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My 14 year old daughter is transgender. Since she was able to walk and talk, she insisted she was a girl. It wasn't until she was age 12 that she needed to start transitioning due to her mental being. She did not choose to be born in with the wrong sexual organs. She cries almost every night because she feels alone in society, she feels afraid in society, because she hates her body. She just wants to be accepted, loved, not judged, and not fearful in throughout her life. She is an honor student and she has so much potential to gove to this world. Please stop promoting healthcare discrimination. My daughter is a person with a tender heart and a pure soul. She should the healthcare she needs available to her, just like everyone else. Love, protect, and respect.  
Thank you for your time,  
Cory Chatfield

Along with medical experts and many people of faith, I oppose the proposed regulation. Promoting discrimination is wrong, it is unnecessary, and can harm millions of people who need access to basic care.

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Transgender people already face high levels of discrimination by health care providers. In fact, surveys indicate that one-third of all transgender people were denied treatment, turned away, or mistreated by their healthcare providers.

I have personally experienced this type of discrimination from my primary healthcare provider who has been unwilling to provide the level of healthcare that they did prior to my coming out as trans. In fact, he recently indicated that he felt I should seek out another provider even though I have had a relationship with him for over 10 years.

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I know because I am one of them. I have gone to doctor's offices in search of a medical provider who will give me non biased treatment but its practically impossible if you don't live in a big city. I have been misgendered, I have been embarrassed and faced discrimination seeking services not related to gender transition AT ALL.

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In matters of life and death, allowing a health care professional the option to decline treating a person just because they are transgender is discrimination, and targeting a minority group is tantamount to genocide.

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I have been lucky, in that I have a good doctor and my experience with other health care providers in this area has been positive. However, I have trans friends who have not been so lucky. There is no reason whatsoever for anyone to be denied appropriate and necessary medical care by any medical or health care professional.

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As a medical speech language pathologist I always treat my patients regardless of who they are. I put their medical needs first because that is what a health care provider is entrusted to do. I don't always agree with my patients on their lifestyle, their beliefs, their politics, or other life areas, but none of those things matter when I am the health care provider and they are the patient. The only thing that matters is that I treat them with compassion and provide the best medical care I am able to. As a health care provider I will never deny a patient the right to health care and I firmly believe no other health care provider should be allowed to do so.

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I have a close friend who was rudely turned away from a gynecologist's office because he identifies as and presents as male - but he still has a uterus and ovaries and needs gynecological care. He is a transgender male.

This gynecologist's office was one of the few on his healthcare plan from his job (he is lucky enough to have both health insurance and a job, which many transgender persons are not) and he was unable to find another provider on his insurance plan accepting new patients. He delayed his checkup for almost a year, until he had saved enough money to pay for a visit to an out of network provider, whereupon he found out he had uterine cancer. Fortunately, he survived the cancer and the treatment, but it was a close call.

Doctors should not be permitted or encouraged to discriminate against patients. Once a doctor enters medicine and offers a particular service, doctors should have to offer that service to anyone who needs it and comes to you for care (and can pay). Allowing patients to die because of discrimination against transgender persons is against the oath doctors take. And immoral.

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These are just people trying to live their lives. But out of trying to dehumanize them!

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My mother is a nurse working for a nonprofit hospital in North Carolina. She is a wonderful, loving, nurturing person suited to nursing because of those qualities. She has respect for every person who enters her hospital, no matter what background they come from. I'm not worried about her ever denying someone service based on her personal beliefs - partly, because her faith dictates in conjunction with the oaths she's taken as a nurse that she must treat her patients with dignity and respect, and to aid their healing to the best of her ability. But I worry about other people in her position. I worry because she's told me stories of when transgender individuals have been treated at her hospital, they were met with disdain, disgust, and disrespect. Part of me thinks that had it been an option, if my mom's hospital didn't have such strict non-discrimination policies in place, the nurses in charge of those individuals would have broken their oath to treat them properly.

My sister is a Christian youth group leader. After the senior staff of her youth group prayed over the decision for nearly a year, they decided to have her lead the youth group for a group primarily composed of LGBTQ+ individuals. As a Christian, she has nothing but love and respect for those people, because they, like herself, are God's children and know Jesus's love. And there is no bigger proponent of caring for and respecting your fellow humans than Him. To deny them services to medical care would be an act against that faith. It's spiteful, it's cruel, and it's sinful.

This proposed regulation is ridiculous. It hurts people. It's that simple. It will have tangible negative consequences - and those consequences are the lives of transgender individuals. It is not the right of any health care provider to deny someone medical care who accesses their services. It goes beyond reason to think that someone should be allowed to withhold help from someone because they don't agree with that person's identity.

Don't do it.

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I have a friend who has a transgender daughter. She and other transgender people throughout our country deserve their rights. They are People and should not be discriminated against.

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As an EMT/firefighter and also the proud mom of a transgender son, I know from both the healthcare and trans rights perspective just how dangerous this proposal would be. It endangers the life of my son, were he ever ending medical care and those who provided the care could deny treating him merely because they disagree with who he is. Also as an emergency medical service provider who volunteers with a rural fire department I know that we do the work we do to help all, for whatever their needs are, regardless of our opinions about them or their lives

This proposal is unethical and wrong and goes against our duty as medical providers to provide medical care to anyone in need despite our personal or religious beliefs. Along with medical experts and many people of faith, I oppose the proposed regulation. Promoting discrimination is wrong, it is unnecessary, and can harm millions of people who need access to basic care.

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As a healthcare provider I find any legislation that permits discrimination of any kind toward health care recipients to be immoral, unethical, and against our strictest of ethical edicts to do no harm.

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This is no way to treat other human beings. Although I am religious, like government, Healthcare and Religious beliefs should have no correlation. (e.g. Separation of Church and State....should be separation of Church and Health as well.)

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THIS DISCRIMINATION IS WRONG. HOW CAN YOU MAKE YOUR HIPPOCRATIC OATH BUT NOT TREAT EVERYONE WHO COMES TO YOU FOR TREATMENT? WE HAVE TRANS PEOPLE AMONG OUR NEIGHBORS, OUR FRIENDS, OUR RELATIVES, OUR CHURCH FAMILIES. THIS POLICY DOES GREAT HARM. STOP!!!!

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I have a transgender daughter. This is a tough journey to travel as it is. Everyone deserves to be treated fairly. Medical professionals do not need to believe or support an issue in order to show COMPASSION.

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It is my opinion that, while individual people can have religious beliefs and affiliations, a business cannot. A business is inanimate and cannot hold a belief. The only exception is if that business is religious in nature or is affiliated with a church. Therefore, a business should not be allowed to discriminate in any way, even if this non-discrimination runs counter to the religious beliefs of the business owner or management team.

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As an ally to the transgender community with transgender family members, the thought of anyone being denied medical care is absolutely indefensible. Maybe you should take a moment to think about how this can affect so many people negatively. Imagine if you or a family member was being denied healthcare and how you would feel about that.

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I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker who works with the transgender community and other marginalized people. Health care is a right for all of us. To discriminate against someone for how they look or how they feel inside is morally and ethically wrong. There is no place for Government-sanctioned discrimination in health care or any other facet of American life.

When we provide healthcare to all, we all benefit. When we deny it, we all pay the price.

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Transgender people are people, who equally have a right to thrive. Denying healthcare will cause hardship to those seeking medical treatment, and is fundamentally inhumane.

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As a healthcare professional myself, I am appalled that the U.S. Government would defend this kind of discrimination. If every healthcare provider could pick which type of patient offends them, there would be very little healthcare available.

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I am a transgender woman and a parent. Last year my daughter broke her arm while skiing. I had to take her to a small town emergency room. I was terrified. Luckily, we met with only a little resistance. I was asked, in a snide way, "So, you're the mom?" I answered yes, but didn't feel comfortable with explaining any further. I don't know if that intake nurse would have not admitted my daughter because I was transgender, but she made her dislike for me known. We cannot let health care professionals let personal faith override their need to care for their patients.

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What "religious grounds" advocates for the refusal of legal and/or medically necessary care to women and LGBT people ? This is crazy and unAmerican.

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I have two children and one of them happens to be transgender. As a parent, how am I suppose to explain to my kids that one child will not be guaranteed access to affirming, necessary medical care and the other one will be? How can HHS or a healthcare provider put more value on one child over the another? How am I suppose to explain this inequality to my kids? The answer is, I should not have to have this conversation with my kids.

My husband is a healthcare provider and he takes care of all of his patients regardless of their race, sexual orientation, gender identity, religious beliefs, immigration status, etc. He took an oath and he upholds this oath every single day. Why should someone else who has taken the hippocratic oath be able to refuse my child treatment? The answer is easy - no healthcare provider should ever, ever be allowed to turn their backs on other human beings.

Along with parents, medical experts and many people of faith, I oppose the proposed regulation. Promoting discrimination is wrong, it is unnecessary, and will harm millions of people who need access to basic care. My child is at risk and his health is in your hands.

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Health care must be available to all who need it and want it. The new HHS proposal to allow care providers to deny treatment to Transgender individuals is tantamount to Jim Crow laws that allowed businesses and hospitals to deny service and aid to people of color.

In a 2015 survey, one third of Transgender persons reported being denied health care on the basis of their identifying as Transgender.

In my area of the country (the Brazos Valley of Texas), gender therapists and health providers are few and far between, leading to Transgender persons suffering mental illness, violence, and suicide because they have nowhere to turn.

I am a Christian and ordained minister who opposes the proposed regulation. It is NOT "religious freedom" to deny others health care on the basis of one's "preference"—it is, in fact, discrimination that leads to the harm and death of our fellow human beings.

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To enter the healthcare field is to enter a profession where the first priority is to help people get the medical attention they NEED. If one’s personal beliefs conflict with their role in healthcare, they should not pursue that position. One person’s beliefs does not trump anyone else’s well-being. Everyone should be provided all healthcare options they NEED, not what someone deems morally acceptable for them.

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I am the mother of an adult transgender son and his health outcome needs to be addressed at par with everyone else who has access to healthcare. Religious beliefs do not subvert human rights. No administration has the authority to force these changes of discrimination on the population they have been elected to defend. I will not lose my son to your ignorance and prejudice.

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I am a health care provider and am ethically required to care for everyone no matter their nationality, race, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity. To allow someone to refuse to provide care to a patient because of some characteristic e.g., race, nationality, ethnicity, sex, sexual orientation, or gender identity is asking us to consider personal preferences more important than professional standards.

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If it makes a medical professional feels uncomfortable treating a trans person, then they may feel badly after doing it.

If, on the other hand, they can refuse to treat the trans person, or can humiliate them, then the trans person may die, or suffer much more than hurt feelings.

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As a transgender ordained minister, I have deeply held religious beliefs that ALL people should be treated fairly and justly, especially those already marginalized. I would challenge you to explain how my religious freedom would not be restricted and held in less regard than those who use the same holy book I hold dear, to discriminate against me and so many others. One's religious beliefs may be in conflict with someone else's but in this country, one's personal religious beliefs should not outweigh the basic human and civil rights of entire classes of people.

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My son Cody is transgender - it would be the end of the world if he was denied treatment - no more hormones no starting testosterone next year. I don't understand why this man that we call our President would do this, surely we all have a right to treatment irrespective of our gender....please do not let this happen

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I have experienced this first hand when a patient of mine who was non-compliant with his clinic appointments ended up having repeated evaluations at the emergency room. I decided to call him and find out the reason for his no shows to my clinic and I learned he was worried I would discriminate him for being transgender. I reassured him and started using proper names and pronouns he preferred and ever since he has not missed a single appointment with me. I work at a large medical complex and I have seen this repeating over and over again.

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I postponed my transition for a decade because of discrimination within the medical community. I now have a great doctor and am happier than I’ve ever been. Without this opportunity I’d likely be dead. If you allow discrimination to happen again I am afraid of what might happen if I have a medical emergency.

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As a mother of a teenage transgender son. I was looking for help with anxiety, depression and attempted suicide. We live in the Midwest, so somewhat rural area. We located a psychiatrist only 10 miles away ~ Great! Finally I can get him out of his room and someone will help him, I thought! After completing tons of paperwork and waiting 3 months, for what I thought was going to be an appointment for help, I get a phone call that tells me; "I'm sorry, I don't think Dr. O... would be a very good fit for Alex" Ummm, now what ~ Okay, well try a little further away, 40 miles from home ~ No, sorry we don't accept anyone under 18 Years Old. So as a result, I have to take my child to the University of Iowa, over 100 miles from home, for both psychology and primary healthcare. While we are fortunate to have an excellent facility in th UofI, others are not as fortunate!

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[https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyra\\_Hunter](https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tyra_Hunter)

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As a former EMT I find it disgusting that anyone with the tools to help someone in need of care would turn their back. That is against every oath taken by medical professionals, including myself. In my time on an ambulance I'd have been fired for refusing care to anyone, and I'd never have turned my back on someone in need.

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It makes it necessary for patients to withhold critical information from their health practitioners to protect themselves. This policy endangers patients while allowing unethical medical practitioners to continue to avoid doing their jobs. Patients who are LGBT or Q or who are perceived as being LGBTQ, regardless of identity, will be endangered, possibly killed by this policy.

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Catherine Lundoff  
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As a trans woman with hydrocephalus this type of discrimination could kill me as when my treatment for this condition needs immediate attention. The fact that people in your administration like for example of which is HUD adviser Ben Carson, target programs that affect me as a trans woman, while claiming to protect people with conditions like me, shows that these people do not care for people with chronic illnesses and if I were in the position as a doctor would probably let me die of my condition because of being transgender. This should not be allowed. A doctor is supposed to do no harm and attacking trans people in the name of religion does not hold up to the oath made as a doctor.

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WHATEVER HAPPENED TO THE HIPPOCRATIC OATH? Might as well change it to be hypocritical oath. You dare to do this and call yourselves a pro-life party - what a crock.

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Kelly Cronin

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I have transgender friends. I do not want to see them treated like that.

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Julie Luepke  
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As a nutritionist, I am deeply concerned when people laugh or disregard a person's identity. As a medical professional, I would never deny someone care based on my personal beliefs. Yes, I sometimes have disagreed with the philosophy and beliefs of my patients; I still have provided the best possible dietary education and counseling.

As a person of faith, I oppose the regulation because it is unnecessary and discriminatory. We need more people who are willing to help others in need; not create pathways to allow people to harm others through denying access to basic care.

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Barbara Stahnke  
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I am a very successful engineer working on the Orion program. I am proud to be putting the united states back in to space.

In my job capacity I travel across the nation and at sometime I will need medical assistance. It is vitally important to me and the work that I am doing, that I receive medical care just like any other US citizen and not turned away because I am a transgender women.

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I have serious, potentially life threatening conditions including a somewhat rare kidney disease, Focal Segmental Glomerular Sclerosis, that requires constant monitoring. If health providers are free to pick and choose who and what they will treat, I could be in a life threatening situation due to a rare condition and no access to a qualified doctor, of which there are few. This has almost killed me once, which would also have a huge impact on the lives and futures of my two small children.

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This is supposedly for faith-based reasons so ... try reading the Bible. Jesus would have helped everyone and anyone. End of discussion. You don't get to enact this kind of garbage and still call yourselves Christian.

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Elizabeth Hole

Kenmore, NY 14217

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You can not be serious. As a transwoman and therapist to hundreds of other trans\* folks I am beyond horrified that anyone would think it to be OK in 2018 for a "religious" medical provider to legally (no one would ever argue ethically anyway) watch me bleed out if they discovered I wasn't like them. How is that different than a white doctor refusing to treat a black person in 1945? It isn't. I am human, I need to pee, I need to have someone stop my bleeding and fix my broken bones, or give me a flu shot when I need it. THIS IS BEYOND SIMPLE. DO NO HARM!!!! FIRST!!!!

STOP THIS BILL.  
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As a transgender woman, I want to make sure that under no circumstances is my gender identity used against me when I am in health care setting, especially in an emergency room. Being transgender should be the last reason anyone should worry about giving me the care I need in a health care setting. And frankly most professional doctors, dentists, and other health care providers I already see don't make a big deal of my gender identity. The government shouldn't either.

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To deny the basic human right of LIFE, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is unconstitutional and furthermore unconscionable. Allowing healthcare discrimination therefore is denying a human being the ability of living LIFE fully and in turn is invalidating an individual's undeniable right of the pursuit of happiness. This is directly contradictory with what the United States stands for and if passed renders our foundation and belief systems void and obsolete.

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When medical care is needed, no person should have to worry about being turned away or delayed in getting necessary treatment simply because of who they are. At times, the patient may not even be physically able to advocate for themselves, which is why patients should not have to worry about the views of the person treating them. Patients should only be focused on their health, as should their health care provider.

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I have had two experiences with bigotry in a medical context. In the first, as soon as the provider discovered that I am transgender, I was told that "your kind" were not welcome as patients in that office. In another, the provider did not actually throw me out, but was sarcastic and dismissive of my concerns, and I think may not have been as thorough and conscientious in assessing and treating my non-trans-related medical problem as they would have with a cisgender patient. I assure you that there are those in the medical field who feel only contempt for transgender people.

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I myself have been discriminated against at my local primary care's office. Due to the poor attitude of the front desk worker, my nose is crooked. How? Simple - I went to my doc after breaking my nose and he referred me to an ENT. By Friday of that week, I hadn't gotten a referral, and went into the office to request one again. Instead of having me talk to the practice director, the receptionist misgendered me and prevented me from obtaining that referral in a timely manner. So my nose healed improperly.

When people go to the doctor for healthcare, they are desperate and needing help. The last thing they need to be is misgendered, or worse, told to leave because of the doctor's "convictions." Transgender people experience discrimination in their communities already (I have experienced discrimination in multiple churches.), and healthcare is often the last line for these people to get help. Denying proper, empathetic healthcare of transgender people and others needing reproductive services is cruel and unnecessary.

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I was being treated for a life-threatening staph infection in the ER. The ER doctor was unfamiliar with the prescription testosterone blocker I was taking believing I was taking it to treat prostate cancer. I informed him that I was taking it for the testosterone blocking benefits as I am a trans woman. He wasn't familiar with the terminology, so I spelled it out more fully and let him know I was a transgender person. At that point he stopped taking my medical history and left the room. I was uncertain at that point if he would be willing to provide care to me in the hospital, and at this point he is legally obligated to do so. Removing that legal obligation will put people like me in even more danger.

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My daughter is transgender and you are on the wrong side of history! She is one of the most amazing people I have ever met. YOU ARE WRONG AND HISTORY WILL SHOW YOU THAT!!

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I come from a devout Catholic family. I attended Catholic school from age 6 to 18, where I was taught all people are equal in the eyes of God. This means everyone deserves safety and dignity no matter their race, gender, or sexuality. To allow anyone to be excluded from the medical care they need, simply for being who they are, is directly opposed to the teachings of Christ.

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As a gay man, I have experienced stigma and other barriers that have at times prevented me from accessing the care I need. As a cisgender person, I know that I have faced far less medical discrimination than most transgender people, but I still know that we need doctors not discrimination. We do not need to encourage our country’s medical professionals, the people who are supposed to keep us healthy and well, to discriminate against us. This policy drives an unnecessary and dangerous wedge between people of faith and people trying to access medical care, and I urge that we reject it.

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Kory Stuer  
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As a current nursing student, I find it absolutely reprehensible that health officials are allowing providers to turn people away based on their identity. Health care is a basic right, and turning away transgender people is a violation. The HHS should work to remedy health disparities, not aggressively exacerbate them.

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I spent six years going back and forth with my employer to remove trans health exclusions from my employer sponsored health plans and a year ago those were removed by the EEOC. I have trans health care coverage but there are only three doctors in Columbia, SC that opening acknowledge that treat trans patients and that isn't just primary care that is total. All endocrinologists refuse to treat trans patients. I'm fearful of the possibly that I may die if if an EMT or ER Doctor would refuse care to because I am transgender. Please protect trans lives.

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I AM AN RN. Every single word of this pre-written letter is ABSOLUTELY 100% true. I watched co-workers struggle with taking care of transgender patients because they don't understand. YOU ARE MAKING IT WORSE and HARDER for people to understand transgender people. You should be lobbying for more education to health care workers as well as the general public. THAT would be helpful!!! In health care, patients must always come first. This new proposal from HHS encourages health care providers to abandon the principle of "first, do no harm" in favor of their personal beliefs OR IGNORANCE. How about if I discriminated against YOU because of my belief that you are a no-good politician? Transgender people already face high levels of discrimination by health care providers: for example, just in the past year, out of respondents to the 2015 U.S. Transgender Survey who saw a health care provider, one-third were denied treatment, turned away, or mistreated.

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I am a practicing Roman Catholic who finds this policy abhorrent and entirely outside Christian orthodoxy. Shame on the Administration for even contemplating such hideousness.

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I am a healthcare provider who sees patients that don't have other places to go for care. Many of them don't have providers that understand or respect them, and that's their best case scenario. Worst case scenario is being denied care, especially in life-threatening situations. Health care isn't about judging our patients based on what they look like, who they are, or who they love. It never has been. Please listen to the providers who stand by our patients and stand against discrimination in health care.

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I have been mistreated in hospitals and denied healthcare from doctors and nurses in the past. This has caused unneeded stress and further health issues because of the discrimination in the health care system already. These doctors need to be educated on the proper way to treat transgender patients, not be given a loop hole to ignore the oath they took.

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My fear as a transwoman living in the south is that this regulation will cause so much moral degeneracy within the healthcare system. I think of Celine Walker who never made it past the crime scene because the Jacksonville Sheriffs Department wouldn't recognize her for who she was based at the time on Florida's hate crime policies. If the healthcare providers are allowed to do this I fear for every person who walks through the emergency room doors.

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Hannah McBroom

Fayetteville, AR 72701

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There is no consequence of providing transgender care that is more harmful than not providing it. As a person of faith who previously was a staff member at a church, I understand how important faith is in a person's life. However, pushing transgender people away from healthcare they desperately need on the basis of these faith claims is absurd. Just as we've abandoned the idea someone can pick between white and black patients on faith, transgender people need the same protection.

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"I have not been denied Health Care but It has been very difficult to start the process of getting on Hormone blockers and I still haven't been successful to this day, so I remain pre-hormones."

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While I am transgender, I am also fortunate enough to live in a state that is not guided by backwards religious values. Medics in the military are guided by the principle, “Do no harm, do know harm”. And while that is, in their situation, written to both treat and protect casualties. I believe that it can be taken into the civilian world as well. All humans deserve dignity and healthcare. Regardless of the differences between themselves and their provider.

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Trans people have enough trouble even finding providers or insurance, even without this bill i have spent months trying to find an endocrinologist to start transitioning and i know that these changes will make my future even worse

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As a lifelong person of faith I find the proposal unconscionable. The very idea that providers would want to, let alone be allowed and even encouraged to, withhold needed medical care on the basis of personal religious views is anathema to me and to millions of people of faith in this country.

It is very often true that medical providers feel called to the field BY their faith and it is contradictory to then choose to decline care to any individual.

My own story of care after a sever injury was almost entirely positive. Even as a resident of very conservative and very Baptist MS, dozens of health care professionals never hesitated to provide the best possible care. Until I was prescribed physical rehab in my hometown and found my identity disrespected to the point that I could not receive the prescribed therapy. So I had a clear contrast between professional care and unprofessional bigotry seen back to back. I can only imagine how devastating it must be for someone in a critical, even life-threatening condition to encounter a provider unwilling to render needed treatment.

It is long past time for this Administration to stand up to those who believe their narrow doctrinal views should enjoy superior privilege in our society over the rights of all others and draw a red line. Political differences are to be expected but surely at some point you come to a bridge too far. If this is not that bridge, where will the line be drawn?

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Medical providers must treat anyone, regardless of their religion or race or whatever, period, full stop. Otherwise you will have a chaotic mess of disparate individuals refusing care to others based on how they feel rather than any professional consideration. We will all need to go to exceptional lengths to find a physician willing to treat our particular demographic. Not only is this idea absurd on its face, but totally unworkable as a practical matter. Talk about doctors playing god.

There is already too much discrimination in healthcare as it is. Robert Eads was a man in his 50's who discovered he had cancer but was refused care by dozens of private practices and hospitals because he happened to be trans. Not a single one of those voiced a religious objection but imagined that his mere presence would make other patients “uncomfortable”. When Robert finally found help, it was 5 hours away and by then the cancer had spread too much to be effectively treated. Nonetheless he submitted to the misery of ineffective chemo, spending much of his remaining time in agony. You know, uncomfortable times 10. Unacceptable, unethical, and to my mind, immoral. We must put an end to discrimination, not facilitate more by orders of magnitude. We are all human and all worthy of proper care.

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I don't believe that anyone willing to deprive their patients the healthcare they need, especially when basing their lack of care on anything besides the most up to date facts, isn't fit to be a healthcare provider. It should not be made easy for them to continue their lack of care to their patients. There is no room for discrimination in healthcare (or anywhere else in the United States).

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It's likely hard for most of you to imagine what it is to be discriminated against you who are. I have heard so many people that have been mistreated even with protections in place. But to deny treatment to people is an attack on our humanity. Before I came out, I wanted to be sure I found a place that was trans-friendly and knowledgeable. I had to wait many many months just to get my first appointment, but it was worth it. There are so many people that don't have the options I have. Many places have few options and when those are hostile places, healthcare becomes stressful and painful. Doctors and health professionals take an oath to treat people equally. You can't strip someone's humanity and expect to deliver quality coverage to others. That is no better than telling a black person that they have to drink at a separate water fountain.

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I oppose the regulation allowing providers to discriminate based on any status. Health care is a universal right and should never be subject to prejudice.

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Me much longer to get treated for basic things. I have been denied services, i have been told they don't understand my existence. This is not health care. This prevents me from getting the care I need. I finally resorted to traveling two hours to get to care I need without judgment. This is unacceptable. Doctors have a responsibility to care for Patients regardless of who comes to them and their personal feelings.

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It's not right what you are doing, everybody is human and needs medical attention no matter what we identify as.

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I work for a healthcare nonprofit called Rainbow Health Initiative. Our research indicates that every year, hundreds if not thousands, of trans people in Minnesota are denied care simply because of their gender identity and/or sexual orientation. Please do not use religion as a cloak for discrimination.

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As a queer individual with many other minority status identities, to see my transgender and gender non-conforming counterparts being continually discriminated against in 2018 is abhorrent. Do no harm means to DO NO HARM.

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I work in reducing health care disparities and rely on fair and equal laws that require equal treatment of all patients in the health care system. In hospitals all patients need to be treated with respect and dignity to support high quality outcomes. Emergency departments and hospitals need to be supported to train staff and welcome all patients into care

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As a nurse it is my duty to take care of anyone who needs medical treatment. As a Christian it is my duty to love my neighbor. Refusing care is not an option. Please do not put people at risk.

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I work with trans and non-binary students who deserve the same access to healthcare as their non-trans peers. They should never have to fear seeking help.

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As a nurse, I have seen the harm that can come from denying care to people. It is wrong to deny care.

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I am a health care provider. I can't imagine any provider turning anyone away from health care for being transgender. Not just unprofessional but flies in the face of ethical and moral behavior.

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I am a physician and a transgender woman. I have had to fight for my own insurance coverage, dignity, and respect during my transition and it has been exhausting and I am a doctor myself! It is much harder for people who aren't as familiar with the system. Do not make it harder.

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Health care is a human right and I should be able to access the same reproductive health care and treatment regardless of my practitioners’ beliefs. They can choose to work elsewhere where their beliefs do not discriminate or infringe upon others rights to live their lives to their fullest and healthiest extent.

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I am a social worker at a AIDS service organization in Minnesota. I work for the efforts and equality for everyone single person regardless of gender identity and sexual orientation. No one should ever be discriminated against for health care. It’s a universal right!

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Laken Bell

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This is sooooo sad. Mistreatment and refusal to care for an LGBTQ patient is unacceptable and against health care codes of ethics.

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Re: Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights RIN 0945-ZA03

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I work in a healthcare and school system that focuses on young people taking charge of their health. Often times, these students are scared to tell the truth about who they are to their healthcare providers due to a variety of discrimination. I can attest to this myself. I am a proud cisgender woman, and I am queer. I, from youth, was scared to tell my health care providers about my sexuality. This is not ok. The future for our kids can not be like this. We cannot go back in time to openly harass our citizens. We must move forward in peace and acceptance. We must move forward to create a better tomorrow for our future leaders, and to not be threatened by their passions and beautiful identities.

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I work in health care and believe in equality and inclusion. I All patients deserve the right to be treated regardless of their gender identity.

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Medical providers should be treating the person in front of them, not a stereotype. If providers can refuse medical treatment based on their religious beliefs they are not living up to the Hippocratic oath that they swore to uphold. Didn't Jesus visit the outcasts and welcome them to fully access his love and miracles? Are doctors better than Jesus? Discrimination is not only unethical, it is anti Christian and evil. Do not vote to allow discrimination.

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I fought not to kill myself when I was young and growing up trans. Please don't hurt me now.

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All people have the right to be able to get health care no matter what their sexual identity! They are all human and deserve the right to healthcare without fear of being turned away! Do not take away the protection they currently have for protection from discrimination!

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When we speak of protecting and promoting the health of our nation, we are talking about ALL individuals in this nation. This includes those we like, those we don't like, those we don't know, and everyone in between. Health care providers are there to provide care. To turn people away from care they need and deserve is a stain on our nation.

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[INSERT YOUR STORY HERE]

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I have faced discrimination from health care multiple times. Their unwillingness to take my gender identity seriously and their mistakes in calling out my birth (no longer legal) name and misgendering me in crowded waiting rooms made it difficult to trust them and to force myself to access needed care. Last year, I had a serious bout with cancer and had days to find a medical care team. I set an appointment with a highly regarded oncologist. By the time I saw him, I had misgendered at every access point, from calling to schedule the appointment to checking in to getting my vitals taken. I could not stomach putting my care in the hands of this system and was fortunate enough to find another set of providers in a different care system who had trained - and enforced - nondiscriminatory, respectful communication with transgender and gender nonconforming patients. Without that care system, I may have dropped out of treatment or skipped it altogether. I am grateful to have found a good care team and, today, I am free of cancer. This nondiscriminatory treatment should be the norm, not the lucky exception!

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As a proud primary care provider of transgender people, my team and I practice a person first philosophy. But we daily stand alongside our patients and their families in the fight for basic, safe, and affirming healthcare. The same healthcare I have the privilege to receive.

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I work with many, many, many students who don't get the right care they need because they are young teenagers who are afraid to be out about their gender identity. We need to think about the future and create communities that care for everyone. Please do not promote discrimination!

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RNs and APRNs are in healthcare because they want to help people. But you can't pick your patients like this. I have seen too many patients with stories of no access to care, or poorly provided care, or disrespectful care. These people are human, and deserve respectful care. Our healthcare providers need to step up and provide care, or step out. Using your personal religion as a basis to deny care embarrasses the good providers out there fighting for all.

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As a provider of mental health services I have seen first hand the struggles people face with their own mental health due to the fear of simply trying to live in a society that tells them there is no place for them. This oppression affects each aspect of their lives.

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