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Re: HB20-1114 request for official testimony

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Wed, Feb 12, 2020 at 7:34 AM

On Tue, Feb 11, 2020 at 10:30 AM Dr Anable <anable_dc@hotmail.com> wrote:

Dear Representative Rich,

As a committee member per Ms. King's instructions, would you please officially present my written testimony to the other committee members since I am unable to testify in person or remotely? Thank you.

Sharon M. Anable, D.C.

From: Sharon Anable <anable_dc@hotmail.com>
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Date: 02/11/2020 03:51 AM
Subject: HB20-1114 request for official testimony

Please make the following email content as part of the official record of testimony for this bill to be heard in committee on February 13th as this is not available for remote testimony and I live in Grand Junction and am unavailable to travel to Denver and back to testify in person. Thank you.

As a Grad student in the late 1990's in the Bay Area I had the very good opportunity to have Dr. Steven Dorn as my Reproductive Physiopathology Class professor. He was the perfect instructor for this class. Why? Because he was transgender, born as Dorothy Dorn. He was also featured in a PBS documentary about Transgenders that would air periodically on the local PBS station. He would also council adults locally who were considering hormone and surgery therapy to alter their sex. Dr. Dorn was a very well respected and loved professor at our college. Was, because he passed some years back from cancer as a result of the decades of the required daily hormone therapy needed to maintain his masculinity.

Dr. Dorn shared with us the procedures needed to change one's sex from male to female and female to male. He also shared with us the counseling a person needed before undergoing transgender surgery. How I wish he was here today to share with you his experiences of counseling these people. He said it was a difficult decision and should never be done without much counseling to the recipient as this was a life altering event. He said some patients who desired the operations that were needed to complete the sex change process decided against the surgery after completing the counseling. Mind you, these were adults who had lived for years as a transsexual with the desire to become transgender. Not minors, full grown adults. Because of this, he was a big proponent of serious counseling and informed consent prior to any transgender surgery. This was made abundantly clear in his class.

It is because of his instruction, I ask you to vote yes on this bill.

I am forever grateful I had the honor of him as my professor and may he rest in peace.

Thank you,
Sharon M. Anable, D.C.