idea, likely from a contagion currently raging among young people, is abuse itself. Most "transgender" people, including adults have several other mental health conditions. Those opposing these bills would have insisted parents lose an anorexic child if they didn't let the child starve themselves to death. Anorexia was a raging issue in the 80's and 90's. Please protect parents and their rights to protect their child from harm by NOT affirming any gender ideas the child may have.

Christopher Klement
Self/Lawyer
Dallas, TX

I write in strong support of HB 1106. As an attorney, I will remind this committee of the importance of clear and unambiguous statutes. Such clarity is of even greater importance with regard to Family Law, where parties are often hostile and looking for an opportunity to attack or gain leverage over a former spouse. Moreover, Texas parents must be empowered to raise their children in accordance with their values and deeply held religious convictions. They must also have the right to protect their children from the predations of experimental and life-altering medical treatments. Finally, the free exercise of deeply held religious beliefs in stark opposition to transgenderism - a right under the U.S. and Texas Constitutions - must be protected from infringement by being labeled as "abuse" or "neglect" by activist judges or overzealous administrators. As such, I strongly support HB 1106 and the limits it places on what constitutes child "abuse" and "neglect."

Kristine Robinson
Self/social worker
Austin, TX

Dear Human Services Committee, I am a social worker with children and I am urging you to oppose HB1106. This bill supports harmful practices that can and will harm children. Our goal should be to protect children, not abusers. Thank you for your time and thank you in advance for opposing this harmful bill.

Karen Santhanam
Self
Cedar Park, TX

I oppose this bill. Conversion therapy is abusive and doesn't work. This would trap kids with abusers. Bad bill!

Michelle Evans
Self
Round Rock, TX
Strongly Support

Jennifer Larrew
Self
Lakeway, TX

I oppose HB 1106. I suspect that the author has not met anyone who identifies differently than the sex they were at birth. I have had the honor and privilege to know some of these amazing children and they are not threatening. Encouraging parents to be invalidating to who these beautiful people are is both harmful and wrong. I oppose HB 1106

Ruth H
Self
Austin, TX

I oppose this bill. Abuse and neglect is not just physical abuse. It is already so difficult for children in the LGBTQIA community to disclose this information about themselves for fear of rejection or bullying. As parents, it is our job to support our children and advocate for them especially when they come out to us. It takes so much courage for kids and adults to be who they are. The emotional trauma caused by parents who reject their children's sexuality or identity and misgender, dead name is emotional abuse. A child's home should be their safe space physically and emotionally. Our kids need our support.

Anna Villazon
Self
Killeen, TX

This bill proposes dangerous changes to the Texas Family Code by excluding a parent's refusal to affirm a child's sexual orientation or gender identity—or refusal to use their preferred name or pronouns—from the definitions of abuse and neglect. Let me be clear: denying a child's identity is not "parenting," it's harm. LGBTQ+ youth are already at heightened risk for depression, anxiety, self-harm, and suicide. This bill would strip them of protection, further isolating them in homes where they may face emotional rejection, psychological abuse, or worse—with no legal recourse or support from the state. HB 1106 is not about protecting parents—it's about legalizing cruelty under the guise of "religious" or "parental rights." We should be doing everything we can to support and affirm vulnerable children, not creating loopholes that allow adults to harm them without consequence.

I urge you to vote NO on HB 1106. Every child deserves to feel safe, loved, and affirmed. Texas lawmakers should be in the business of protecting kids—not targeting them.

Valerie DeBill
Self
Austin, TX

Conversion therapy is torture, and refusing to accept your child for who they are is abuse. Abuse of a child, no matter who is the abuser, should not be permitted by the state and it is abhorrent for it to be promoted by the state.

I love my son because of who he is, not despite it. Children are not meant to be carbon copies of their parents, and they are not pets or property - they are their own people, imperfectly perfect. Any parent who cannot accept their child for who they are should not have become a parent in the first place, but their existing children deserve to be protected.

This bill will lead to the abuse, neglect, and deaths of children in Texas, and their blood will be on your hands if this bill passes.

Michelle LaGrave, Rev.
self
Austin, TX

There should never be exceptions to allow for the abuse or neglect of a child, regardless of how the child understands their gender or their orientation. Plus, this micromanages parents. Parents should be free to parent in conjunction with well-established medical and psychological processes, practices, procedures, and providers.

Kevin Chen
Self
Austin, TX

I am strongly opposed to this bill on moral grounds. It would permit parents to abuse their children for their gender identities. People should be permitted to express themselves freely.

Amy Frazier

Self

Austin, TX

Against

Dylan Chavarria, Ms.

Self

San Antonio, TX

I urge you to reject this House Bill as it is a direct attack on our most vulnerable people. Trans children, queer children, and disabled children deserve compassion, validation, representation, and unconditional love and support from their parents and especially their democratic representatives.

Amanda McLaughlin

Self

Garland, TX

I am Amanda McLaughlin and I am a woman. No matter how much you try, you can't change that I am a woman. You can harass me, bully me, humiliate me but I am still a woman. This bill assumes that being transgender or gay is a sin. This bill tries to make a person conform to a morality using God to bully, pressure and guilt a person. While not explicit it is implied. I am fortunate that I found that God loves me as I am. I have found that I can be a Christian and a transgender woman at the same time. I have heard the damage and pain from conversion therapy too many times from too many people. All this does is destroy people. Please do not advance HB 1106

Sarah Weeks

Self

Watauga, TX

Vote no! Gender affirming care is not child abuse!

AHMAD HERNANDEZ

Self

Richmond, TX

I've been an educator for more than 15 years. I've taught students from all sorts of backgrounds, sexual orientations and gender identities. I don't think I have to explain how suicide rates in these populations are already much higher than in others. HB 1106 will further push a marginalized community further into despair and hopelessness. These kids want the highest of conservative and libertarian ideals: the right to be left alone.

An attack on the least of God's children is an attack on all of us.

Nickolas Walling

Self, software engineer

Houston, TX

I strongly oppose this bill. Conversion therapy has been shown to be ineffective as well as increase the self harm rates among children. Additionally misgendering/the general lack of support from adults increases self harm rates significantly. This bill does nothing to protect children and almost encourages the opposite.

Rachel Mitchell

Self

Allen, TX

?? Texas is trying to redefine what counts as child abuse—and it's horrifying.

HB 1106 would exclude emotional abuse against LGBTQ+ kids from the legal definition of child abuse. If passed, parents who reject a child's gender identity, sexual orientation, or chosen name/pronouns would be protected by law—not held accountable.

Let's be clear: refusing to affirm a child's identity isn't "parenting," it's cruelty.

LGBTQ+ youth already face higher risks of depression, anxiety, and suicide. This bill tells them their safety and dignity don't matter.

We cannot let the Texas Legislature normalize harm against queer and trans children.

?? Tell your lawmakers to vote NO on HB 1106.

Every child deserves love, safety, and affirmation—no exceptions. ????????

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Here's a sample letter:

Subject: Vote NO on HB 1106 – Protect All Texas Children

Dear [Representative/Senator Name],

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 1106.

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HB 1106 is not about protecting parents—it's about legalizing cruelty under the guise of "religious" or "parental rights." We should be doing everything we can to support and affirm vulnerable children, not creating loopholes that allow adults to harm them without consequence.

I urge you to vote NO on HB 1106. Every child deserves to feel safe, loved, and affirmed. Texas lawmakers should be in the business of protecting kids—not targeting them.

Karen Santhanam

Self

Cedar Park, TX

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NO ON HB 1106.

Tanya L.

Self, Unemployed

Austin, TX

If we are so interested in protecting our children, why would we use methods that are proven not to work such as conversion therapy or taunting a child? This would undoubtedly cause more problems than solve them in terms of the mental health of children. Why put strain on an already strained healthcare system with poorly constructed bills such as this one?

Tyler Landrum

self, inventory management

Austin, TX

I disapprove of this measure, as neglecting to respect a child's identity is provably harmful to their psychological wellbeing.

Chris Donofrio

Self

The Woodlands, TX

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 1106.

It is amazing what 31 words can do to destroy the lives of hundreds of thousands of Texans:

“(a) affirm the child’s expressed sexual orientation or gender identity; or
(b) address the child according to the child’s preferred name or pronoun(s), regardless of whether the child has legally changed their name.”

HB 1106 does this with efficiency, and neglect as defined in the Family Code.

It modifies the definitions of abuse and neglect in the current Family Code by adding this text to specifically exclude such actions from being child abuse or neglect.

The irony is that these changes to the Family Code are explicit examples of child abuse and neglect mentioned in Chapter 261, Subchapter A, Sec. 261.001.

Abuse includes mental or emotional injury to a child that results in an observable and material impairment of the child’s growth, development, or psychological functioning:

(1) (A) and (B);

and protecting the child from physical injury that results in substantial harm:

(1) (D).

Neglect is an act in which a person shows disregard for the consequences of their actions resulting in harm, or exposure to immediate danger for the child. It includes the same conditions found in (1) (A) and (B).

Recent papers in reputable, peer-reviewed journals address the issues that HB 1106 seeks to remove as child abuse and neglect. These data are clear. All fall under mental or emotional injuries, and some result in physical injuries. Actions based on the refusal to accept what medical and psychiatric experts deem normal for sexual orientation and gender identity create psychological stress in children that starts with depression, may move into self-harm, alcohol and substance abuse, and even lead to suicide. In short, child abuse and neglect.

I believe this quote sums up what HB 1106 will destroy.

“Longing for belonging. Accepting and validating relationships affirming the youth’s gender expressions and identities fostered positive emotions and a sense of belonging. When met with positive responses to coming out, such as when people used correct names and pronouns affirming their gender, youth experienced relief, happiness, and a sense of closeness to others. On the contrary, TGD youth felt sad when describing rejection from family and friends, for example, when being misgendered, as well as anger when thinking about invalidation/questioning of their gender identities. To be recognized by others was described as a deeply existential experience connected to being more valid as human beings. Some youths also underlined the importance of being seen as a whole person, as a human, and not just as their gender identity.”

(Tyni, et al., 2024, A systematic review of qualitative research synthesis of the lived experiences and coping of transgender and gender diverse youth 18 years or younger).

I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 1106.

Please, kill it in Committee.

Respectfully, Chris J Donofrio

Melanie Cofield

self, Librarian

Austin, TX

This bill would allow parents to send their gay and trans kids to conversion therapy, to misgender them at home, or taunt them for their identity without any negative ramifications. This bill protects abusers, not kids. Our LGBTQIA+ youth in Texas deserve better. Suicide risk among this part of our community have only been going up in recent years, and laws that support such abuse only put our kids in more danger. I urge Committee members to oppose this bill and focus on passing laws that actually support the health and well-being of Texas kids.

Terina Sandstrom

Self- teacher

Austin, TX

I am against HB 1106. It's very harmful.

Elizabeth Gonzalez

self / social worker

Austin, TX

This bill will simply allow parents to abuse/harm their queer and trans children with impunity. Treatments such as conversion therapy have been found to be harmful by the majority of the mental health research community. Affirming a child's gender identity and sexual orientation leads to the best outcomes. As a social worker with knowledge on this topic, I am wholeheartedly against this bill. Thank you for your time.

Laura Ramirez-Mann, Mrs.

Self

Buda, TX

Becoming a parent is a profound privilege that should not be taken lightly. Parents are responsible for loving and nurturing their children. Denying a child's gender identity or sexual orientation is a form of abuse. Abuse extends beyond the physical; the emotional and psychological harm inflicted by parents can leave permanent scars. It is reprehensible that legislators would propose bills that could enable the abuse of vulnerable populations and protect the perpetrators under the law.

Hedrich Michaelson

self-retired

Austin, TX

With all empathy for parents who are coming to terms with a child's sexual orientation or gender identity, I would like to respectfully state that the amendment to the Family Code set forth by this bill is wholly unnecessary and could potentially lead to harm to the child. Child protection laws are designed to protect the best interest of the child. This amendment would protect abusers, not children. As long as a non-affirming parent does the work to learn how to support their child, and does not physically or emotionally abuse their child, they face no threat of losing custody. This bill isn't needed to protect the parents in that situation. It is possible for queer kids to thrive in homes where parents don't fully understand their identity. However, this bill is so broad that it would allow parents to force their children to undergo so-called conversion therapy, an outdated and harmful practice that attempts to "convert" a child to be straight or not trans. Decades of research have illustrated the harms of such practices, and 22 states have banned the practice. For the sake of the children whose lives could be adversely affected, this bill should not be passed out of committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Jean Monte

Self/retired

Fort Worth, TX

This bill essentially legalizes child abuse, aimed specifically at gender dysphoric, transgender, and intersex children. Apparently, it's easier legislate someone out of existence than educate our lawmakers. Please do the right thing for a very small, very defenseless demographic here in Texas.

Reed Bilz, Ms
Self
Fort Worth, TX

HB 1106 Allows emotional abuse and misgendering of LGBTQIA+ youth without legal consequence. This obviously violates the youth's civil rights, and inflicts harm.

I urge you to OPPOSE HB 1106.

Diana Richards
Self / Retired
Sherman, TX

Thank you for hearing this bill. I whole-heartedly Support HB1106 which protects parents who are protecting their children from the false pseudo-science of the gender identity ideology. Texas Family Code 151.001 explains that parents have the right to direct the moral and religious training as well as the education of their child. Parents also have the duty of care, control, protection, and reasonable discipline of the child. Please pass HB1106 favorably out of Committee and ask Calendars to place it on the Major State Calendar for passage by the House.