

**Note to Board Members concerning correspondence related to the treatment of gender dysphoria in minors and late term abortion, topics addressed by the Board during the August 22, 2025, board meeting:**

Any correspondence received on these topics prior to 2:00 PM on August 21, 2025 was provided to board members with the materials for the August 22, 2025 board meeting.

**The following emails/correspondences were received after 2:00 PM on August 21, 2025. This correspondence has not been previously shared with Board.**

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**Cc:** Chandra Poe <chandra.poe@identityinc.org>; Amanda Allard <amanda.allard@identityinc.org>  
**Subject:** Submission of Open Letter from Alaska Health Professionals

Dear Members of the Alaska State Medical Board,

On behalf of 700+ health professionals across Alaska, we are submitting the attached **open letter** in response to the resolution under consideration regarding gender-affirming care for minors.

This letter affirms:

- Gender-affirming care is evidence-based, nationally recognized, and supported by every major U.S. medical association.
- Labeling it “unprofessional conduct” would set a dangerous precedent that undermines both science and the integrity of medical practice in our state.
- Providers across disciplines—including physicians, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, nurses, behavioral health clinicians, and pharmacists—stand united in opposition to this resolution.

Also attached is a file listing the names of every signer to date. Each of these professionals has chosen to add their voice because they believe Alaska’s youth and families deserve access to the same trusted, evidence-based care recognized nationwide.

We respectfully submit this letter and signatures as part of the record. The more than 700 Alaska health professionals who signed urge the Board to recognize that gender-affirming care is evidence-based, nationally endorsed, and vital to the health of transgender youth.

As the resolution moves into public comment, these voices represent a clear message: Alaska’s medical community does not support the politicization of professional standards, and stands firmly with science, patients, and families.

Thank you for your attention and for considering the voices of Alaska’s medical community.

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A world where all people are free and safe to proudly express their identities and orientations

## Open Letter from Alaska Health Professionals to the Alaska State Medical Board

Re: Proposed resolution labeling gender-affirming care for minors as “unprofessional conduct”

To the Alaska State Medical Board,

We, the undersigned Alaska health professionals, write to strongly oppose the Board’s proposal to classify gender-affirming care for minors as “unprofessional conduct.”

Earlier this year, the legislature declined to act on similar recommendations from the Board—rejecting interference in standards of care as inappropriate. By now advancing a resolution, the Board is disregarding that decision and overstepping its proper role. Even more concerning, in the same discussion the Board raised abortion as another area for punitive action, signaling an alarming trend of politicizing medicine across multiple domains.

Gender-affirming care for adolescents, when indicated and provided in partnership with families, is evidence-based medicine. It is recognized by every major medical association—including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and the Endocrine Society—as the standard of care. Labeling it “negligence” is not a medical conclusion. It is a political act with devastating consequences: punishing clinicians, undermining parents, and denying young people lifesaving treatment.

### Alaska realities matter:

- Our state already faces severe shortages in pediatric, primary care, and behavioral health. Restricting providers further will force families to travel out of state, delay care, or go without.
- These same medications are safely prescribed to cisgender youth for other conditions. Singling out transgender youth is discriminatory, not scientific.
- Alaska has long recognized the constitutional right to privacy in family medical decisions. This proposal undermines that legacy.

We urge the Board to:

1. Withdraw the proposed resolution.
2. Affirm evidence-based standards of care.
3. Engage clinicians and national experts in dialogue and education, not punitive threats.

As Alaska providers, our duty is to deliver safe, evidence-based care rooted in science and ethics. This proposal endangers that trust—and we cannot remain silent.

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21 August 2025

Dear Members of the Alaska State Medical Board,

I am a board-certified emergency medicine physician actively practicing in the state. I am writing to state my opposition to the board's proposed statement regarding late-term abortion and also to oppose the proposed resolution to label gender-affirming care for minors as 'unprofessional conduct.'

Involvement of this board in these matters is outside the scope of this body. Additionally, gender affirming care is evidence based, unlike your proposals. Please stop abusing your board positions to push political goals.

I request as a physician and resident of Alaska that you withdraw the proposed statement and resolution.

Sincerely,

Jodie Totten, MD MPH



Tonie Protzman, LPC  
Executive Director

September 8, 2025

Alaska State Medical Board  
P.O. Box 110806  
Juneau, AK 99811-0806  
Sent via email: [medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)

**RE: Public Comment on Gender Affirming Care**

Dear Alaska State Medical Board:

The National Association of Social Workers – Alaska Chapter (NASW-AK) affirms social workers' ethical responsibility to provide evidence-based practices and care for Alaskans, including gender-affirming care for youth. While providing gender-affirming mental health care and treatment in Alaska is legal and permissible, limiting access to medical care is harmful. Therefore, we object to the State Medical Board's action to restrict gender-affirming care treatment options for youth in Alaska.

According to the National Association of Social Workers [NASW] Code of Ethics (2021), social workers are responsible for promoting the well-being of clients (Standards 1.01, 1.02), to "respect and promote the right of clients to self-determination and assist clients in their efforts to identify and clarify their goals", and to refrain from practicing, condoning, facilitating, or collaborating "with any form of discrimination on the basis of race, ethnicity, national origin, color, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, marital status, political belief, religion, immigration status, or mental or physical ability" (Standard 4.02). Social workers are further called to serve clients in alignment with ethical, evidence-based practice, and engage in "action that seeks to ensure that all people have equal access to the resources, employment, services, and opportunities they require to meet their basic human needs and to develop fully" (Standard 6.04(a)) and to "act to prevent and eliminate domination of, exploitation of, and discrimination against any person, group, or class" (Standard 6.04(d)).

The regulatory changes approved by Alaska's Medical Board classify medical or surgical intervention to treat gender dysphoria in minors as unprofessional conduct. This restricts access to necessary care for transgender, gender non-conforming, and gender diverse youth. By creating a separate set of rules that apply only to transgender youth, this regulation directly violates the NASW code of ethics.

In summary, the Alaska State Medical Board's opposition to gender-affirming care for youth creates health inequities and is discriminatory, oppressive, dangerous, and unethical. By replacing clinical standards with political ones, the Board endangers the health and safety of Alaska's most vulnerable youth undermines the work of Alaska's social workers.

Respectfully submitted,  
Luigia Goodman, LCSW, Sandra DeHart-Mayor, LCSW  
Kelly Campbell, LCSW, Sarah Switzer, LCSW  
NASW-Alaska Chapter, Ethics Committee

**From:** Lucien Dyer <[lucien@standupalaska.org](mailto:lucien@standupalaska.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 2:03 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** Protect Trans Kids and Late Term Abortion  
Hello fellow Alaskan representatives,

My name is Lucien, and I am the Communications Director with Stand UP Alaska and Alaskans Take A Stand. I am an out and proud member of the LGBTQ+ community, and a proud beacon of hope and representation for the young queer community here and all over the country. I recently graduated from The Alaska Center's Boards and Commissions cohort, the inaugural program managed by Emme Peavey. During this cohort I learned that diversity is highly sought after in spaces of power. Times are changing, and they have been for quite some time.

I find it irresponsible for the state appointed board, who decides for all of Alaska, looks absolutely nothing like the people they represent, to be the end all be all. Just as there are standards to meet to be a part of a board or commission, I believe my lived experience as a trans person offers a perspective that is crucial to decision making. I ask you to hear me when I say- please absorb the messages of your constituents. There are trans people who walk amongst you every day. They exist now, and always have, always will. There is nothing more persevering than a child who knows exactly who they are. Banning care for trans youth does not do anything for the society we live in, just as banning late term abortion does. It does not stop the need for gender affirming care, or abortions, it just stops the safe access to it.

Thank you for reading my concerns. I hope you implement true representation practices. I am eager to invite you to ask me questions, as I would be thrilled to help further the research on the populous you are making decisions for.

Best regards,

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**From:** jojo siwa <[vsxsean@gmail.com](mailto:vsxsean@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 2:25 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** potential gender affirming care ban

Banning gender affirming care for anyone, even youth will significantly raise suicide & self harm rates. we are not progressing by making calls like this one. this country is at a downward spiral & is repeating history. transgender individuals- & queer people in general are paralyzed by fear at this point. fear of rejection, fear of being quite literally shunned out of existence. very bad call 🤦 dont do it smh

**From:** Nickolas McVay <nick.mcvay@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 2:29 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** Opposition to Restriction on Gender-Affirming Healthcare for Minors in Alaska

Dear Members of the Alaska Medical Board,

I hope this message finds you well. As a medical student, I am writing to express my strong opposition to any guidance or action that would restrict or oppose gender-affirming care for minors in Alaska.

This potential decision to impose such restrictions goes against the guidance and standards set by medical and mental health organizations across the country, including the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics. These organizations consistently emphasize the importance of providing transgender minors with access to affirming healthcare, which is shown to significantly reduce mental health risks, including depression and suicide. Specifically, the American Medical Association has called on legislatures to avoid interfering in the healthcare of transgender children.

Furthermore, restricting access to gender-affirming care for minors undermines the autonomy of healthcare providers and the well-being of young individuals who may already face significant social and emotional challenges. Gender-affirming care is not only a matter of individual health but also one of human dignity, and I firmly believe that it is essential to allow healthcare providers the flexibility to determine the best course of action in collaboration with patients and their families.

While I understand that this is a sensitive and complex issue, I urge you to carefully consider the long-term effects that restricting access to gender-affirming care can have on minors, their mental health, and their overall well-being. I ask that the Alaska Medical Board consider the weight of evidence from the medical community and advocate for policies that support, rather than hinder, transgender youth in accessing necessary care. Please, do not undermine the vital patient-parent-provider relationship or restrict access to science-based healthcare for Alaskan minors.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nickolas McVay

**From:** mrbojangles@alaskan.com <mrbojangles@alaskan.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 2:41 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** Appropriate Care for Transgender Children and Teens

Dear Members of the Alaska State Medical Board:

I am writing in support of children and youth/teens who either have come to realize that they are transgender or are discerning their gender status. I don't know any of you personally to know if any of you or anyone in your family are transgender, so I am unsure of your familiarity with the issues inherent in this. There is a lot of ignorance, misinformation and hate in our public discourse and politics these days, with an inordinate amount of it aimed at transgendered people. It's hard enough to be a kid in general ways, and transgender kids face even more challenges. They need the love and support of their family, friends, schools and politicians to grow and develop into whomever God made them to be. Please do not put any political or legal roadblocks in front of these kids as they seek to obtain proper healthcare for their needs. This may include counseling, hormone treatment or hormone blockers. These are important to be started in a timely manner after full evaluations by qualified medical personnel.

After looking at each of your qualifications for being on this board, it looks like only one of you would ever be in a position to assess a patient with transgender health needs, and even then, a referral to a specialist in this type of medicine would be indicated. I hope that you have all been open to discussing the healthcare needs of transgendered individuals, especially children and teens with legitimate healthcare specialists who practice this type of medicine, and I also hope that you have all been open to hearing from transgendered children and teens and their families. Additionally, I hope that you have had the compassion and professionalism to avoid the political hate talk and misinformation that is so prevalent on so many blogs and right-wing "news" sites. We must do better for these kids.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Sheri Whitethorn (RN, retired)

**From:** Jennifer Richey <jmdrichey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 2:50 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Limitations on Gender-Affirming Care

To the Members of the Alaska State Medical Board,

I am writing to express my deep concern and strong opposition to the Board's actions to restrict access to scientifically supported gender-affirming care. These restrictions represent a dangerous overreach into personal medical decisions that should be made between patients and their healthcare providers.

Gender-affirming care is not experimental and is not politically driven. It is supported by decades of peer-reviewed medical research and is endorsed by every major medical and mental health association in the United States, including the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the American Psychiatric Association. Denying or limiting access to this care puts Alaskans at risk, worsens health disparities, increases mental health crises, and ultimately endangers lives.

The Alaska Constitution recognizes the fundamental right to privacy in Article I, Section 22. That right protects the ability of individuals to make deeply personal decisions about their own bodies and healthcare without unwarranted intrusion from the government. The United States Constitution likewise recognizes rights to liberty and equal protection under the law. Restricting gender-affirming care undermines those constitutional protections by allowing politicians and bureaucrats to substitute ideology for personal autonomy and medical judgment.

From an ethical perspective, the medical profession is bound by core principles that must guide every decision: autonomy, beneficence, nonmaleficence, and justice. Limiting access to gender-affirming care violates these principles. It disregards the autonomy of patients to make decisions about their own health, fails to provide beneficial care that is proven to improve outcomes, actively causes harm by withholding treatment, and creates unjust disparities in access to necessary care. Such policies run counter to the very foundation of medical ethics.

Medical decisions should never be dictated by political ideology. Alaskans have the right to make informed choices about their own healthcare in consultation with licensed professionals who are trained to provide evidence-based treatment. By restricting gender-affirming care, the Board undermines medical integrity, violates ethical obligations, and infringes upon the constitutional rights of Alaskans.

I urge the Board to reconsider its position and to uphold its duty to protect public health by ensuring that all Alaskans have access to the full spectrum of safe, evidence-based medical care. Our state deserves a medical system governed by science, ethics, compassion, and respect for constitutional rights, not politics.

Respectfully,  
Jennifer M. Richey  
Anchorage, Alaska

And once the storm is over, you won't remember how you managed to survive. You won't even be sure, in fact, whether the storm is really over. But one thing is certain. When you come out of the storm, you won't be the same person who walked in. That's what this storm's all about.

~Hardline Muramaki~

**From:** Mary Corcoran <marycorc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 2:54 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Abortion and Gender Dysphoria agenda

To AK State Medical Board Members,

I am writing to the Board to express my strong objection to August 22 meeting Agenda item 6.b. Board Statement/New Regulation Project

- Late Term Abortion
- Treatment of Gender Dysphoria in Minors

Both of these are beyond the scope of this Board. There is much science that must be considered by doctors and patients, not to mention guarantees of privacy rights for personal medical care.

This health care is not your business. Please do not support either of these as regulations.  
Mother and Alaska resident,

Mary Corcoran  
Delta Junction, Alaska

**From:** Erika Burr <burrlike@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:05 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Concern about doctor-patient confidentiality and care for female reproductive health

Members of the Alaska State Medical Board;

TLDR: Please do not adopt policy that could threaten Alaskans' right to privacy by intervening in the confidential relationship between patients and providers. In particular, do not support actions to restrict access to reproductive or gender-specific medical care for women or youth.

Thank you for considering the concerns and entreaties of your fellow Alaskans. Our families, friends, children and students deserve access to high-quality, individualized medical care so they can be free to pursue meaningful lives that support the Alaskan economy and their communities. We are counting on you, the State Board, to ensure access to quality, individualized care for all Alaskans.

Alaskans are fiercely independent, love their freedoms and live here, at least in part, to enjoy minimal government intervention in their private matters. Our privacy is constitutionally protected. **Any move to restrict access to safe, expert medical treatment** (in particular, such as care before, during and after pregnancy or pregnancy loss or hormonal therapy) that is discussed and agreed upon by a patient and his/her provider, **undermines our constitutional rights as Alaskans**. It is the Board's duty to protect access to medical care for Alaskans, not to decide what medical treatments are available to individuals. Only providers and the patient can know enough about each particular medical situation to assess the options and choose an appropriate treatment plan.

Dangerous complications can and do arise during pregnancies. Women in my family have had significant complications in late pregnancy that have scared us and our families and put our older children at risk of losing their mother, let alone siblings whose arrival they eagerly awaited. It is the right of every woman to have accurate information about the

risks and options for life-saving interventions so that she can make decisions that have the best chance of preserving her life and her role as mother to her current and future children. The choice (or medical necessity) to terminate a pregnancy (that the mother may not be likely to survive) must be unburdened of political and legal concerns.

Though I have no experience with gender affirming-care, I feel that the consideration of such treatment options is also a deeply private matter.

These are privacy concerns; any such considerations are completely between the patient(s) and her/their provider(s). These conversations and decisions are not taken lightly, and they are some of the most difficult, private questions that individuals and families face.

Do not overstep and approve policy that invades our most sacred space in addressing potentially devastating, certainly challenging, and deeply personal medical questions that affirm our roles as mothers (current or future) and Alaskans.

Erika Burr  
Fairbanks parent, teacher, community member,  
Life-long Alaskan who expects the best for our great state and its future

**From:** Mel Langdon <mellenlangdon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:06 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** gender affirming care for minors

To: Dr. Matt Heilala, Dr. Brent Taylor, Dr. David Paulson, Dr. Ryan McDonough, Dr. David Barnes, and David Wilson

Dear members of the Alaska State Medical Board,  
I strongly object to your proposed action to oppose gender-affirming care for minors. This proposed action, declaring practitioners who utilize hormonal and surgical treatments for gender dysphoria in minors as being grossly negligent and therefore subject to disciplinary sanctions by the Medical Board, is not scientifically sound, as every major medical association -- including the American Medical Association and American Academy of Pediatrics -- has endorsed this medical care as evidence-based and often life-saving. There is no statute currently restricting gender-affirming care in Alaska. Your proposed action targets a small number of trans individuals in Alaska and their health care providers. I also strongly object to any statement by your Board about "raising public awareness regarding Alaska's expansive laws allowing abortion." The state Supreme Court has ruled that the right to privacy in the Alaska Constitution protects abortion access. Privacy rights

are not “expansive” laws; they are the right of you or me to consult our medical providers without state interference.

These proposed actions are beyond your prerogatives as members of the State Medical Board. The Medical board is charged with overseeing the licensure of medical practitioners in Alaska, including by revoking licenses from practitioners if they are deemed by the board to have violated state statutes. Neither abortion nor gender affirming care are prohibited by state statute. Please stay in your lane.

Sincerely, Mel Langdon

**From:** Chase Bieling <chasebieling@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:11 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** Abortion Rights and Care for LGBTQ+ Persons

Hello, this is Chase Bieling, a resident of the state of Alaska.

I am writing this email as a statement and request to the people of the Medical Board who are scheduled to vote on Gender-Affirming Care, as well as Abortion. These two topics are inflammatory by nature, and to lump them together underneath one single meeting is diminishing those who hold stake in such discussions. These topics deserve respect and heavy consideration, regardless of which side of the isle one stands.

Personally, I stand for personal rights and freedoms to make the choice of what is best for ones personal health and wellbeing. That belief extends to deciding to preserve one's own life in pursuit of an Abortion, regardless of the cause or reason for the decision. To take away that right is to decide life-altering without the consent and input of the person this decision affects most. I understand the argument for pro-life, however if a fetus cannot support life on its own, then the decision should be made by the individual who would be responsible for said life. Arguing semantics or belief beyond this forces the views of disassociated parties onto others, which should be a clear stopping point in a nation which prides itself on Freedom.

In regards to Gender-Affirming Care, I personally disagree with the idea of providing Gender-Affirming Care to minors due to their stage of development and the permanent effect this has on life moving forward. That said, this decision should be left up to the individual and their medical professional, not a politician. To attempt to classify and enforce a strict ban or restriction on this would only prove harmful to the study of this field and cause undue distress to those who may very well need the care. No good can come from denying medical care when deemed necessary, and it certainly is not the place of a disinterested party or politician to enforce such regulations without the feedback of the general populace. If such a vote was to be called, it should be made during a general election where all among the community could decide for themselves collectively, not by a potentially biased board of members appointed by a partisan governor known for his hate of such already-ostracised groups of minorities.

I do not write this to attack or diminish any among the board. I am sure that you have earned your way to your position, and trust that your feelings on this matter are weighed against the ramifications these decisions will enact. I only ask that you also take into account your constituents, and please leave the choice for care up to the individual, not the government.

Thank you.

**From:** FishHound Expeditions <fishhoundexp@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:21 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Alaskans for gender affirming care

Alaska Medical Board,

I am writing this email stating that I oppose the Alaska Medical board taking away gender affirming care for Alaskans. There are hundreds of medical associations that show proper medical care is crucial for trans people. Health care should not be political, health care should be for all people. It literally says in our states constitution Article 7 § 4. Public Health The legislature shall provide for the promotion and protection of public health.

Please don't take away health care from Alaskans. Thank you for your time and reading my email.

Sincerely,

Adam Cuthriell  
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[www.FishHoundExpeditions.com](http://www.FishHoundExpeditions.com)

**From:** Ann Dougherty <dougherty.ann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:25 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Save trans care and protect abortion

I assume as unbiased medical providers working in public health, you do not need the numerous studies sent to you on the benefits of retaining care for trans people and protecting abortion rights.

The only reason this is coming up is because we are under a christo-fascist regime intent on scape goating the trans community and turning women into "host bodies." That term was recently used by FL House Speaker Jose Oliva.

Every step taken to push back against this rhetoric and quick slide to losing our rights is what we as Alaskans are asking you to do. Vote to protect Trans care and protect abortion access.

Ann Dougherty

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**From:** Amanda Thomas <amanda.c.thomas.618@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:32 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Language change to AAC 40.956

Hello,

I am writing as an Alaskan resident (99517, Turnagain Arm neighborhood in Anchorage) to submit comments in light of the board's discussion of adding language to 12 AAC 40.956 that would define treatment of gender dysphoria in minors as "unprofessional conduct."

I believe that our Alaska statewide community needs to hold strong against misinformation in all aspects of healthcare, whether regarding vaccines or discrimination against our youth in need of life saving care for gender dysphoria.

The language proposed defining the treatment of gender dysphoria as 'unprofessional conduct' is clearly discriminatory and not based on medical best practice. The proposed language goes against widely held healthcare policy, including those of the American Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Psychiatric Association, Endocrine Society, and the World Health Organization.

Clinicians who treat transgender youth already follow safety guidelines which include years of psychotherapy before medication is prescribed for treatment of gender dysphoria. Gender surgery is not performed on minors because puberty blockers, which are safe and reversible, allow time to make an informed decision when the youth reaches adulthood. When youth are denied this care before adulthood, the science reflects clearly that they are at a much higher risk for suicide and other negative outcomes.

The exceptions for gender affirming care listed in the language proposed for youth who are not transgender makes it clear that the intent of this language is discriminatory against a certain class of people. If gender affirming treatments are inherently harmful, why should they be available to some individuals and not others?

At its core, this language is forcing youth to adhere to someone else's version of who they are "supposed" to be. It is denying the reality of who they are. This language, if passed, will have deadly consequences. Similar policy has already resulted in increased suicides in trans youth in other communities. Without access, trans youth face irreversible lifelong changes to their bodies with catastrophic consequences for their psychological well-being.

I implore you to reject this language change, thank you for your consideration.

Amanda Thomas  
Turnagain Arm. Anchorage, Alaska

-----Original Message-----

From: phyllis haggland <phaggland@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:37 PM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Abortion and care for transgender youth in Alaska

Medical Board:

Abortion and care for transgender youth in Alaska should be available. The Board should not vote to allow this limitation on health care in Alaska.

Respectfully submitted,  
Phyllis Haggland  
55 years as a resident in Fairbanks, AK

Sent from my iPad

-----Original Message-----

From: Jennifer Campbell <campbelljl907@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:42 PM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Support Transgender youth

Ak Medical Board members,

Please support our transgender youth by opposing limits on their gender affirming care. If you have ever listened to their stories or gotten to know anyone with gender dysphoria (young or old) you would understand the turmoil they go through trying to figure out who they are.

My nephew is trans and the moment he was able to safely discuss his predicament and care for who he really is, all thoughts of suicide and other harmful acts were gone. Now he is a thriving and productive young adult. I can't imagine what would have happened had he and his parents not had choices for his care. Please don't take that away from others. It's not your call!!

Thank you,  
Jennifer Campbell  
Fairbanks

**From:** Samantha Lopez <snjones190@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:43 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** 8/22/25 Medical Board Meeting: Public Comment

RE: Proposed resolution labeling gender-affirming care for minors as "unprofessional conduct"

To the Alaska State Medical Board:

I urge the board to withdraw the proposed resolution. It is not based in science, and is based solely in performative politics that will only serve to harm young Alaskans and medical providers. Alaska has some of the highest suicide rates in the country, many of them being youth. It is clear that this resolution is the opinion of the few of you on this board, is not founded on evidence-based science, and does not represent the will of Alaskans.

Thank you,  
Samantha Lopez  
Kenai, Alaska

**From:** Eric Schneider <Eric.Schneider@tananachiefs.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:48 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** "No" on policy change for transgender youth

Sir/Ma'am—

I oppose any policy change regarding the treatment of transgender youth. I also oppose any policy change/position change regarding obstetric care, to include abortion services. I am not sure why the physicians licensed under this Board were not notified about Friday's meeting; I learned about this meeting through the Anchorage Daily News. I regularly get notice of changes with the opportunity to comment on issues of lesser potential impact.

Policy changes this big should be properly debated amongst the professionals of the state.

I am concerned that these policy changes are politically motivated, and not driven by science. I note, also, that the Board has two unfilled positions, is geographically constrained, and thus the voices on the Board may not fully represent the needs and concerns of both physicians and patients across all of Alaska.

Discussion and debate are okay; however, I urge you to postpone any action to a later date.

These comments are my own. These comments should not be construed to represent my employer.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric L. Schneider, DO

Family Physician  
Fairbanks

**From:** Nathan Borson <nate@borson.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 4:02 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Statement on Gender-Affirming Care

To the medical board:

I strongly oppose any action to restrict providers from treating gender dysphoria in minors (or anyone else). Three of my acquaintances, Alaskan children of friends, are trans. They need treatment, not recriminations, and that treatment must be decided by them and their doctors and parents, not by a transparently political licensing body. Sanctioning providers for medically necessary and appropriate care would be a cruelly dogmatic step back towards the dark ages of superstition, not patient protection and care.

Sincerely,

Nate

Nathan Borson  
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Gustavus, AK 99826  
717-862-8378

**From:** Lizzy Buckingham <ebuckin2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 3:20 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Don't violate our right to privacy - how is this board operating legally?

Hello,

I am writing to express my concerns on the upcoming vote towards gender affirming care. Please do not pass this ban. It is unethical and illegal. There are many medical conditions where a child would need something that would be considered "gender affirming care". Inter sex children exist. Do they not get care because it doesn't fit your agenda? Kids can have health conditions that could require hormones - do they get to suffer now?

This ban violates peoples right to privacy. I'm also concerned about the late term abortion vote. None of you have or will ever experience being pregnant. So if a women has a much wanted pregnancy and something arises - whether in her own health or the fetus - she's just supposed to expect she will have to risk dying? Leaving kids she may have motherless? It's abhorrent you have zero women on this board.

Additionally, I do not believe that the Alaska medical board is following the law. The Alaska medical board is required to have eight members. You have six. The Alaska medical board

under [law](#) must consist of physicians “residing in as many separate geographical areas of the state as possible.”

The board currently consists of six men, three of whom reside in Palmer, one in Wasilla and two in Anchorage.

How is having all six out of the required 8 within Anchorage and the valley following the law? It seems abhorrent to have you vote on matters that will more adversely affect rural Alaska. How is it ethical of a board of only men to vote on issues related to women? How is a commercial pilot being on the board legal when the law says the board must be physicians?

After hearing about these I’m glad I won’t have to even consider voting for the one board member running for governor. It’s clear to me you do not value privacy, following the law, or women and children. I guess the point of this vote is cruelty. Focus on following the law of what the board is supposed to be before you start striping people of their rights.

**From:** Samantha Lopez <snjones190@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 4:21 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** 8/22/25 Medical Board Meeting: Public Comment

RE: Agenda item regarding abortion access in Alaska

To the Alaska State Medical Board:

Abortion care is health care. While I support the board releasing a statement to Alaskans reassuring them of our independence & that Alaskans will continue to have uninterrupted access to abortion, I caution the board against engaging in performative politics surrounding these "hot topic" issues. Alaskans deserve to have full control over our own bodies, which includes access to procedures like abortion. Any statement released must be clear in its directive that this issue will remain between the patient and the medical provider.

Thank you,  
Samantha Lopez  
Kenai, Alaska

**From:** Beth Carroll <jahismypilot@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 4:22 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Gender Affirming Care

Hello

I am writing to you today as a parent that has journeyed through gender transition with my child. We began first seeking care for Ashe at the age of 15. Meeting with mental health

professionals, both counseling and psychiatric providers before moving on to medical care. We began with simply affirming desired name, pronoun and social transition before finally choosing gender affirmation medication, all before the age of 18.

I can tell you from first hand experience, this has not only been life changing but more importantly life saving. Ashe is now a fully functioning adult that has hopes, plans and dreams of a future where before suffered from deep depression and suicidal ideation.

I beg you to carefully consider the implications of banning gender affirming care for minors. The potential lives lost, the cruelty of prohibiting any human being from important medical care and the overreach of government decisions that interfere with parental and physician medical decisions.

I am deeply disturbed that a panel of mostly conservative cis men making decisions that belong in the hands of parents, guardians and doctors.

This is an unacceptable overreach of government, particularly in Alaska where our state constitution specifically provides the right to privacy.

Please do what is right by the small, but important members of our Beloved Alaska Trans community.

Regards,

Beth Carroll

Proud Trans Parent

Homer, Alaska

**From:** Jess Leachman <leachman0016@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 4:26 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** "Small government" means stat OUT

Alaskans don't want your big government egos in their healthcare choices. If an Alaskan wants to do whatever and their doctor says cool, then shut up. Drink raw milk, or go on hormone blockers, or get your boobs done; who cares!? Stop being shills to lower 48 nonsense sycophants. Act like Alaskans or get the Hell out!

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From: Lisa <lckrebs@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 4:51 PM

To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

Subject: Two items to discuss on Friday's meeting

Dear Dr. Heilala, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Paulson, Dr. McDonough, Dr. Barnes, and Mr. Wilson,

I am writing to you today about the topics of discussion for your Friday meeting.

First, I would like to discuss the possibility of eliminating gender affirming medical care for children.

A peer reviewed study was published in September 2024 in "Nature Human Behavior" that looked at data on suicide attempts of youth from 19 states prior to and after passing legislation banning transgender care. They looked at data in 3 year increments and saw a large increase in suicide attempts in every state by youth after bans were put in place.

Alaska already has some of the highest rates of suicide in the nation. Banning transgender care will further isolate these youth (which is estimated at no more than 1% of our population) and cause further mental and behavioral issues, and possibly death. We cannot support this ban knowing it will do more harm than good. We are talking about our Alaskan children. I strongly am against limiting medical care for transgender youth.

Second, I would like to comment on the ban on late term abortions.

Alaska has the right to abortion written into our State Constitution. Late term abortions are rarely done, and most often only if there are medical problems with the fetus or the mother. There are many different examples where the survival of the mother and/or fetus are at stake. This decision should be made with the mother's medical doctor, the mother, and her family, not by a Medical Board. I strongly oppose restricting long term abortion.

Thank you for your time,

Lisa Krebs

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Homer, AK 99603

**From:** Timbi Barron <timbi@alaskablues.net>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 4:53 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** Protect trans youth and abortion rights

You have an important job, which is to operate in the best interests of Alaskans. Support for our tiny trans community and women's rights are of the utmost importance. That you are on the attack towards both of these issues show you are not acting in our best interests. Please do the right thing, the thing that allows you to look at yourself in the mirror and know you stood up. We're watching and we're counting on you. Please protect our trans community, trans kids, and women's rights.

Thank you

Timbi Barron

Anchorage AK

**From:** Meisha Robichaux <meisharobichaux@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:04 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** Fervent Opposition to Restricting Gender-Affirming Care

To the Alaska Medical Board,

I am writing to express my most fervent and unwavering opposition to your proposed vote to restrict or ban gender-affirming care for transgender minors as well as your attack on a woman's right to choose. As a woman and a resident of Wasilla, I am absolutely sick of uneducated bureaucrats stripping away my fundamental rights, including the right to choose what I do with MY body. The fact that this board, comprised of political appointees rather than elected officials, is even considering such a measure is an outrageous overreach of power.

This proposed vote is a blatant political attack, not a medically sound decision. It is an act of evil ignorance, pushed by extremist male Republicans who are determined to dictate the private medical decisions of families and individuals and eliminate my freedom to choose what I do with my body AND what religion I honor. Just because YOU believe something doesn't mean we should all bend over backwards to appease only YOUR beliefs, especially when they cannot be backed up by logic, science, or facts.

The overwhelming majority of major medical associations, from the American Medical Association to the American Academy of Pediatrics, support gender-affirming care as medically necessary and life-saving. Your consideration of this resolution flies in the face of established science and professional ethics. One of your board members isn't even a medical professional! What right do any of you men, who don't even specialize in this field of medicine you're voting on, have to take away our rights? You don't - plan and simple.

You are threatening to criminalize life-saving care and punish dedicated physicians who are simply following best-practice medicine. This is a direct assault on the rights and well-being of Alaskan families. My body, my life, my choice, my religion, and my beliefs. And for parents and their children, it is their right to make these decisions with their doctors, free from the interference of a politically motivated board.

I expect you to do the right thing and vote decisively to reject this harmful and unscientific resolution. Anything less is a betrayal of your duty to serve the public and a demonstration that you are nothing more than dull political pawns.

Sincerely,  
Meisha Robichaux  
7365 W. Dean Dr.  
Wasilla, AK 99623

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From: Robin Eagleton <rspara@icloud.com>  
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:07 PM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Gender affirming care

To whom it may concern,

Banning gender affirming care for minors in the state of Alaska is a mistake. Your (cis male) kid is suicidal because he is being bullied for having an unusual amount of breast tissue? Can't do shit about it. Your (cis female) kid is suicidal because she is being bullied for having masculine facial features? Can't do shit about that either. Gender affirming care is widely used by a lot of people, both cis and trans, and is meant to improve quality of life. By banning gender affirming care for minors, you would be lowering quality of life standards for ALL minors.

If protecting children is the goal then please allow them access to medical care.

Your constituent,  
Robin Eagleton  
Fairbanks, AK

**From:** Danny Casner <dxcasner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:07 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:**

To the esteemed members of the board,  
I'm writing to urge you NOT to pass the proposed resolutions opposing gender affirming care and abortions in Friday (8/22/25)'s meeting. In addition to the preponderance of evidence showing that gender affirming care reduces rates of suicide and depression in vulnerable populations, the passing of this resolution would serve as a psychological attack on vulnerable children. Further, any moves to restrict abortion access also run the risk of complicating and reducing medical care for expectant mothers, which has already costed lives of pregnant women in other states. Both of these actions, and their consequences, represent a clear violation of the Hippocratic oath to do no harm. Thank you for your consideration.

-Danny Casner  
(He/Him)

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**From:** Emily Sousa <rottador@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:20 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment: do not restrict gender affirming care

Dear members of the state medical board, I am a parent and educator based in Fairbanks urging you not to restrict gender affirming care for minors. Evidence from research shows that when transgender youth are supported and have access to gender affirming care, rates of depression and suicide drop dramatically. Gender-affirming care is life saving care. Please do what is best for Alaskan youth- do NOT restrict gender affirming care for minors. Let those conversations take place between kids, families, and their medical care team.

Thank you,  
Emily Sousa  
Fairbanks, AK

**From:** Mike Garvey <mpg167@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:33 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Public comment on item 6b of Quarterly Meeting

Good afternoon,

I am writing in my personal capacity as an Alaskan to express dismay that the Medical Board is devoting time and energy at the scheduled quarterly meeting tomorrow for taking

up statements or new regulations around "late term abortion" and "treatment of gender dysphoria in minors."

This strikes me as a nakedly political agenda; if you were to list out the top concerns that the Board might have about the practice of medicine in Alaska across all types of medicine, these realistically wouldn't be close to the top of the list. Why isn't the Board seeking to educate Alaskans on how changes to Medicaid will impact providers? Or how challenging recruitment and retention may be? Or any other area of medicine that doesn't directly correlate to partisan politics?

On the issue of gender affirming care, it is especially galling to potentially regulate specific medical care in a way that interferes with the patient and provider relationship, and circumventing the experts in that area of care. Unprofessional conduct regulations overwhelmingly deal with practices that can apply to all types of providers and licensees. It is a dangerous precedent for the state board to start declaring itself the arbiter of what type and manner of care is appropriate.

And I say that out of principle and personally. I'm a 41 year old man. I just started hormone replacement therapy because my testosterone is off the charts low. I made that decision in consultation with my doctor and my wife, for reasons that are deeply personal and that I suspect you don't care to know. I would be appalled if, for example, the state decided to get in the middle of that conversation because, say, taking testosterone lowers the chances of reproduction by lowering natural sperm counts. All Alaskans deserve the dignity and privacy that I was afforded in making decisions about their lives with their care providers. You are not the experts in those lives, or the vast array of medical decisions that parents and providers make about their children's healthcare, and I urge you not to act like it.

Sincerely,  
Michael P. Garvey, MSW

**From:** Guy Keyes <raven.darklord.76@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:33 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:**

I am writing to express my concern regarding this Board's decision to take up the treatment of gender dysphoria in minors. This Board is charged with overseeing the licensure of medical practitioners in Alaska, including by revoking licenses from practitioners if they are deemed by the board to have violated state statutes. There is NO statute currently restricting gender-affirming care in Alaska. This Board should be focused on accepted science, not advancing political theories that do not meet the intent of this Board. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and other medical experts and organizations

continue to support gender affirming care, emphasizing its role in the mental health and wellbeing of trans children and teens.

AAP President Susan J. Kressly, M.D., FAAP, has stated that "Patients, their families, and their physicians-not politicians or government officials-should be the ones to make decisions together about what care is best for them based on evidence-based, age-appropriate care." She further stated that "The AAP remains focused on supporting pediatricians in delivering the best possible care to every child, informed by science and the lived experiences of patients and families. We will continue to support the well-being of all children and access to high-quality care that meets their needs."

There is already a stringent process for receiving treatment for gender dysphoria in minors. It is not a simple task and is not one that is taken lightly by any of the multidisciplinary care team involved. This team includes clinicians, endocrinologists, mental health professionals, guardians, and the minor themselves. It may take years before the minor is prepared and cleared for treatment to begin and requires the approval from all involved.

Scientific research has been done to ensure that the correct procedures are followed that benefit the minor. This includes the Endocrine Treatment of Gender-Dysphoric/Gender-Incongruent Persons: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline. In this paper the following guidelines already exist:

"We recommend treating gender-dysphoric/gender-incongruent adolescents who have entered puberty at Tanner Stage G2/B2 by suppression with gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonists. Clinicians may add gender-affirming hormones after a multidisciplinary team has confirmed the persistence of gender dysphoria/gender incongruence and sufficient mental capacity to give informed consent to this partially irreversible treatment. Most adolescents have this capacity by age 16 years old. We recognize that there may be compelling reasons to initiate sex hormone treatment prior to age 16 years, although there is minimal published experience treating prior to 13.5 to 14 years of age."

By ending or otherwise limiting the treatment of gender dysphoria in minors, this Board risks not only the physical wellbeing, but the mental wellbeing of our Alaskan youth. A publication from 2023 speaks directly to the mental health impacts on transgender and gender diverse (TGD) youth:

"A number of subsequent reports have confirmed the positive mental health impact of gender-affirming medical care for TGD adolescents and young adults. In particular, a cross-sectional survey of more than 20,000 transgender adults (aged 18–36 years) found a significantly lower odds of life-time suicidal ideation ( $P=0.001$ ) in those that had been treated with pubertal blockers during adolescence in comparison to those who wanted such treatment but did not receive it."

"A 2020 survey of 11,914 transgender or nonbinary youth, aged 13–24 years, in which 14% of respondents were receiving GAHT, demonstrated that such treatment was associated a lower odds of recent depression and serious consideration of suicide compared to those who wanted such care but didn't receive it. A separate survey study demonstrated that

access to GAHT during adolescence was associated with lower odds of past-year suicidal ideation ( $P = 0.0007$ ) compared to those who accessed such care during adulthood."

In closing, I ask that this Board reflect back on its purpose and intent. I ask that you each remember that in Alaska we are a proud and private folk that stand for our rights and those of our fellow Alaskans. What Alaskans do not stand for is the politicization of our youth and the overreaching that this Board is attempting to do.

Sincerely,  
Mr. Keyes

**From:** Ryan Oeste <ryoeste@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:49 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed actions on "Treatment of Gender Dysphoria in Minors" and "Late-Term Abortion" on the August 22, 2025 agenda

Dear Members of the Alaska State Medical Board,

I am writing to urge you NOT to adopt new restrictive language or disciplinary measures relating to gender-affirming care for minors or to adopt new restrictions relating to abortion that are listed on the Board's agenda for August 22, 2025. I appreciate the Board's duty to protect patient safety and uphold evidence-based practice, but these proposed actions risk doing the opposite: they would interfere with established medical standards, threaten patient confidentiality and access to care, and could run counter to recognized legal and constitutional protections in Alaska.

First, I want to be clear about what I understand the Board is considering. The Board's [published agenda](#) and materials listed as "Treatment of Gender Dysphoria in Minors" and "Late Term Abortion" as items for this meeting. These matters are therefore before the Board now and any changes could be adopted at the meeting.

Second, acting to discipline clinicians or to broadly prohibit evidence-based treatments for transgender youth would conflict with the positions of leading medical organizations and the available clinical guidance. Major professional bodies — including the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Endocrine Society, and other expert groups — have repeatedly recognized gender-affirming care as medically necessary for some patients and urged that clinical decisions be made by medical professionals following accepted standards of care rather than by political or regulatory fiat. [The AMA, for example, has publicly opposed state interference that would criminalize or restrict medically-necessary gender-affirming care.](#)

Third, restricting access to gender-affirming care and threatening disciplinary action against providers is likely to cause concrete harm. Peer-reviewed studies and clinical reviews show that gender-affirming care, when delivered according to accepted protocols and after careful assessment, [is associated with improved mental-health outcomes for transgender and gender-diverse youth, and that removing or restricting access is correlated with increases in distress and risk](#). Given the small number of Alaskan youth who receive such care, broad punitive measures would be a blunt instrument that risks serious unintended consequences.

Fourth, on abortion: Alaska courts and legal trackers note that abortion protections in Alaska are shaped by the state constitution's privacy protections and subsequent court rulings recognizing reproductive choice as a [fundamental right under state law](#). Any Board action that would meaningfully restrict access to abortion care (including measures that increase provider risk or limit who may provide standard care) should be approached with caution and full legal review because of these protections and existing litigation and rulings in the state.

For these reasons I urge the Board to:

- Refrain from adopting any new regulatory language or disciplinary standards at this meeting that would criminalize, stigmatize, or broadly prohibit gender-affirming care for minors; instead, direct any concerns about evidence to a neutral, independent systematic review process and invite input from pediatric, endocrine, and mental-health experts.
- Avoid adopting any regulatory changes related to abortion provision without thorough legal review of Alaska constitutional protections and the practical effects on access in a rural, sparsely-populated state.
- Prioritize patient safety, confidentiality, and evidence-based clinical judgment — not political considerations — when discussing board statements or regulatory actions.

Thank you so much for your time and service! I respectfully request that the Board publish any proposed draft regulatory language in full and allow adequate public comment before taking steps that would meaningfully alter the standard of care or the regulatory environment for clinicians and patients in Alaska. :) I would happily provide further information or to point you to clinical experts and peer-reviewed evidence if that would be helpful.

Thank you for your time,

Ryan Oeste  
Fairbanks, Alaska  
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**From:** Emily Dawson <erdawson90@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 5:52 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** Gender Affirming Care

I'm writing in support of the state of Alaska maintaining gender affirming care for its residents of all ages. Gender affirming care practices have evidence-based testing and data to support as well as being backed by major medical organizations. This is just one more example of a type of healthcare that saves lives. There are many examples of trans and cisgender youth benefiting from gender affirming care. This is not a criminal act and should not be considered malpractice.

**From:** Kristy Harrington <akkristy@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:29 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: Failure Notice

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Hi, I just want to say THANK YOU for bringing up the horrendous insanity that has been allowed in Alaska. I am hoping every board member will be in agreement that mutilating a child is an abhorrent thing to do to a child whether by blockers or actual surgery under the age of 18 or in the womb. When I talk to people about abortion it surprised me that more people didn't know the fact that it was legal in Alaska and 8 other states up to birth. My granddaughter was born at 24 weeks. She is now 16. How can we as a society so undervalue the most vulnerable humans then we pass laws that protect Bald Eagle eggs. I pray that Alaska joins the other 12 states that have a total ban on killing babies at any stage of growth. How can a physician or anyone in the medical profession condone this. Please cast a vote for our children and babies. Both transitioning and abortion should not be allowed in our great State or anywhere in our nation or world. Sincerely, Kristy Harrington

**From:** Flame Fern <faustskinner@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:34 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Medical care has no gender.

Hello, my name is Faust Cotton, I have seen a concerning consideration to pull back treatment options for people with physical body dysmorphia (trans), this could lead to heavier medicine doses to keep depression down, larger heavier people eating their self hate away, and suicide.

Please reconsider this move as it will not help anyone be healthier which is the goal of medicine, you can not tell me you want to help people then be against the people that plead for the help.

Do not let people that only know hate and pushing over the weaker, tell you how to care.

**From:** Arctic Goddess <arcticgoddess11@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:37 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** 22 Aug Medical Board Meeting Comment

Chair Taylor

I am a wife, mother, and midlife woman using hormone replacement therapy to manage menopause. Some of the medications I take are the same ones used in gender-affirming care. Restricting them puts my health—and the health of many Alaskans—at risk. Healthcare decisions belong to patients and their doctors. Families do not pursue gender-affirming care on a whim; it comes after deep struggle and careful consideration. Government should not interfere.

I strongly oppose using the regulatory process to restrict gender-affirming care in Alaska. As for so-called “late-term abortion” limits—stop. Abortion is healthcare. Women should not face burdens or scrutiny to prove they “deserve” care, whether for elective reasons or medical emergencies.

Alaskans need more access to healthcare, not less. Stop targeting the small number of families with trans children who are simply trying to love and support their kids.

These proposed restrictions are harmful, unnecessary, and a misuse of effort. I urge you to reject them.

Thank you  
Rhonda Widener  
Fairbanks

**From:** Saeward S <saeward.schillaci@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:38 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** I oppose attempts to limit healthcare for abortions & transgender youth

Hello,

I'm an Alaskan living in Fairbanks. I'm emailing regarding the board's proposed actions for tomorrow which would oppose abortion and medical care for transgender youth. You should respect the dignity of all people by affirming Alaskans' rights to abortion and gender-affirming care. The residents of our state need more and better healthcare, not discrimination, restrictions, and violations of privacy. Respect the needs of ordinary Alaskans by opposing these actions.

Thank you,  
Saeward Schillaci

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From: Paige Poston <paige.poston@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:44 PM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Oppose the restriction of trans healthcare

Good evening,

I am writing to voice my opposition to the potential restriction on healthcare for transgender youth. I work in suicide prevention and I regularly see data proving that transgender youth are at higher risk of suicide than their peers. That risk goes up exponentially when they are denied access to gender-affirming healthcare. The type of care that the medical board is considering restrictions on is life-saving. Please do the right thing and protect access to it.

Thank you,  
Paige Poston  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Michael Mason <michael.mason83@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:49 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Testimony for Friday 8/22/2025

Hello

I was born and raised in Alaska.

Article 23 of our state constitution guarantees the right to privacy which includes families making decisions with their doctor.

Gender affirming care saves lives and the science shows it.

Every single major medical organization, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, and the American Psychiatric Association, supports the provision of age-appropriate, gender-affirming care for transgender and non-binary people.

These organizations represent millions of doctors, researchers, and mental health professionals in the United States. Gender-affirming care has always existed.

Stop trying to politicize what should be private decisions between families and their doctors.

Sincerely,  
Mike Mason  
Alaska Citizen

**From:** Sydney Mullen <sydneykmullen@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 6:58 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Reject any amendment to regulations that designates medical or surgical treatment of gender dysphoria in minors as "unprofessional conduct"

To the Alaska Medical Board,  
I strongly urge the Board to **reject** any amendment to regulations that designate medical or surgical treatment of gender dysphoria in minors as "unprofessional conduct."

The American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and the Endocrine Society, and other medical organizations and experts have all underscored the importance and urgency in providing medical treatment for gender dysphoric youth. This guidance includes recommendations to treat "gender-dysphoric/gender-incongruent adolescents who have entered puberty at Tanner Stage G2/B2 by suppression with gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonists. Gender-affirming hormones may be added after a multi-disciplinary team has confirmed the persistence of gender dysphoria/gender-incongruence and sufficient mental capacity to give informed consent" (Hembree et al., 2017).

Based on high quality cohort data, low regret rates have been observed for medical care provided to gender dysphoric/gender-incongruent adolescents when these guidelines are followed. Furthermore, these same medications are routinely prescribed to cisgender adolescents for a variety of other conditions-- calling out gender-dysphoric/gender-incongruent adolescents is not based on scientific findings and is inherently discriminatory.

The current medical guidance for gender-dysphoric/gender-incongruent adolescents is not negligence-- labeling it as such is dangerous, political, and not supported by medical and scientific research. Again, I urge the Board to reject the proposed resolution as it is blatantly political and goes against the most rigorous, up-to-date research on the issue. Alaskans deserve access to science-based healthcare and this will have a chilling effect between providers and their most vulnerable patients.

Thank you for your time,  
Sydney K. Mullen, Ph.D.

**Reference:**

Hembree, W. C., Cohen-Kettenis, P. T., Gooren, L., Hannema, S. E., Meyer, W. J., Murad, M. H., Rosenthal, S. M., Safer, J. D., Tangpricha, V., & T'Sjoen, G. G. (2017). Endocrine Treatment of Gender-Dysphoric/Gender-Incongruent Persons: An Endocrine Society Clinical Practice Guideline. *The Journal of clinical endocrinology and metabolism*, 102(11), 3869–3903. <https://doi.org/10.1210/jc.2017-01658>

**From:** Annie Hughey <annie.hughey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:03 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for Abortion & Transgender Youth Care

Hello,

I am a resident of Valdez, Alaska. I would like to formally express my support for abortion services in Alaska and for medical care for transgender youth. Please do not abandon women and our transgender youth.

Thank you,  
Annie Hughey

**From:** Abigail Nastan <amnastan@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:10 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Comment for tomorrow's quarterly meeting

Dear members of the State of Alaska Medical Board,

I would like to enter a comment in advance of tomorrow's meeting. Please uphold your oaths to do no harm and do not allow politics to influence scientifically backed medical practice. Studies clearly show that ensuring trans kids can access gender affirming care saves lives and leads to better health outcomes all around. Similarly, accessible abortion care is critical to protect women's health.

As medical professionals, I know you are aware of what the science says. I am shocked and dismayed that you would even consider ignoring well-studied scientific evidence in favor of ideology. For heaven's sake, how can you live with the thought of putting women and kids in mortal danger like this?

Serving as a scientific professional in an official state capacity comes with an ethical obligation to put aside any personal biases, consider what objective science tells us, and speak truth to power. So far, the board has completely failed on these issues. Do better.

Abigail Nastan  
2000 Raven Dr  
Fairbanks AK 99709

**From:** N. H. <nikki1113is@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:21 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Concerned in Alaska

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong concerns regarding your upcoming meeting to consider adopting language that condemns access to gender-affirming healthcare for minors in Alaska.

I want to remind you that our state constitution, specifically Article 1, Section 22, guarantees every resident the right to privacy. This right extends to the medical information and treatment decisions for children and their parents. It is not appropriate for the government to interfere in these deeply personal matters.

Gender-affirming care is supported by scientific and medical consensus. Your personal feelings, religious beliefs, or moral objections should not dictate public policy, especially when it comes to healthcare decisions that impact the well-being of Alaskan families. Alaskans are deeply independent individuals who do not appreciate being told how to raise their families.

The children and families who seek gender-affirming care already face enough condemnation from their peers, neighbors, and communities. They do not need additional judgment from their state government.

Sincerely,  
Nicole

**From:** Jennifer Addington <jenniaddington@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:22 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Meeting August 22 2025

To whom it may concern;

As a concerned Alaskan I am writing to address the agenda item concerning gender affirming care. Please leave this to parents to make the best decision for their children. This is healthcare.

Also the item of Late Term Abortion. This sadly is also healthcare care. As a woman who has been pregnant I can attest that should this need arise there are sad, dire consequences happening. This must be left to the care of the doctors and the patients.

I appreciate your time

Jennifer Addington  
Fairbanks AK 99709

**From:** Rem Soliday <rem@choosingourroots.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:45 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Friday meeting of the board

Good day to whomever is reading this email,

It has recently come to my attention that the Alaska medical board is voting Friday August 22nd to adopt language which would restrict access to gender affirming care for youth in Alaska. As a concerned citizen and as someone who has worked with trans youth professionally I would like to voice my opposition to this stance by the medical board.

Gender affirming care is life saving for transgender, and gender nonconforming youth. Organizations across the globe have recognized that blocking access to gender affirming care for adolescents can have extremely detrimental effects on their mental health and wellbeing.

As I'm sure you are aware we are currently in the middle of a mental health crisis in this country. Teens in Alaska also face an increased risk of depression and suicide. With this in mind, I would think that the medical board of this state would ensure that our youth's mental health is at the forefront of our minds in every discussion around medical priorities in Alaska.

Furthermore myself and several other concerned constituents take issue with the fact that the man leading this charge has no experience in treating transgender or gender nonconforming youth. As someone who works with trans youth daily I can promise you that gender affirming care saves lives. As such by blocking access to this care you are ensuring the suffering of teenagers who already facing increased risk for depression, substance abuse, suicide, and suicidal ideation.

I urge you to reconsider adopting this language. I urge the board to make the mental health of our youth your top priority rather than attempting to make a political statement at the expense of the wellbeing of our young Alaskans. I hope that during this meeting you make a choice based on documented, evidence based science rather than political ideals.

With **Queer Joy and Excellence**,

**Rem Soliday**  
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*Choosing Our Roots serves communities throughout the unceded territories of the Indigenous Peoples of Alaska. We acknowledge the ancestral & present knowledge of the peoples of these territories.*

-----Original Message-----

From: Susan Dent <docdent@mtaonline.net>  
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:58 PM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Opposition to Proposed Statement on Gender-Affirming Care

Dear board of medical examiners.

I urge you not to move forward on your motion to discipline medical professionals who provide transgender care.

The decision to undergo such treatments should be between the doctor and the family and must be decided on a case by case basis. Surely you are aware of transgender youths who take their own lives if such care is not available for them. Such treatment should be rare, legal and safe.

The very lives of transgender youth are in your hands. Do no harm

Susan Dent.  
Sent from my iPad

**From:** Ben Preston <preston.benjamin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:08 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Protect Medical Freedom

Dear Sirs & Madams,

I am writing in regards to the vote schedule for Friday the 22nd. Gender affirming care, for minors or for anyone is a decision that should be up to the patient, with informed consent. Increased restrictions are unnecessary and could result in other unforeseen harm. Tomorrow, please vote to preserve Alaskans freedom of medical choices.

Thank you,  
-Ben

**From:** Carrie Nash <nash.carrie@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:15 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** abortion rights and lifesaving care for transgender youth

8/21/25

To the Alaska State Medical Board:

I am a lifelong resident of Interior Alaska. I am writing to clearly state my opinion regarding the items you will consider at tomorrow's meeting.

Please DO NOT LIMIT gender affirming care for transgender minors. You will be immorally limiting care that will keep transgender youth ALIVE.

It is unconscionable to deliberately withhold care from kids due to your personal political or religious beliefs. This is a MEDICAL ISSUE.

Similarly there are Alaskan women (and girls!) who will rarely require late term abortions for medical reasons or reasons of mental health. It is not your committee's place to second guess lawmakers and physicians. DO NOT LIMIT WOMEN'S LIFESAVING CARE. Women are half the world. They are people who have lives and children and family and self determination.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Carrie Nash, Fairbanks

Carrie Nash  
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Fairbanks, AK 99709

**From:** Jasmine Maurer <jazmaurer@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:29 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Evidence-Based Care for all Alaskans

Re: Proposed resolution labeling gender-affirming care for minors as “unprofessional conduct”

To the Alaska State Medical Board,

I am writing to strongly oppose the Board's proposal to classify gender-affirming care for minors as “unprofessional conduct.”

Only months ago, the legislature declined to act on similar recommendations from the Board—rejecting interference in standards of care as inappropriate. By acting now in this

way to advance this resolution, the Board is disregarding that decision and overstepping its proper role. Even more concerning, in the same discussion the Board raised abortion as another area for punitive action, signaling an alarming trend of politicizing medicine across multiple domains. This is not the will of the people, it is not in alignment with medical knowledge or morals.

Gender-affirming care for adolescents, when indicated and provided in partnership with families, is evidence-based medicine. It is recognized by every major medical association—including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and the Endocrine Society—as the standard of care. Labeling it “negligence” is not a medical conclusion. It is a political act with devastating consequences: punishing clinicians, undermining parents, and denying young people lifesaving treatment.

Alaska realities matter:

- Our state already faces severe shortages in pediatric, primary care, and behavioral health. Restricting providers further will force families to travel out of state, delay care, or go without.
- Alaska’s population has been declining for years in part because of medical inadequacies and this act would contribute to decreasing population confidence in our medical systems and level of care in our state.
- These same medications are safely prescribed to cisgender youth for other conditions. Singling out transgender youth is discriminatory, not scientific.
- Alaska has long recognized the constitutional right to privacy in family medical decisions. This proposal undermines that legacy.

I urge the Board to:

1. Withdraw the proposed resolution.
2. Affirm evidence-based standards of care.
3. Engage clinicians and national experts in dialogue and education, not punitive threats.
4. Revisit your medical oath to do no harm to use knowledge to help others and to be a life long learner keeping up with scientific advances and human rights and dignity
5. Open your hearts to love all as they are, love them as God loves us unconditionally just as we are.
6. Fulfill your Board duty to seek appointments of members from diverse backgrounds and geography to fully represent the state and its communities.

Be the leaders we need to have healthy thriving communities.

Sincerely,  
Jasmine

**From:** hotshot@mosquitonet.com <hotshot@mosquitonet.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:38 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** Care for ALL people

**Importance:** High

Alaska Medical Board ~

I am firmly against restricting care for anybody! You take an oath to do no harm and yet you entertain doing this? What planet are you living on where you have the right to refuse care for anyone?

I strongly oppose limiting health care for transgender youth. Just because their needs may be different than yours does not mean you can discard them like a piece of trash. These kids and their parents are doing their best to cope with these unique challenges. To take away health care is an act of cruelty.

This shouldn't even be a discussion. These folks need health care like you do.

Women also need protected reproductive health care as our constitution provides. So don't get any ideas.

Joyce Parks  
Fairbanks, Ak

**From:** Mary Kirisimasi <marykirisimasi@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 8:51 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:**

To the Alaska State Medical Board,

I am writing to state my strong opposition to the proposed resolution that would classify gender-affirming care for minors as “unprofessional conduct.”

Alaskans value our freedom and our right to make personal medical decisions in partnership with our families and healthcare providers—not politicians or boards pushing political agendas. Interfering in standards of evidence-based medical care undermines both patient rights and the trust we place in health professionals.

Gender-affirming care, when medically indicated, is recognized and supported by every major medical association. Attempts to criminalize or delegitimize it are not only out of step with science, but also with the freedoms we hold dear as Alaskans.

I urge the Board to respect established standards of care, respect families, and stop this unnecessary and harmful attempt to politicize medicine.

Sincerely,  
Mary Kirisimasi  
Anchorage, Alaska

**From:** M. Izard <izardmac@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 7:42 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** put people over politics

To whom it may concern:

Please do not limit healthcare for Alaskans by blocking access to abortion and care for trans kids.

Trans healthcare for youth is not what the lower 48 media makes it out to be. It is not big permanent procedures. It is life saving medications and other interventions that reduce children's suicide rates massively. Healthcare professionals around the country support gender affirming care. There are so few trans people in our state; they deserve care and love and this is both discriminatory and a waste of time spent on a culture war against a few trans kids who are just trying to live their lives.

Abortion is also life saving care. Please do not block access to important medical interventions just to further a political agenda. People's lives should come first.

Thank you,  
Mel Izard  
Juneau AK 99801

-----Original Message-----

From: Christy <christym907@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:09 PM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Meeting

I believe parents should have the right to decide, with their medical provider, what is in their child's best interest. That means that this board should not decide for them. Vote accordingly!

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Cassandra Cook Raevsky <casey@alpenglowak.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:11 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Quarterly Board Meeting scheduled 08/22/2025

To all Members of the Board:

I am writing to express profound disappointment with your recent use of the term "*late term abortion*." This is not a medical term. It is a politicized, inaccurate phrase that has no place in any official communication from a state medical regulatory body. By using it, the Board not only spreads misinformation but also undermines its credibility with both the public and the medical community.

As physicians, we are held to the standard of accuracy in our language, our diagnoses, and our treatment. That standard must apply equally to the Board that governs us. The fact that such terminology is being used by those tasked with regulating medicine in Alaska is deeply troubling. It suggests a willingness to substitute opinion and politics for science and fact.

Equally concerning is why the Board is devoting time and energy to issuing statements of opinion instead of focusing on its actual purpose: overseeing the safe, ethical, and competent practice of medicine in our state. Alaskans rely on the Board to uphold professional standards—not to amplify misleading rhetoric. It would certainly behoove you to involve boarded specialists and/or sub-specialists to educate you on standards of care pertaining to any matters you've placed on your agenda. It does not appear that there is a single OB/GYN, Perinatologist or Complex Family Planning physician on the board. I'm sure you can see how this adds to my confusion on why this topic is on your agenda as a "New Regulation Project." In the future, it would certainly behoove you to involve boarded specialists and/or sub-specialists to educate you on standards of care pertaining to any matters you've placed on your agenda. On the off chance you have any interest in factual terminology, a late term pregnancy is specifically defined as 41.0 to 41.6 weeks gestation. Nobody is terminating pregnancies at this point.

The misuse of language in this context is not a minor semantic issue. It is a distortion that erodes trust, confuses the public, and disrespects the complexity of medical care provided in difficult and often heartbreakingly circumstances. It is unworthy of a body charged with protecting the public and regulating the practice of medicine.

I urge the Board to immediately correct this error, commit to the use of accurate medical terminology, and refocus its efforts where they belong—on the regulation of medicine, not on political posturing. Anything less is a failure of responsibility to both physicians and patients in Alaska. It is also, quite frankly, embarrassing.

Sincerely,  
Dr. Cassandra Cook

Cassandra Cook, DO FACOOG  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Tess Weaver <tess.weaver@gmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:15 PM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Support Gender Affirming Care

Hello,

I am writing to encourage and ask the Alaska Medical Board to support gender affirming care in our state as well as our country. Gender affirming care is life changing and life saving. It should be readily available and safe for those in need and interest.

The absence of gender affirming care will cause more harm than good and every Alaskan deserves quality, safe healthcare without discrimination.

Thank you,

Tess Weaver  
8420 Longhorn Street  
Anchorage, AK 99507

**From:** km\_vanmeel@yahoo.com <km\_vanmeel@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:37 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Pro transgender care and pro abortion rights

Dear Medical Board members,

I am writing to express my deep concern for the upcoming vote about transgender care for minors and the late term abortion ban. First, I am saddened by the mere fact these are being considered. Secondly, I can't help but notice that the board is not a good representation of who might be providing care for those in question. Third, why is someone who doesn't practice medicine on the board at all!?

For the mere fact that those on the board have no expertise in serving youth regarding their gender care and pregnant women, should be enough to mean the vote shouldn't occur.

However, I recognize that this is likely not to be the case. So I will ask, please have some empathy, listen to patients, and consider other perspectives beyond your own. In doing so perhaps you will become not only a better doctor but a better person.

Sincerely,  
A very concerned patient

Kayla Wagenfehr

-----Original Message-----

From: Jenny Blanchard <j.haggar@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:48 PM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Meeting tomorrow

I am writing because I am very concerned about an agenda item for your upcoming meeting. You are planning a vote on opposing treatment of transgender minors. It is well established fact that trans youth have some of the highest suicide rates of any group.

Support from their families and community can help them survive that statistic. That doesn't work if you take away this care.

I'm also shocked that you're considering taking away parents' rights in this way. Surely parents should be left alone to raise their children, without the government telling them what to do?

Finally, I'm frankly shocked at the hubris of the board, that you think you have the expertise to make this decision. No endocrinologist, no psychiatrist, no pediatrician on the board, but you are going to dictate what those specialists can do to help their patients. Please, let us as Alaskan parents make decisions about our children's health without your interference.

Jenny Blanchard  
Anchorage, AK

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Maria Berger <[marialberger@hotmail.com](mailto:marialberger@hotmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 9:50 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** Vote no on resolution proposing to limit gender-affirming medical care in Alaska

To the members of the Alaska Medical Board,

I am writing to urge you to vote NO on the resolution that would support limiting access to gender affirming medical care for minors in Alaska. By proposing to label the provision of such life-saving care as unprofessional conduct, the resolution prioritizes partisan politics over professional medical expertise and evidence-based practice. That the resolution was drafted by an individual who has since declared his candidacy for governor and who has contributed thousands of dollars to Republican candidates' campaigns certainly creates a public perception of a conflict of interest, if not an actual conflict of interest.

In its June 18, 2025 statement in response to the U.S. Supreme Court ruling in the U.S. vs. Skrmetti case, the American Academy of Pediatrics stated "Gender-affirming care is medically necessary for treating gender dysphoria and is backed by decades of peer-reviewed research, clinical experience, and scientific consensus. Too often mischaracterized as exclusively involving surgery and hormones, this care is provided thoughtfully and with the involvement of multidisciplinary teams of physicians, mental health professionals, families, and most importantly, young people themselves." I am stunned by the hubris of a board consisting of a podiatrist, a neurosurgeon, a general surgeon, a cardiologist, and a primary care physician, and a non-physician community member - no pediatricians, psychiatrists, endocrinologists, or other physicians whose expertise overlaps with gender-affirming care - in proposing a resolution that is in direct opposition to the stance of the AAP, a non-partisan professional organization of pediatricians, attending physicians, and other pediatric providers with a membership of more than 67,000.

I urge you to stand up for transgender youth and their families and the physicians who care for them. Just because you or I might not relate to the experience of gender dysmorphia or might not be able to imagine what it feels like to be transgender does not mean that those experiences and those people don't exist, that their needs are not legitimate and real, or that they aren't equally as deserving of quality medical care and human dignity.

Sincerely,

Maria L Berger  
15-year Alaska resident, 12-year Fairbanks resident

-----Original Message-----

From: Betsy <betsyp@gci.net>  
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2025 10:22 PM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Public comment: Late Term Abortion and Treatment of Gender Dysphoria in Minors

I am writing regarding the above two topics, which are on the agenda for tomorrow's quarterly meeting of the medical board.

Simply put, it is none of the state's business what personal choices are made or why, and any intervention by the state in such personal matters is a violation of Alaska's constitutional right to privacy.

Further, the type of regulations and restrictions this board seeks to impose infringe upon an individual's right to choose their best medical treatment options. Those decisions should be made by the patient, in consultation with the patient's personal physician who is appropriately trained in the relevant field, and not by a board comprised of people without such specific training.

It is disheartening that this board is attempting to politicize personal medical decisions. It is unconscionable that it seeks to railroad its personal beliefs into unwanted and unnecessary regulations that will restrict Alaskans' choices and infringe on their rights to privacy.

My great uncle served as the first vice president of Alaska's Constitutional Convention. The framers of our Constitution had the foresight to include language to restrict the very sorts of actions you are attempting to take. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

betsy Peratrovich  
Anchorage, Alaska 99517

**From:** Carly Jensen <ck.jensen01@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 10:30 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Support Gender Affirming and Access to Abortion

Dear distinguished board members,

I am writing today to ask that you rely on your medical expertise and experiences and protect people's ability to access the care and treatment with their doctors without having to worry about access being denied for very life saving and necessary care.

Best regards,

Carly Jensen

**From:** Savannah Martin <smartin679@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 10:43 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:**

Alaskans should have their freedom.

**From:** Catey Burtness-Adams <cateyb.a@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 10:51 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Protect our healthcare and rights!

Good morning,

In your vote today, please do not limit our healthcare. Healthcare should not be limited by political pressure.

Vote to protect life-saving care for all kids of all genders! (This includes trans children without argument).

Vote to protect women's healthcare and personal freedoms which include bodily autonomy. Abortion is healthcare, life-saving healthcare.

Thank you for trusting science over politics,

Catherine Burtness-Adams  
Lifelong Alaskan  
Fairbanks, AK

**From:** Tess Olympia <olympiatess@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 11:10 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Medical rights

Hello,

I am appalled to hear of the decisions about Alaskan's medical freedoms being stripped. All Alaskans including trans minors and birthing people have a right to medical care. Abortion is a right written into the Alaskan constitution. It is a right that when taken away can cause unnecessary, preventable death of the parent particularly in the 3rd trimester. That is not a time that abortion is a choice, it is a medically necessary procedure to save a life.

Trans people deserve healthcare in the same way that everyone deserves healthcare. Parents should absolutely get to make choices for their children regarding their healthcare in every circumstance.

Alaskans have fought over and over again to keep both abortion rights and trans rights legal. Do not take our choice away.

Thank you,

Tess Ramsey  
Juneau resident

**From:** RUTH ZENT <razmd@otz.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 21, 2025 11:10 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Transgender Youth

I very strongly oppose action by the Board to criminalize Physician's who treat Transgender Youth in the state of AK. This action is cruel both to the Transgender Youth and the Physician's who selflessly treat them. It is not criminal to give compassionate care. In my view, this is a loss of freedom for our state's residents and not consistent with our democracy. It is picking on the most vulnerable of our population. It is not easy to have gender dysphoria or to be Transgender and this makes it even more difficult.

Sincerely,  
Ruth Ann Zent, M. D.  
Kotzebue, AK

**From:** Melanie Lee <melmelilyis@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 12:01 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Concerned Alaskan.

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong concerns regarding your upcoming meeting to consider adopting language that condemns access to gender-affirming healthcare for minors in Alaska.

I want to remind you that our state constitution, specifically Article 1, Section 22, guarantees every resident the right to privacy. This right extends to the medical information and treatment decisions for children and their parents. It is not appropriate for the government to interfere in these deeply personal matters.

Gender-affirming care is supported by scientific and medical consensus. Your personal feelings, religious beliefs, or moral objections should not dictate public policy, especially when it comes to healthcare decisions that impact the well-being of Alaskan families. Alaskans are deeply independent individuals who do not appreciate being told how to raise their families.

The children and families who seek gender-affirming care already face enough condemnation from their peers, neighbors, and communities. They do not need additional judgment from their state government.

Sincerely,  
Melanie

**From:** Kristine Chen <kristinechen16@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 12:45 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Public Comment for Aug 22, 2025 Meeting of Alaska State Medical Board

I am writing to provide public comment on item 6b on the tentative agenda, relating to "Late Term Abortion" and "Treatment of Gender Dysphoria in Minors."

Comments on "Proposed State Medical Board Statement on Late Term Abortion"  
I strongly oppose the board's proposed statement on late term abortion. First, "late term abortion" is not a medical term and is ambiguously defined; as such, it is an inappropriate phrase to use in a statement by a medical board. Secondly, contrary to the proposed statement, I, as an Alaskan, do find that so-called "late term abortions" are in line with my values of freedom, privacy, and putting patient safety and health first and foremost. Restricting access to "late term abortions" will lead to negative outcomes for patients, and not just for those seeking abortions. Techniques used in abortions are also used to manage

miscarriages and stillbirths, and restricting the use of these techniques for "late term abortions" risks making them unavailable for people who need interventions for miscarriages and stillbirths. In sum, the medical board's support for new legislation regarding "late term abortions" is irresponsible, unscientific, and will encourage restrictions on proven treatment methods for pregnant people.

Comments on "Treatment of Gender Dysphoria in Minors"

I strongly oppose the board's efforts to label the provision of gender-affirming treatment for minors as unprofessional conduct. Gender-affirming care (in the form of medical and surgical intervention) is evidence-based medicine that is recognized by organizations like the American Board of Pediatrics, American Academy of Pediatrics, and other medical associations under the Federation of Pediatric Organizations. Their 2022 statement urges the best use of available research and evidence to make medical decisions that support transgender children. This includes the use of puberty blockers, which are safe and reversible, and mentioned specifically as an intervention that would be considered unprofessional conduct by the board's proposed changes. The other interventions mentioned in the proposed changes are exceedingly rare for minors, with transgender patients receiving years of counselling and treatment before any surgeries are permitted. The implication that minors are commonly receiving these treatments serves only to sensationalize what is, in actuality, a non-issue. Overall, the proposed changes would be harmful in that they would: (1) eliminate in-state access to gender-affirming medical care for minors; (2) create an atmosphere of confusion for providers regarding what is and isn't acceptable treatment for minors; (3) cast doubt on evidence-based gender-affirming care, and (4) intrude on the ability of patients and doctors to make private medical decisions.

Thank you,  
Kristine Chen, Anchorage

-----Original Message-----

From: eyelets.defiant5i@icloud.com <eyelets.defiant5i@icloud.com>  
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:19 AM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Eat my ass

Leave trans people alone you old whit ass fucks.  
Let the fucking children live.  
Rot in fucking hell you facists fucks.  
TRANS LIVES MATTER!!!!

-----Original Message-----

From: Christine Timm <cbealer@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 1:31 AM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Trans youth vote

To whom it may concern,

I want to ask if you can please vote tomorrow to protect the access to medical treatments for trans youth.

Thank you,

Christine Timm  
907-347-6640

**From:** Kelly Kealy <kelly.kealy@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 7:29 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** comment regarding today's agenda item discussing late-term abortion

Dear members of the Alaska State Medical Board,

In light of the agenda item for today's meeting that includes discussion of possible addition of late-term abortion restrictions for the state of Alaska, I would like to voice my strong concern.

If you are taking public comment at this time, I would like to voice the following: It's especially crucial for women to retain their right to bodily autonomy in situations where their pregnancy becomes life-threatening, and crucial for women to be able to make decisions about what is best for both themselves and their child(ren) with their own medical providers.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Kelly Kealy  
Fairbanks resident

**From:** amy bethka <amy.bethka@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 7:43 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Protect gender affirming care

Please protect gender affirming care. It is evidence based, supported by major medical organizations, and life saving. As a life long Alaskan I value gender affirming care.

Amy Bethka

**From:** Christy Newell <newellchristym@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 7:47 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Safe medical access

To The Alaska State Medical Board,

Every person deserves safe access to medical care, despite who is holding public office. I urge you not to throw road blocks up for trans patients and patients seeking abortions. Transgender people will continue to exist as they have throughout human history, and women will still have autonomy over their bodies, though forced to do so in more dangerous ways. Any lay person with google can see the impacts of access to gender-affirming care for youth is a life or death issue. And we shouldn't need a reminder for the implications of what going back in time, denying abortion access, would mean for the safety and health of so many.

Please do the right thing and ensure safe access to medical care continues and lives are protected.

Sincerely,  
Christina Newell  
Anchorage, AK

**From:** Dave Musgrave <fbksdave@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 7:55 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** I oppose attempts to criminalize transgender care

I strongly object to the politicization of transgender care in Alaska. Declaring that practitioners who provide hormonal or surgical treatment for gender dysphoria in minors are “grossly negligent” and subject to disciplinary sanctions is a dangerous overreach. Such a policy strips parents of their right to make medical decisions for their children and will undoubtedly be challenged before the Alaska Supreme Court. Given the privacy protections in the Alaska Constitution, this effort is destined to fail. I urge you to focus on issues that truly matter to Alaskans instead of wasting public time and money on legal battles that serve only to advance a political agenda.

Sincerely,  
Dave Musgrave  
Palmer

**From:** Melissa Toffolon <mt@actionabledataconsulting.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 7:53 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Gender-affirming care

Dear Alaska State Medical Board,

It has come to my attention that you are planning to make policy changes that will make providing gender-affirming care a form of negligence. I urge you to take politics and personal opinion out of your mind when deciding which medical procedures you think are appropriate. If you are going to go down this slippery slope, I would venture that much plastic surgery is unnecessary and not medically advised and healthy for people; however, no one is planning to make a policy to determine that this is negligence.

There is a whole body of research that supports gender affirming care. Please do not conflate politics with your role on the scientific advisory board.

Sincerely,  
Melissa Toffolon PhD, MPH



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*I acknowledge my residence in Bentah (Wasilla) and Nuutah (Palmer), the ancestral territory of the Dena'ina and Ahtna Peoples. I offer my reconciliation and respect to their elders past and present.*

*For more information see: (<https://usdac.us/nativeland>); (<http://www.chickaloon-nsn.gov/>); (<https://kniktribe.org/>)*

**From:** Robin Holmes <robinholm1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 8:01 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Treatment of Gender Dysphoria

To the Alaska State Medical Board:

As a licensed, board-certified Family Medicine Physician, I am disturbed by the Medical Board's proposal to regulate gender affirming care for minors as "unprofessional conduct". This is not based in science, evidence, or consensus guidelines. With just a bit of investigation into the subject, The Board can find statements from professional organization across specialties supporting gender affirming care for minors, including from the American Academy of Family Physicians. To deem all of this evidence and the opinions of multiple professional societies inconsequential is an affront to the medical profession and a disgraceful political move.

This proposal is designed to specifically target only a handful of individual families who are fighting politics to provide care for their children. I provide gender affirming care of all kinds, following evidence from a variety of sources. It is widely recognized that this care is necessary, well-supported, and life-saving.

I would be happy to provide The Board with the evidence it finds lacking to support gender affirming care of minors.

Due to the demands of my clinical care schedule, I will be unable to attend the board meeting in-person. It is my sincere hope, that I do not have to walk into an exam room on Monday and tell a patient that I can no longer provide the care they need because I will lose my medical license.

With deep concern,  
Robin Holmes, MD

**From:** Alex Petkanas <alexpertkanas@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 8:04 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Protect Alaska's youth: don't attack gender affirming care

Members of the Medical Board,

I urge you to protect medical access for youth. Do NOT label gender affirming medical care "unprofessional conduct."

All people deserve access to medical care, and many of the medications provided as "gender affirming care" are given to youth in other contexts without issue or concern. I have faith in our providers to determine the appropriate course of action for individuals with their particular medical needs and history.

I urge you to stop this proposal and be on the right side of history. What you choose to do in this role will impact Alaska's future and our ability to keep families and medical providers here, and you have an opportunity to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

Alex Petkanas

**From:** Jocelyn Ciarlone <jmciarlone@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 8:19 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Oppose 12 AAC 40.956

Good Morning,

The following are my comments in regards to the board's intent to define treatment of gender dysphoria in minors as "unprofessional conduct".

It is clear that the board's intention is not to promote evidence-based best medical practice. If so, they would not be defying the positions of such organizations as the American Medical Association, American Academy of Pediatrics, American Psychiatric Association, Endocrine Society, or World Health Organization. Not a single major medical organization supports regulation that interferes in or criminalizes treatment of people of diverse gender.

Clinicians who treat transgender youth already follow a cautious approach, beginning with years of psychotherapy, only proceeding to medication treatment at adolescence with those who are responsibly diagnosed with gender dysphoria. Gender surgery is not performed on minors at any scale, because puberty blockers, which are safe and reversible, allow time to make an informed decision at the age of adulthood.

The exception for those who are not transgender makes it clear that the intent is discrimination against a certain class of people. If the argument is true that gender-affirming treatments are inherently harmful, why should they be available to some but not others?

Please do not move this policy forward.

Sincerely,  
Jocelyn Ciarlone  
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Jocelyn Ciarlone She/Her/Hers

**From:** Adrienne <adriennevolunteering@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 8:21 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposing the Medical Board's overreach

Hello,  
I deeply oppose this medical board's attempt to overrule the citizens rights in this state. Using the medical board to make access to abortion, a constitutionally guaranteed right in Alaska, something professionals can be disciplined for is wrong. This is gross impingement of our rights by unelected individuals.  
Further, to make access to treatment for youth that is widely considered beneficial and even lifesaving (500 professionals here in this state have signed the open letter), subject to similar discipline action is wrong. It makes life worse for Alaskans, and continues to drive families and professionals from our state, when we ought to be focusing on how to be a welcoming and thriving community.

Yours in citizenship,  
Adrienne Canino  
Anchorage, AK

**From:** Boyd Soule <boydsoule@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 8:26 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Subject: Opposition to Ban on Gender-Affirming Care

To the Alaska State Medical Board,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to any measure that would ban or restrict access to gender-affirming care in Alaska.

Medical decisions should be made between a patient and their doctor, based on established medical guidelines and standards of care. Banning this care would violate this fundamental principle and have devastating consequences for transgender individuals, who are already a vulnerable population.

Gender-affirming care is supported by every major medical and mental health organization, including the American Medical Association and the American Academy of Pediatrics. This care is not experimental; it is a life-saving, medically necessary treatment. Restricting access would lead to increased rates of mental distress, suicide, and self-harm among transgender Alaskans.

I urge you to uphold the highest ethical standards of the medical profession and reject any proposed ban on gender-affirming care. Please protect the health and well-being of all Alaskans.

Sincerely,

Boyd Soule  
Anchorage, Alaska

**From:** Jessica Horwatt <jessicahorwatt@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 8:32 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Today's Quarterly Meeting

I am writing in opposition to your expected actions to limit health care privacy and choice for transgender youth and women.

Both of the items up for a vote today are protected by our state constitution via our right to privacy. You must adhere to the state constitution.

You want to make a discriminatory ruling against groups of people who deserve equal freedoms. There is no scenario in which the government is better equipped to make health care choices than individuals, their families and health care providers.

This is downright shameful and discriminatory...and unnecessary. The only reason I can think of for this board to be attempting to limit freedoms of specific groups of people is to take advantage of our current political environment to hold groups of Alaskan's down.

Do not vote to discriminate against people. Do not perpetuate the idea that some people deserve less.

Jessica Horwatt

**From:** nancy fresco <nancyfresco@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 8:44 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Medical treatments for trans youth

Dear Board Members,  
I am not a doctor, but I do hold a PhD in biology, so I understand many of the complexities surrounding questions of puberty, hormonal development, atypical gender expression, and unusual chromosomal combinations such as XO, XXY, XYY, etc. Gender is not as "obvious" or "clear-cut" as many people would like it to be, and it never has been.

I am a parent of teens, and I am someone who struggled myself as a teen with intense gender dysphoria. I know many young people today who suffer from similar struggles, and I rejoice to know that they have more options than I did back in the 1980s. These options may be simply good therapy, support, and psychologists. But in some cases, these options also include medical care such as puberty blockers, hormonal therapy, or even surgery.

I would write a much longer message, but I have just heard of your debate today, and my time to respond now is limited, so I will merely exhort you to keep these options open.

Alaska's youth are relying on you.

Thank you for all your efforts.

Sincerely,

Nancy Fresco  
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Fairbanks AK 99709  
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**From:** Dave Mayo-Kiely <dave.mayokiely@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 8:47 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Gender-Affirming Care

I am writing to oppose the proposed regulation change that would restrict gender-affirming care in Alaska. Many young people in Alaska have mental health issues related to their gender identity. For many of them, gender-affirming care is a path to ease those issues. As you are aware, decisions about providing and receiving are not taken lightly and are preceded by children, their parents and health care providers.

I have seen first-hand the benefits of gender-affirming care in a family friend. Please do not make this regulatory change.

Dave Mayo-Kiely  
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Anchorage, AK 99507

**From:** Bobby Burgess <robert.a.burgess.ak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 8:50 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Oppose banning gender affirming care

Hello.

It seems you will be discussing whether or not to ban gender affirming care for transgender people, despite a wealth of evidence documenting that providing such care saves lives and leads to the best possible outcomes.

I also hear you are considering opposing abortion. Again, please look at the evidence. Women have died recently in states that have banned abortion since the supreme court overturned Roe v Wade due to being unable to get medical care.

Please, don't play political games with people's health and lives. Please don't go against the vast majority of doctors and healthcare agencies and medical professionals who have data and direct experience about the need for these types of care.

Sincerely,  
Robert Burgess  
Fairbanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Michael Shephard <michael.shep.ak@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 8:52 AM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Concerning - getting in the way of parents, their kids, and their doctor

Dear Medical Board,  
I am very concerned about the proposed rules that would affect health care for Trans kids. As with any health care, this is a privacy issue. I think the care our kids (or any of us) receive is a private matter between the doctor, parents and the child! And should not be regulated by a Board decision that is based on religious or political views!  
Sincerely, Michael Shephard

**From:** Marianna Mallory <mariannakmallory@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 9:04 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Alaska's Health

To the Medical Board,

Please vote to uphold and protect the rights afforded to Alaskans under the Alaska constitution. The right to choose is important in Alaska. The cost of living is high, and being able to choose to wait until one is prepared to bring a child into the world is important. Teens also would not have the option to decide they are not old enough to be parents.

Furthermore, restricting abortion endangers women's lives, as abortion in many cases can be a life saving measure.

Please keep the government out of Alaskan's rights to healthcare privacy and autonomy to make their own choices.

Respectfully,

Marianna Mallory

**From:** Kim Jones <kimberlykingjones.ak@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 9:07 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Testimony on gender affirming care

I was not able to speak during the testimony portion of your hearing, so here are my remarks:

Hello, my name is Kim, and I'm the parent of a transgender child.

Before my son understood his gender identity, he was sad, angry, and struggling. He was hearing screaming when he laid down at night. He was having bathroom accidents at school every single day. He felt like the world didn't see him, didn't understand him, and didn't care.

Then one day he looked at me and said: "*Mommy, I feel better in my heart and brain when people don't call me a girl.*" That was it. That was the truth of who he is. And from that moment forward, as the adults in his life listened, affirmed, and created space for him to be himself, he became safe, he became happy, he became whole again.

Like Josh said earlier, he is brave—one of the bravest kids I know. Despite being shoved, yelled at, and teased, he has not looked back since realizing his true self. He just wants to be happy.

And now you're sitting here debating whether kids like mine should be denied the medical care that allows them to keep living that truth. **Shame on anyone who thinks they know better for my child than me.** You are not raising him. You don't see his tears, his joy, or the difference affirmation has made in his life.

We know what happens when trans kids aren't allowed access to gender-affirming care. Their mental health suffers. Their risk of suicide skyrockets. I will not go back. And I will not

lose my child to suicide because of the decisions made by a group of strangers who refuse to follow evidence-based medicine.

I'm not asking for anything radical. I'm asking for my son to grow up safe, healthy, and loved—just like every other child deserves. Please do not take away the medical care that keeps him alive, thriving, and free to be his true self.

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Kimberly King Jones  
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**From:** David Song <dmsong93@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 9:08 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Gender Affirming Care

To the Alaska State Medical Board,

- Much of the membership of this board has been appointed by Governor Dunleavy, not for the insight or medical expertise of the members, but because of political alignment. Dr. Heilala, for instance, is a longtime political activist for the GOP, major donor for all of our main GOP elected officials, and is **actively running to be our Governor** (continuing the "great work" of Governor Dunleavy).
- This effort to ban gender affirming care for minors is a **POLITICAL action**, not a decision based on any real medical evidence or science. Maybe you'll focus on the "butchering" of children or "indoctrination" into "gender ideology," fearmongering instead of supporting the overwhelming evidence that gender affirming care has an exceedingly low regret rate and improves the mental health of individuals facing gender dysphoria.
- Gender affirming care is a spectrum of treatments. I would say "as you should know," but people like Dr. Heilala, and I would venture the rest of the Dunleavy spokespeople appointed to the board, have literally no experience with treating patients with gender dysphoria. These treatments basically do not ever include surgical procedures for minors, but mostly range from simple supportive mental health care, and **REVERSIBLE** treatments such as puberty blockers.
- Early interventions for gender affirming care have more efficacy than those that happen once puberty has occurred, and **NONE** of these treatments are provided lightly. Patients require extensive medical consultations and evaluations before treatments are considered.
- Trans people are not being "indoctrinated" into being trans. No one "wants" to make anyone trans. Doctors, teachers, etc. have no time or mental capacity to enact the "trans agenda." **Trans people are trans IN SPITE of constant bullying** from partisan "medical professionals," demonization from "leaders" like the Mat-Su School Board and Governor Dunleavy, and ostracization from their peers. They seek gender affirming care **IN SPITE** of all of this, because they would rather live authentically no matter the cost.
- Blocking access to these treatments, done in consultation with parents, trained medical professionals, and the trans person themselves, is simply condemning

these people to misery, self-harm, and even death for your own unfounded political beliefs.

- You are saying that you know better than hundreds of medical providers and a wealth of medical literature that contradicts your views on gender affirming care. You don't. You just think it's "wrong" because you think trans people's existence is "wrong." If you could, you would also ban gender affirming care for adults.

This decision, which I feel you have already made in your minds, **helps no one**. Feeding into anti-trans hysteria only hurts people, including many cis girls, whose genders are being policed and questioned by freaks who think they are in the wrong bathroom. Do you want your daughters to be accosted in public and forced to expose themselves to strangers to "prove" their genders?

Do you really just want to be pawns for two egotistical men who have political aspirations, and want to use this anti-scientific and purely political messaging tactic to run (doomed) elections? (Sorry Dr. Heilala, you aren't going to be governor, and sorry Governor Dunleavy, you are not going to get noticed by Donald Trump).

Shame on you all.

David

**From:** Claudia Duffield <cdocean@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 9:16 AM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** Transgender youth

Hello

Please support care for transgender youth!

These youth are already at a very high risk for suicide. I have witnessed an individual who suffered from gender dysphoria, until receiving care. This person now has gender euphoria and is a highly contributing member of our society!

Transgender people deserve all the support they can get from our state and federal government!

Thank you!

Claudia Duffield  
Alaska resident since 1978

-----Original Message-----

From: Chris & Kathleen <wcjones@mtaonline.net>

Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 9:23 AM

To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>  
Subject: Politicization of Medical Care

I strongly object to the politicization of transgender care in Alaska. Declaring that practitioners who provide hormonal or surgical treatment for gender dysphoria in minors are “grossly negligent” and subject to disciplinary sanctions is a dangerous overreach.

Incriminating medical professionals for political reasons is why Red States, such as Alaska, are seeing medical professionals leave! Stop the brain drain, and turn your attention to more pertinent political realities. Incriminating medical professionals is irrational and counterproductive.

Such a policy strips parents of their right to make medical decisions for their children and will undoubtedly be challenged before the Alaska Supreme Court. Given the privacy protections in the Alaska Constitution, this effort is destined to fail.

I urge you to focus on issues that truly matter to Alaskans instead of wasting public time and money on legal battles that serve only to advance a political agenda.

Sincerely,  
Wayne Jones  
Palmer

Sent from Chris & Kathleen

**From:** Hannah Atkinson <[hannah.atki@gmail.com](mailto:hannah.atki@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 9:25 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** Limiting of medical care in Alaska

Hello,

I am an Anchorage resident and a long time Alaskan. I am emailing to oppose the Medical Board's draft resolution that limits the care available to transgender youth and people seeking abortions. This action will decrease the quality of life for Alaskans and cause people to leave the state, or, if they do not have money to leave the state, suffer without medical services. Health care decisions are deeply personal and I implore you to leave them to the individual rather than forcing your ideological agenda on our fellow Alaskans.

Hannah Atkinson

-----Original Message-----

From: alinanicole@yahoo.com <alinanicole@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 9:26 AM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Gender-affirming care

To whom it may concern:

As a child and adolescent psychiatrist, I will never be asked to prescribe gender-affirming hormones. However, I do see many children and teens who question their sexuality and gender identity, which is appropriate, as adolescence is a time of exploration of all aspects of identity. It is vital to the health and safety of children and teens that neither laws nor actions of the medical board intrude on these very private and delicate conversations. Banning physician involvement in gender-affirming care will not change patients' feelings about their identities but will increase shame, prevent them from seeking guidance or counsel, and will likely exacerbate the rising rates of suicidal and self-harm behaviors. And from a purely economic standpoint, it would likely contribute to out-migration of families and physicians, which the state can ill-afford. Please reconsider your rash plans.

Sincerely,

Alina Schneider, MD  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Meryl Connelly-Chew <merylchew@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 9:26 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Proposed resolution about gender affirming care for minors

To the Alaska State Medical Board,

I am writing to oppose the Board's proposal to classify gender-affirming care for minors as "unprofessional conduct".

The American Psychological Association (APA) has made it very clear that gender-affirming care is a life-saving, appropriate medical intervention for Transgender people. Please take the time to read the [APA Policy Statement on Affirming Evidence-Based Inclusive Care for Transgender, Gender Diverse, and Nonbinary Individuals, Addressing Misinformation, and the Role of Psychological Practice and Science.](#)

As stated on [their website](#),

"This policy statement affirms APA's support for unobstructed access to health care and evidence-based clinical care for transgender, gender-diverse, and nonbinary children, adolescents, and adults.

Furthermore, this policy statement addresses the spread of misleading and unfounded narratives that mischaracterize gender dysphoria and affirming care, likely resulting in further stigmatization, marginalization, and lack of access to psychological and medical supports for transgender, gender-diverse, and nonbinary individuals."

Call it what you will in these conversations, but revoking gender affirming care from Alaska minors is a death sentence. Youth will die, will kill themselves, because of a decision like this to remove their needed medical care.

The Trevor Project reports that, "LGBTQ+ young people are not inherently prone to suicide risk because of their sexual orientation or gender identity but rather placed at higher risk because of how they are mistreated and stigmatized in society." They go on to report, A [2020 peer-reviewed study](#) by The Trevor Project's researchers, published in the *Journal of Adolescent Health*, found that [transgender and nonbinary youth were 2 to 2.5 times as likely to experience depressive symptoms](#), seriously consider suicide, and attempt suicide compared to their cisgender LGBQ peers." Making a decision to make gender-affirming care harder, or impossible, to receive for youth will increase suicide rates, and is an inappropriate and reckless decision.

Transgender youth are being used as a political pawn. It is your responsibility to protect children in our state, not put them at further risk.

Please, as an Alaska resident, I ask you to withdraw the proposed resolution and affirm evidence-based standards of care.

Thank you,  
Meryl Chew

-----Original Message-----

From: Victoria Weakland <victoriweakland@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 9:27 AM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Alaskan Right to Health Care

To whom it may concern,

Gender affirming care is evidence based, supported by major medical organizations both nationally and internationally, and life saving care.

Alaskans deeply value our right to privacy. This "vote" today, August 22nd, is an invasion of that right. Respect our rights.

Anchorage Resident  
Victoria Hemphill

**From:** Kayla Mailloux <maillouxmagic@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 9:30 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Please Oppose Restrictions on Abortion and Gender-Affirming Care

Dear Alaska State Medical Board,

I am writing as a concerned Alaskan and parent to urge you not to adopt any policies that oppose abortion or restrict gender-affirming, life-saving care for transgender youth. These medical decisions are deeply personal and should be left between patients, their families, and their qualified healthcare providers—not limited by political or ideological agendas.

Restricting access to safe and proven care would harm some of our state's most vulnerable residents, including young people and families who already face barriers in accessing healthcare. Abortion and gender-affirming care are recognized by leading medical organizations as essential health services, and denying them would put lives and well-being at risk.

I urge you to follow the science, listen to medical experts, and protect the right of Alaskans to access the healthcare they need. Please vote against these harmful proposals.

Thank you for your time and for your commitment to the health and safety of all Alaskans.

Sincerely,  
Kayla Mailloux  
Fairbanks, Alaska

-----Original Message-----

From: Laurie Montano <lmlalderson@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 9:35 AM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Recent proposals - public comment

Dear Members of the Alaska State Medical Board, I am writing in opposition to your recent proposals regarding “Late Term Abortion” and “Treatment of Gender Dysphoria in Minors”. We as Alaskan physicians prefer to make our own evidence based decisions within the scope of our specialty and our training for our patients. We took an oath to first do no harm and we stand by this oath. I believe that what you are attempting to do with trying to regulate the practice of medicine with non evidence based guidelines is dangerous and a slippery slope. You will be opening the door for more political influence in medicine from both sides of the aisle.

Please allow us to continue to practice our good care without the influence of politics or board restrictions. We practice in good faith and with national and ethical standards of care.

Sincerely,  
Laurie Montano, MD  
Alaska Internal Medicine and Pediatrics

**From:** Esse Smith <smith.l.esther@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 9:40 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Support Gender Affirming Care

Dear Alaska State Medical Board Members,

I am writing to support gender affirming care. Gender affirming care is evidence based, supported by major medical organizations, and part of comprehensive care for gender diverse and transgender youth. It is supported and backed by the American medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Psychological Association, and the American Psychiatric Association. It is life-saving and legitimate.

I urge you to take action to support gender affirming care in Alaska.

Thank you,  
Esther Smith  
Life-long Alaskan Resident in Anchorage

**From:** Vicki Turner Malone <vickimalone2006@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 9:50 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Do not limit gender affirming care in Alaska

I am very disappointed that the medical board is even considering going against prevailing medical best practices. Gender affirming care for any individual at any age is a complex set of decisions that are best made between patients, doctors and families. Certainly, you are aware of the many studies that show that gender is not as strictly binary as some politicians would like to portray it.

Vicki Turner Malone  
PO Box 876529  
Wasilla Ak

**From:** Alyssa Quintyne <alyssaquintyne@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 10:01 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Leave our Access to Medical Care Alone.

To the Medical Board -

My name is Alyssa Quintyne, I am a resident in Fairbanks. And I am deeply concerned at this board's decision to vote on our access to gender affirming care, hormonal treatment, and abortions.

I am a cisgender woman, the demographic people claim these bans will save. My lived experience shows otherwise. I started puberty when I was 4 years old. I needed puberty blockers to save my life. We didn't know it at the time, but this happened because I have PCOS (Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome) and would later develop other hormonal and endocrine issues that I would need medication like birth control to manage. I have been told by specialists since I was 14, not even thinking about having children, that I will probably need an abortion at some point in my life due to the high likeliness that I will have a high risk pregnancy or miscarriage.

Banning gender-affirming care and abortions will hurt our Trans children and neighbors, but also cisgender people who need gender affirming care as well; progesterone given to older cis women and men as they age to regulate their hormones, birth control to manage the debilitating painful periods for an 11 year old, puberty blockers for young children going thru Precocious Puberty which is life-threatening, the abortion pill ending the ectopic pregnancy, also life-threatening.

Bodies are weird and the truth is we are not always in control of what happens to us. We all, whether cis or trans will need gender affirming care and hormonal treatment sometime in our lives whether young, old, or somewhere in between. And what a miracle that we live in a world where these life-threatening conditions and emergencies can be managed with a pill, or a weekly injection, a doctor that listens and admits the right test, instead of just dying. The best thing this board can do is ensure that we have better access to all forms of medical care, meaning better pay and resources to our medical staff and students, more in-state providers and specialists so we don't have to leave the state to get the care we need, more regulations on insurance companies so we can actually afford the care we need, actually addressing the incidents of racial discrimination and disparities that are happening in our hospitals and affect the trust we have in our medical system. These are all things this board has the jurisdiction to access, and you all chose to vote on whether we should have access to gender-affirming care, hormonal treatment, and abortions??? Y'all have work to do and this is not it.

Our identities, age, and personal circumstances cannot be the bases for whether we are allowed by the state to receive life-changing and saving medical care. That is discrimination and unconscionable.

The only people who should be making decisions on our access to why kind of medical care is us and our providers. We all deserve science based care, not partisan attacks.

~ Alyssa

**From:** Pamela Huber <pamela.c.huber@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 10:15 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Follow the science for transgender and pregnant people

Hello,

I am writing today as an Alaska resident, a woman who may have a child in Alaska in the next 2-4 years, and a teacher of transgender students. I am writing to urge you, during your deliberations today, to follow the industry-wide scientific consensus on the importance of gender-affirming care, usually in the form of puberty blockers, for transgender youth, as well as for access to medically necessary “late-term abortions” (a political and not a medical term, for the record) for pregnant individuals in Alaska.

As a teacher of transgender college students who have made it to adulthood, I know and see the importance of gender-affirming care in these students’ childhoods. This care might include puberty blockers, which only delay puberty, which has been coming sooner and sooner for children. Medical science supports the mental health benefits of gender affirming care for transgender youth just as it does for intersex youth. There is no national attack on hormone treatment for intersex youth because transgender healthcare is a culture war issue that has been politicized, whereas the medical scientific community has the data it needs for consensus.

Even more personal to me as a woman considering having her first child in the next few years within Alaska, is my terror of political interventions at the Alaska Medical Board outweighing my rights. This fear is so pervasive, I may choose to not have children, though I want them, to protect my own life, for if I medically need an abortion in my second or third trimester, it is not because I do not want to carry my child to term, but because of medical necessity for myself or the child. This decision should be between me and my doctor, and politics should not enter the Medical Board’s guidance for my doctor.

For a Medical Board that is entirely politically appointed and consisting of too few members, per the board’s own requirements, from too concentrated a regional portion of the state, per the board’s requirements, and made entirely of men to decide to violate Alaska’s constitutional rights to privacy and restrict women’s rights is unconscionable. The medical board is being politicized to violate my rights as a Jewish Alaskan woman to privacy and my religious freedoms which, in the Jewish tradition, is clear on my rights to terminate a pregnancy at any time for medical necessity.

As doctors you took a vow to do no harm, and issuing guidance to prevent life-saving treatment of some of Alaska’s most vulnerable populations would be doing just that.

Pamela Huber  
Resident of Palmer, Alaska

**From:** Sue Signor <signorsue2@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 10:33 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Oppose your attempt to limit health care for youth

I strongly oppose your attempt to limit health care for transgender youth. There is proven evidence that this care saves lives.

I fully support abortion and life-saving gender reaffirming care for transgender youth in Alaska.

Susan Signor  
Fairbanks, Alaska

**From:** Sarah Switzer <switzak@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 10:42 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Gender affirming care feedback

Greetings Alaska State Medical Board,

I have been a social worker in the state of Alaska for 23 years, 22 of which have been spent working in healthcare. I have had the privilege of working with many queer, trans, and non-binary children and adults during my career. I have seen first-hand the benefits, impact, and outcome of healthcare that affirms who they are. We know that gender affirming care decreases suicide risk in youth, and in a state that already has higher suicide rates I would hope this matters to you. One of the beautiful aspects of gender affirming care, is that it is provided as a team, with expertise, and from evidence based practices. It is built on assessment, relationship, and communication between a patient and their provider, social worker/counselor, other care providers and guardian. Please don't let the government contradict evidence based medical care for our Alaskans that is based on science and research. Our neighbors, families, and community members deserve care, not political maneuvering. Thank you, SarahSwitzer, LCSW

**From:** katie martini <kt.martini17@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 11:00 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** In support of gender affirming care

To whom it may concern,

I want to voice my strong opposition toward any efforts to restrict access to gender affirming healthcare for Alaskans. Efforts to do so are based in far-right ideology, ignorance, bigotry, and hate. Please remember who you serve. Restricting people's access to bodily autonomy is dangerous and stands counter to the values of every Alaskan I know.

Sincerely,  
Katie Martini (99501)  
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916.300.4485

**From:** Sarah Freije <evans.s3@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 11:00 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Alaskan Right to Health Care

Dear Members of the Medical Board,  
Sometimes I'm astounded that I have to be speaking up on "issues" that are really non-issues. Everyone should have a right to health care. Gender affirming care is evidence-based, supported by major medical organizations both nationally and internationally, and at its core is life-saving care. Abortion is also health care.

This vote today is an invasion to Alaskan's privacy and basic human rights. This is absurd that we are even having this conversation. Respect our rights.

Sarah Freije  
Anchorage Resident

-----Original Message-----

From: Carly McQueen <carly.mcqueen@gmail.com>  
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 11:34 AM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Trans and Women's Rights are Human Rights

To whom it may concern-

I am one of many who believe healthcare is a right, and not a commodity, and that people of all genders and ethnicities deserve equal access to the care they need to lead full lives in their communities.

I do not support any laws, amendments, regulations or other political agendas that take away or make grossly difficult the right to access necessary care such as the right to choose what is right for one's own body. Taking away access to care for women and trans identifying individuals not only harms these individuals, but brings undue stress to communities.

Please do not pass any laws or regulations that will take away access to care for any individual. Please support a healthy, productive, supportive community where all people can lead fulfilling lives and receive the care they need.

Thank you,

Carly McQueen  
Physician Associate, Fairbanks  
MPAC

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From: **Nannette Pierson** <[nnprierson@alaska.edu](mailto:nnprierson@alaska.edu)>  
Date: Thu, Aug 21, 2025 at 11:09 PM  
Subject: Voting on abortion and trans care  
To: <[mediccalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:mediccalboard@alaska.gov)>

To whom it may concern:

The only type of abortion you can prevent by removing that right, is safe and legal abortion. We know this to be true from history and the many women who died from back alley butchers. The other thing that most fail to recognize is the fact that safe and legal abortions are only done with the consent of the women, and currently when a woman does NOT want an abortion, she doesn't get one. This was not always true for the illegal abortions performed in places and times where the access to abortion was denied or limited and many traffickers would force this often unwanted procedure on their victims using illegal means. Women need to have control over their autonomy and when and if they will bear children. It's insane that there are no laws dictating what a man can do with his body, but for a woman it depends on the state. Abortion care is medical healthcare and restrictions placed on access results in women dying, plain and simple.

We also know that when people have access to gender affirming care they have the ability to live healthier, longer and more productive lives. Lives where they can be who they are without fear, crippling anxiety and high rates of suicide. The fact based science behind supporting youth is clear and we see such high rates of suicide among the youth who are denied the opportunity to be their most authentic selves.

Please do extensive research. Please know that we are all humans who care deeply for one another and want to save lives.

Nannette Pierson  
Admin Specialist  
(Former front desk team lead, lab tech, and phlebotomist for a reproductive health clinic)

-----Original Message-----

From: Cady Lister <[cadylister@gmail.com](mailto:cadylister@gmail.com)>  
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2025 12:00 PM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>  
Subject: Gender affirming care

I'm writing to strongly condemn any attempt to ban gender affirming care for transgender minors in Alaska.

Thank you,  
Cady Lister  
907-602-2828

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Louis maurer <ironmaurer@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 12:21 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Proposed resolution labeling gender-affirming care for minors as “unprofessional conduct”

To the Alaska State Medical Board,

I am writing to strongly oppose the Board’s proposal to classify gender-affirming care for minors as “unprofessional conduct.”

Only months ago, the legislature declined to act on similar recommendations from the Board—rejecting interference in standards of care as inappropriate. By acting now in this way to advance this resolution, the Board is disregarding that decision and overstepping its proper role. Even more concerning, in the same discussion the Board raised abortion as another area for punitive action, signaling an alarming trend of politicizing medicine across multiple domains. This is not the will of the people, it is not in alignment with medical knowledge or morals.

Gender-affirming care for adolescents, when indicated and provided in partnership with families, is evidence-based medicine. It is recognized by every major medical association—including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, the American Psychiatric Association, and the Endocrine Society—as the standard of care. Labeling it “negligence” is not a medical conclusion. It is a political act with devastating consequences: punishing clinicians, undermining parents, and denying young people lifesaving treatment.

Alaska realities matter:

- Our state already faces severe shortages in pediatric, primary care, and behavioral health. Restricting providers further will force families to travel out of state, delay care, or go without.
- Alaska’s population has been declining for years in part because of medical inadequacies and this act would contribute to decreasing population confidence in our medical systems and level of care in our state.
- These same medications are safely prescribed to cisgender youth for other conditions. Singling out transgender youth is discriminatory, not scientific.
- Alaska has long recognized the constitutional right to privacy in family medical decisions. This proposal undermines that legacy.

I urge the Board to:

1. Withdraw the proposed resolution.
2. Affirm evidence-based standards of care.
3. Engage clinicians and national experts in dialogue and education, not punitive threats.
4. Revisit your medical oath to do no harm to use knowledge to help others and to be a life long learner keeping up with scientific advances and human rights and dignity
5. Open your hearts to love all as they are, love them as God loves us unconditionally just as we are.
6. Fulfill your Board duty to seek appointments of members from diverse backgrounds and geography to fully represent the state and its communities.

Be the leaders we need to have healthy thriving communities.

Sincerely,  
Louis Maurer  
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Homer, AK 99603

-----Original Message-----

**From:** vendalwind@gmail.com <vendalwind@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 1:56 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** No Gender treatment care

I have a feeling, like on many subjects, a vocal swathe of liberal minds have made public statement supporting transgender care.

I, Daniel Holayter want to out forth my clear and simple feeling that gender affirming care is dangerous, destructive, unnatural, unhealthy, and is a progressing disease on the mental health of our people.

I strongly oppose access for minors to transgender care during their developmental years, i strongly oppose it generally, and it absolutely should not be in any way funded with taxpayer, or insurance funds driving the costs up for real medical practice.

-Daniel Holayter  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Chavarri, Vanina M <vmchavarri@anthc.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 2:16 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Gender Affirming Care

I just heard today that the Alaska medical board is planning on having a vote regarding gender affirming care. As a physician here in Alaska, I firmly believe that a person's medical care so strictly be determined by the patient and their doctor and based on evidence, and that politics should not weigh into it. Gender affirming care is supported by major medical organizations and is life saving for those suffering from gender dysphoria. Appropriate gender affirming care can make an incredible difference in a patient's physical and psychological well-being. Please, while voting today, think about your constituents as people, and not as political tokens. Also, remember that gender affirming care is anything that helps a person more closely match the gender they feel they are. This includes men with gynecomastia getting reduction of breast tissue, and women getting treatment for hirsutism. It is cruel and hypocritical to deny this life changing care to people.

**From:** Kathleen Easley BSN, RN, NCSN <katmandu26@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 3:50 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Medical Board plans 8.22.25

I gave testimony today but the two minutes was not enough to get information to the board. Please read my original testimony/public comment in full.

My name is Kathleen Easley, and I am a registered nurse here in Alaska. I am here today to share my concerns about the Alaska Medical Board's broad statements and its overzealous push to restrict transgender care for minors and to influence abortion legislation—what has been referred to as “late-term abortions,” a term not recognized by the medical community. I understand this board is here to conduct business and to discuss these two topics. But I am deeply concerned about the unnecessary actions being taken: resolutions, regulations, and statements designed to restrict gender-affirming care (“treatment of gender dysphoria”) and to push misleading narratives about abortion in Alaska. These are political hot-button issues, and it is clear that the purpose of this activity is not to protect Alaskans but to score partisan political points.

Most concerning is that none of the members here provides the care they are debating. Instead of deferring to existing evidence-based practices established by experts, this board has chosen to inject personal convictions into its work. This behavior undermines public trust and represents political gamesmanship in a space that must remain neutral.

Every Alaskan should be alarmed when the state medical board acts in a politically motivated manner. Your mandate is not to impose ideology or personal beliefs, but to rely on science, facts, and medical consensus.

The Alaska Legislature did not take up the issue of gender-affirming care last session because this “crisis” is manufactured. These issues should remain matters between patients and their providers. Our constitution protects privacy and medical decision-making. Yet this board continues to spread false information, claiming that children are undergoing chemical or surgical interventions simply for expressing their gender identity. That is untrue.

According to the Endocrine Society, pediatric gender-affirming care follows a conservative approach. It does not automatically involve medical interventions or surgeries. Prior to puberty, gender-affirming care typically consists only of social transition: a child may use new pronouns or a name, choose clothing or hairstyles that match their identity, or share their affirmed gender with others. These steps are fully reversible and carry no medical risk. To misrepresent them as dangerous or invasive is harmful and misleading.

Instead of listening to established medical consensus, this board now seeks to threaten providers who support trans youth by labeling their work “unprofessional conduct.” This is a misuse of authority. It rejects scientific standards, obstructs Alaskans’ right to health care, and violates the AMA’s own Principles of Medical Ethics.

The American Academy of Pediatrics, along with every major medical association, endorses gender-affirming care. Yet some groups—including a small minority of health professionals—still promote discredited practices such as conversion therapy or insist on delaying transition regardless of a child’s symptoms. These approaches are rejected by leading experts and known to cause harm.

No one on this board is a pediatrician, endocrinologist, behavioral health provider, obstetrician, gynecologist, or maternal-fetal medicine specialist. No one here routinely provides women’s health or transgender care. Yet you are moving forward with anti-trans and anti-choice efforts that will harm—and in some cases, kill—women and trans youth in Alaska. You are weaponizing your credentials and positions of authority not to help people, but to undermine their rights.

I urge you to invite medical professionals in these specialties—not for political cover, but to ensure your decisions are grounded in science and facts. Your responsibility is to protect Alaskans, not legislate against them.

This board is also not a lobbying group- you seek to educate and encourage Alaskans to reach out to their legislator to ask them to put out legislation about abortion? Its disturbing and not education. Its a dog whistle for anti-abortion. Alaskans have said they want access to safe abortion and medical intervention if needed- you again should not be pushing an agenda. Look to Idaho- now a 1/3 of their obstetrics care is gone because of over stepping and taking medical decision making out of their hands- women will have to almost die to get help if miscarriage or other complications arise- stop intervening- it is not your role. Finally, thank you Dr. Heiala for stepping down as I believe his continued participation raises serious ethical concerns- as he is actively running for governor and it appears he has used this board as a political platform to promote his right-wing agenda. This is a clear conflict of interest, and his stepping down can hopefully preserve the integrity of this board.

Thank you for your time, even if not one of you took heed to what was being said to you today- you all voted to move these items forward today. Its shameful and dishonest to Alaskans.

Kathleen Easley RN

**From:** Kevin Klott <kklott@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 22, 2025 9:58 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Healthcare Access

Passing resolutions to restrict our freedoms is not Alaskan. Do not limit access to gender-affirming care for minors or access to late-term abortion.

Thank you,  
Kevin Klott

-----Original Message-----

From: Sierra Lloyd <sierravlloyd@gmail.com>  
Sent: Saturday, August 23, 2025 9:48 AM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Care For Transgender Youth

To whom it may concern,

My name is Sierra Lloyd. I am writing to the Board regarding the drafted sanctioning of gender-affirming care for transgender youth.

I am a lifelong resident of Alaska, born and raised in Juneau, schooled in Fairbanks, now building my career and adult life in Seward. If there is one thing I know from growing up alongside multiple transgender peers, it is that if you restrict gender-affirming care for Alaskans under the age of 18, you will be responsible for the deaths of children.

Transgender youth are already at the greatest risk in terms of mental health struggles. To deny them the care they need—even in ways as simple as acknowledging their feelings about gender—will only further alienate children who need support.

As a young Alaskan hoping to create and raise a family in this state—do not put this risk over our heads. We deserve to keep our physical and mental health matters private, between ourselves, our children, and our doctors; without threat from lawmakers we have never met. These sanctions will only prevent people from getting care they need.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Sierra Lloyd  
Seward, AK

**From:** Kev Miller <kmiller907@myyahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 23, 2025 9:13 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Gender Affirming Care

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to respectfully urge you to support access to gender-affirming care for transgender youth in Alaska. As healthcare leaders, you know how essential it is that medical decisions are guided by evidence-based practices and the well-being of patients.

Gender-affirming care is recognized as best practice by every major medical organization in the United States, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Medical Association, and the American Psychiatric Association. Decades of research show that such care significantly reduces rates of depression, anxiety, and suicide attempts among transgender youth. Conversely, when care is denied, young people face higher risks of mental health crises and poorer long-term outcomes.

Transgender youth deserve the same respect, dignity, and access to care as any other patient population. As medical professionals, it is our responsibility to protect vulnerable communities and ensure that healthcare decisions remain grounded in science, compassion, and ethics—not politics.

By supporting gender-affirming care, the Board would be safeguarding the health and futures of young Alaskans who simply want the chance to thrive. I urge you to recognize the evidence, listen to the voices of medical experts and patients alike, and affirm policies that uphold the highest standards of care.

Thank you for your consideration and for your commitment to the health of all Alaskans.

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**From:** Mary Calmes <yetna2@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, August 24, 2025 11:31 AM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** Trans kids' rights to medical intervention

I see that the Alaska Medical Board voted unanimously to restrict medical interventions for trans kids experiencing gender dysphoria. I would like to know the total number of comments you received on this issue and well as what the ratio (for restricting medical intervention vs. protecting medical intervention for trans kids) of the comments you received on this issue.

Thank you.

Mary Calmes

[yetna2@gmail.com](mailto:yetna2@gmail.com)

*Laughter: The tangible evidence of hope.*

**From:** Carol Roughton <roughton25@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Sunday, August 24, 2025 3:46 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** Stop attacking women and transgender people

Dear Alaska Medical Board Member,

We see you. We see you compromising the health of human beings to make political points. We understand the scapegoating of a tiny minority to stoke and channel fear to distract from your power grab, and we understand your efforts to disenfranchise women because they generally don't vote the way you want them to.

The majority of people in this country want bodily autonomy for women and want transgender people to get the healthcare they need. You're on the wrong side of history.

Carol Roughton

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Joelyn Betz <joelyn betz@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 24, 2025 9:14 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Transgender care resolution

To whom it may concern,

I am writing in support of my transgender adult child and their partner, who is also trans. As I watch these two amazing, brave souls navigate their way through an increasingly hostile world, I felt like there was some measure of safety and care here in Alaska. Hearing about the recent resolution to make providing medical care to transgender youth punishable via your board, (which looks suspiciously like a political stunt by a certain someone running for governor) was a punch in the gut to every transgender person and their families in Alaska.

Transgender residents of Alaska are a minuscule minority that have tragically become the Right's favored punching bag to whip up political outrage among their voters. The narrative is inflammatory and misleading, if not outright false and I consider it obscene that these amazing kids and adults who already live under stress and fear are being used so egregiously. Please stick to your jobs of making sure that all Alaskans have access to the health care they need and that is supported by every major medical association in the US and around the world.

Shame on you for abusing your positions like this.

Sincerely,  
Joelyn Betz  
Anchorage

**From:** Larissa Sage <larissasage18@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 24, 2025 9:54 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** PROTECT ALASKANS

You should be ashamed to call yourselves Alaskans. Actively voting against abortion AND care for trans youth. Absolutely disgusting. Your children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren will change their names to not be associated with you or the things you have been involved in. I am sure many of you go home to your families at night and/or to church on Sunday claiming to be such good, righteous people, when you are absolutely going to hell.

**From:** Kim Broers <kimbroers@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 6:48 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Politicizing medical care

Stay in your own lane. Punching down at vulnerable trans People is ugly, hateful, and completely un-Christian.

K Broers

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

**From:** Karla & Heidi Horner-Raffaele <greatkids9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 11:12 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** trans youth care

Dear Members on the Alaska Medical Board,

This is just a brief email to request that you support science based gender affirming care for children and teens within the state of Alaska. Additionally, please support the medical professionals providing necessary care to those who experience gender dysphoria and transition care. Parents and doctors work together to provide necessary and life saving care to children experiencing very complicated medical conditions. The government does not know what is medically best for individuals of any age or condition. If parents ignore doctors advice regarding their child's care, the Office of Children's Services can intervene, which causes any number of problems and issues for the family. Nearly all parents want to do their very best to medically support their children. The medical board needs to ground itself in science ONLY! Politics must stay clear of the doctor's office and HIPPA must be fully recognized. Finally, there is no "trans-pandemic" affecting our Alaska youth. Statistically, those of us who follow science recognize that trans individuals represent a minute group of people in our state. The medical board should not be asking the legislature to create laws that penalize medical professionals and parents who treat their children with science based care. Wake up members of the board! You all should know better because you are scientists. It's your job to lead by example and protect the sanctity of the doctor's office and science based care for everyone no matter their age or circumstance.

Respectfully,

Heidi Horner Raffaele  
(907) 738-1499

**From:** Shonti Elder <shontieldermusic@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 12:20 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Statement on Gender-Affirming Care

Government has no business intruding on the individual rights of doctors, families, or individuals by denying gender-affirming care. Clearly you've never spoken with those people, before deciding your baseless new statement.

Why does the state of Alaska continue to persecute young trans people by denying human rights?

Please reconsider this harmful statement. Young trans people have enough personal problems without the state of Alaska adding more.

Sincerely yours,

Shonti Elder

3101 E Dannys Ave

Wasilla, AK 99654

**From:** Pamela Montgomery <montgomery.pamela@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 1:40 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** proposal related to physicians providing medical care for gender dysphoria diagnosis

Alaska State Medical Board Members:

As a born and raised Alaskan, I have been proud of my state's diversity, appreciation of individuality and support for people living their lives without undue government interference. In recent years, it has been deeply disappointing to watch this Alaskan ethic be replaced by bigotry, intolerance and blind obedience to a Republican Party that has become engulfed in hate and corruption. I am appalled that the Alaska State Medical Board plans to directly interfere with the doctor-patient relationship for one part of our population. The prejudice and cruelty is unjust, unkind and likely illegal. Let doctors and patients, and parents of minors who are patients, make decisions that are in the best interests of the patient NOT to further the Republican political agenda.

Pamela Montgomery

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**From:** Ken Winterberger <alasken@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 2:11 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Regarding treatment of gender dysphoria  
**Importance:** High

I was greatly dismayed by the Alaska State Medical Board drafting a statement declaring that MDs who treat transgender minors for gender dysphoria would be subject to disciplinary sanctions by the Board. Would you please explain to me how a neurosurgeon, a dermatologist, a cardiologist, an internist, a retired podiatrist running for governor, and a conservative politician with no apparent medical background can make an important decision on how gender dysphoria should be treated?

This seems to be purely political and seems to have nothing to do with medicine.

Thank you.

Ken Winterberger

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I am the Lorax. I speak for the trees, for the trees have no tongues.

-Dr. Suess

**From:** Carolyn Petersen <carolyn.petersen71@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 2:40 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Patient Care vs Politics

**To the Alaska State Medical Board**

P.O. Box 110806  
Juneau, AK 99811-0806

Dear Members of the Alaska State Medical Board,  
I am writing to respectfully urge the Board to maintain its commitment to medical neutrality and avoid engaging in politically motivated decisions or policies, particularly regarding patients' rights related to abortion and transgender healthcare.

The primary duty of the State Medical Board is to uphold medical standards, protect patient safety, and ensure that physicians are practicing competently and ethically. This important mission is undermined when the Board takes positions that align with political agendas rather than relying on evidence-based medicine and patient-centered care. Abortion and transgender healthcare are complex and deeply personal medical matters. Decisions in these areas should be made privately between patients and their healthcare providers, based on current medical guidelines and individual patient needs—not through state-imposed restrictions or political pressure.

When regulatory bodies like the Medical Board become involved in politicizing healthcare, it threatens the trust between patients and providers, and risks limiting access to appropriate and necessary care. It also creates fear and uncertainty for healthcare professionals who are trying to follow both their ethical obligations and best medical practices.

I urge the Alaska State Medical Board to remain focused on its essential role: protecting the health and rights of all Alaskans by supporting evidence-based medical care, free from political interference.

Thank you for your time, your service, and your dedication to ethical medical oversight.

Sincerely,

**Carolyn Petersen**

**From:** Sarah Garland <dsarahgarland@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 3:23 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>

**Subject:** Alaska physicians need to provide AMA accepted care to minors with gender dysphoria

To the Alaska Medical Board,

I am deeply concerned at your recent statement that doctors who treat minors for gender dysphoria would be subject to disciplinary action by the Board.

I am not a medical expert in any area, including gender dysphoria. If a child of mine experienced gender dysphoria, I'd consult with a qualified doctor who, I'd hope, would follow standards of care espoused by the American Medical Association, based on decades of research. I do not think it is appropriate for a state medical board to adopt a policy that counters the national organization's accepted standards of care. It is pretty clear that this is a politically-motivated policy, not in the best interests of patients.

**Refusal to acknowledge and treat gender dysphoria puts young people at increased risk of suicide.** This is literally a life-and-death matter. Let's keep our young people alive to grow up and make healthy decisions for themselves. As I understand it, the typical care for a minor with gender dysphoria is all reversible: social and psychological support, and possibly puberty blocking drugs.

Let's all step back and allow trained physicians to offer the best care possible for their patients, in ALL situations -- including gender dysphoria.

Sincerely,  
D. Sarah Garland  
Fairbanks, Alaska 99712

**From:** Christin Swearingen <[mushroomchristin@gmail.com](mailto:mushroomchristin@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 25, 2025 4:11 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** I support trans kids

Hi,  
I heard that the AK state medical board is moving to sanction doctors who treat transgender minors for gender dysphoria. This is wrong and not supported by science. Gender affirming care can be lifesaving for transgender youth, who have a higher suicide rate. Treatment for gender dysphoria is safe medical help and withholding it is unnecessary.

Thanks,

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Christin Swearingen (she/her)

**From:** Name <[susanallmeroth@gmail.com](mailto:susanallmeroth@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 4:01 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>  
**Subject:** Demand for Immediate Resignation of Medical Board Members and Reaffirmation of Alaskan Rights

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Medical Board members,

I write to express my strong and unequivocal disagreement with the recent decision by the Medical Board of Mat-Su Borough to unilaterally remove the rights of Alaskan citizens—specifically the rights related to abortion and transgender surgeries for minors. This action represents a significant overreach by an unelected body that, in my view, violates the principles enshrined in the Alaska State Constitution and our laws, particularly the right to privacy, equal protection, and reproductive rights.

The Alaska Constitution, specifically Article I, Section 22, guarantees that “[t]he right of the people to privacy is recognized and shall not be infringed.” This provision has been interpreted to protect a woman’s right to make decisions about her own body, including decisions about abortion. Although *Roe v. Wade* was overturned by the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women’s Health Organization* decision in 2022, which returned the authority to regulate abortion to the states, the Alaska Constitution provides robust protections for privacy, and these protections have been upheld in the state courts.

In *Doe v. State* (1989), the Alaska Supreme Court ruled that the state constitution’s privacy provision guarantees access to abortion services, regardless of federal shifts. Thus, the

Medical Board's actions in restricting abortion access directly contravene this longstanding interpretation of Alaskan law.

Additionally, under Article I, Section 1 of the Alaska Constitution, every person is entitled to "equal protection of the laws," which mandates that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of sex, gender identity, or any other protected characteristic. By restricting access to abortion services and healthcare for cisgender minors—such as young girls who prematurely develop or boys who grow breasts—the Board has not only violated these constitutional rights but also engaged in discriminatory practices that disproportionately affect women and youth.

It is clear that meaningful consultation with Alaska's Indigenous communities and Tribes was not given the attention or priority it deserved. Indigenous sovereignty, which is fundamental to Alaska Native cultures, was disregarded. The lack of respect for these sacred traditions, cultural beliefs, and the voices of sovereign governments within our state is deeply troubling and speaks to the negligence of this process.

The Alaska Statutes also provide protections for individuals against unlawful government action. For instance, AS 18.16.010 guarantees access to healthcare services and protections for patients against unnecessary restrictions. Furthermore, AS 18.10.010 requires that any regulatory actions by the state, including decisions by boards, be reasonable, justifiable, and in accordance with the rights of citizens.

The short notice provided and the lack of adequate consultation and legal justification raises serious concerns about the legality and fairness of this decision. It is highly likely that such measures will lead to significant legal challenges, costing Alaskan taxpayers both time and money in unnecessary lawsuits.

You, as members of the Medical Board, have no legal standing to strip away the unalienable rights of Alaskans under the Alaska Constitution. The attempt to curtail access to reproductive healthcare, including abortion, and healthcare for cisgender minors—such as young girls who develop prematurely or boys who grow breasts—represents a gross overreach and an infringement on their autonomy. These actions are a direct violation of privacy rights and are discriminatory by nature.

The impact of these decisions will be felt by all women, as well as by cisgender girls and boys who experience these changes in their bodies. The consequences of these actions, which infringe upon the rights and dignity of our citizens, will be recorded in history as a profound injustice.

At this time, I demand the immediate resignation of each and every board member who voted in favor of these harmful measures. Your actions betray the very oaths you took to uphold the Constitution of Alaska and have harmed the individuals you swore to protect. This decision is not only an affront to justice but a stain on your legacy.

Discrimination, in any form, is a violation of our values as Alaskans. Hate has no place in our state. Your actions have now set a dangerous precedent, one that will be met with legal challenges and widespread public opposition.

In conclusion, I implore you to resign immediately. Your conduct has disgraced the state of Alaska, and I, along with countless others, will hold you accountable for your actions.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Susan Allmeroth  
Two Rivers, Alaska

Legal References:

1. Alaska Constitution, Article I, Section 22 (Right to Privacy):

Protects individuals from government infringement on their right to privacy, which has been interpreted to cover reproductive rights such as abortion.

2. Alaska Constitution, Article I, Section 1 (Equal Protection):

Guarantees that no one shall be discriminated against on the basis of sex, gender, or any other protected category.

3. AS 18.16.010 - Healthcare Services:

Protects access to healthcare services, including abortion services and healthcare for minors.

4. AS 18.10.010 - Regulatory Actions:

Requires any actions by regulatory bodies, including the Medical Board, to be reasonable, justifiable, and consistent with the legal rights of Alaskans.

5. Doe v. State (1989):

This case affirmed that the right to privacy, as protected under the Alaska Constitution, extends to a woman's decision to have an abortion, irrespective of federal decisions like Roe v. Wade.

-----Original Message-----

From: Kayla Newsom <kaynewsom1@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, August 26, 2025 1:18 PM  
To: Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
Subject: Stop voting to control people

Hello,

I'm contacting you all today to say to stop trying to control what other people do with their bodies, enough is enough. We've got real issues to worry about and a women's right to abortion and transgenders ISNT a problem, and never will be a problem. Keep your political

views off of my body, and off of others. Keep your personal opinions off of people's bodies, period. We've got real problems and those aren't any of them problems. Why not focus on the spread of diseases, maybe focus on making sure we have good doctors and nurses who are licensed and trained? We've also got those drug abuse problems up here too. Again? Keep your personal opinions and personal issues off of people's bodies. No one should regulate what someone gets to do with their own body. Do better, be kind, accept others and love thy neighbor. As a mother, and as a cousin to someone who is trans, I disrespect you all for even trying to manipulate and control what people get to do with their bodies, you are a disgrace to this state if you go through with it. You will regain our respect once you stop going after people's bodily autonomy.

Thank you,

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**From:** Steffi Kim <smkim5@alaska.edu>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 4:14 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Support Transgender Care

Hi,

My name is Dr. Steffi Kim. I am a licensed clinical psychologist and want to voice my concerns regarding the discrimination against the medical care of transgender youth. Having worked in the field, I am appalled to see how the medical board is influenced and manipulated by political views rather than science and scientific evidence.

The history of medicine has taught us to conduct scientific inquiry, observations, and treatment based on evidence, not whim. The holocaust is one of those examples in which the opportunity for self-determination was taken from people based on the belief that Jewish people are not people and that medical experiments are beneficial for society. That was also based on political beliefs, and a group of a few, who manipulated the medical profession into ending people's lives on the premise that some people are worth less than others.

I am appealing to you to reconsider your decision and allow people to live their lives as they see fit. You are interfering with people's rights to self-determination and happiness based on your personal beliefs. Treatments should be available for individuals to choose based on their specific needs, centered on their overall well-being, not a small group of people who may have never interacted with that community.

Best,  
Steffi Kim

**Steffi Marotzke Kim, Ph.D. (she/her)**

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*Dena'inaq ełnen'aq' gheshtnu ch'q'u yeshdu* (audio)  
'I live and work on the land of the Dena'ina.'  
translation: Helen Dick, Sondra Shaginoff-Stuart, & Joel Isaak

**From:** Lindsay Standish <llstandish@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 6:07 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Gender affirming care - public input

Please get your personal opinions out of your work.

I do not support restricting gender affirming care for our youth. Gender affirming care has scientific backing, and denying this care leads to worse outcomes. Care should be between the patient, their parents, and their doctor. You have no business restricting personal freedom, or limiting the rights of parents to care for their children.

I feel similarly about interjection of your personal opinions on late term abortion. Women do not seek out late term abortions for fun. When late term abortions occur, it is almost always of a desire child, and out of great medical need. Care should be between the patient and their doctor. You have no business restricting personal freedom.

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world - James 1:27

Take your religion back to where it belongs; in your community, uplifting your community members who are struggling, and out of people's private medical business.

-Lindsay Standish

**From:** Julee Faso-Formoso <juleeff@mtaonline.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 7:38 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Youth transgender affirming care

Please keep science in mind when deciding on the care of Alaska's trans youth community.

Alaska ranks number 1 in youth suicide rates in the US. Alaska Native and Native Indian rank as the highest rate of suicide among racial/ethnicity groups. One longitudinal study of

over 6,000 transgender individuals in the US indicates that the highest risk of suicide is among those under 18 years of age.

Research shows 73.3% of the research sample reported a history of suicidal ideation; this percentage dropped to 43.4% following the initiation of gender-affirming treatment. Prior to treatment initiation, 35.8% of the sample reported a history of suicide attempt(s), and 9.4% reported a history of suicide attempt(s) after initiation of gender-affirming treatment. (Social and medical gender affirmation experiences are inversely associated with mental health problems in a U.S. non-probability sample of transgender adults. Hughto JM, Gunn HA, Rood BA, Pantalone DW. Arch Sex Behav. 2020;49:2635–2647. doi: 10.1007/s10508-020-01655-5.)

To reduce Alaska's rate of suicide, all possible reasons behind this mental health crisis should be treated from a medical perspective with scientific backing, including transgender affirming care for youths.

From my understanding, you will also be discussing abortion policies at the same meeting. As someone who has heard from women across the country where abortion has been restricted severely, women's lives are being put at risk. Had severe restrictions occurred 25 years ago, I could have been dead or been put in bankruptcy due to medical bills while waiting out a failed pregnancy. Instead, I got the health care needed at the time and went on to have a healthy child two months later. Alaska's population has been in a slow but steady decline for some time now. If you want families to have children in this state, maternal health care and women's health care rights is a great place to start.

Many young women are choosing where to go college based on abortion policies. Why? Because often times when you finish your degree you have interned in the state, made professional contacts, and have local personal and professional references to provide. If the health care policies of the state are dangerous, young women either choose to attend elsewhere or choose putting off a family until they get some years of work experience in their field before moving to a state with more progressive health care policies. By maintaining current abortion policies, Alaska's universities will continue to attract young women seeking degrees. Maintaining current health care policies won't increase the brain drain already happening in this state, but rather hold it steady or possibly decrease it.

As a medical board you are a trusted team of professionals who are assumed to look to the scientific communities, not religious ones, when making decisions regarding medical policies and procedures in Alaska. Please do so when making the decisions Friday.

Thank you,

Julee Faso-Formoso

**From:** Layla Lesley <blingqueen907@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 26, 2025 8:00 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>

**Subject:** Stop Pretending Medicine is Politics

Dear Alaska State Medical Board,

Calling gender-affirming care “medical malpractice” is not medicine, it’s cowardly politics in a lab coat. You know the standards of care. You know informed consent. You also know fear-mongering when you see it.

If you green-light this, you’ll harm patients, sabotage clinicians, and turn Alaska into a punchline for medical recruitment. Do your job: uphold evidence and ethics, not talking points.

Boards are not legislatures, and political agendas do not become “medicine” by committee vote. If the Board substitutes ideology for evidence here, what stops future boards from outlawing other legitimate treatments?

Take you religion and your politics elsewhere and reject this nonsense.

Sincerely,

Layla Lesley

Wasilla

P.S. Silence from a medical board is not neutrality. Patients and clinicians read it as endorsement.

**From:** Schmidty55 <[trs@vocend.com](mailto:trs@vocend.com)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 27, 2025 11:39 AM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>

**Cc:** [letters@adn.com](mailto:letters@adn.com)

**Subject:** Letter of concern

Dear Alaska Medical Board Members,

I have been an Alaskan citizen for over 35 years, taught in both rural village and Anchorage schools for 28 years, and am a certified vocational rehabilitation counselor. I have fought against discrimination for my students and clients throughout my entire life, and recognize it when I see it.

Your recent collective action taken against transgender youth seeking medical care is not only discriminatory, it is, in my personal and professional opinion, amoral as well as criminal. This assault against a minority population of our youth is disgusting and a political fealty to our governor. I urge the Board to reevaluate its decision and reject this abhorrent action.

In today’s Anchorage Daily News, two professional, experienced, brave, ethical doctors contributed their opinions and stated facts backed up by the American Medical

Association (AMA) as well as other reputable medical professional associations. I agree with their statements. This is a political move to satisfy the governor's wishes. The Board's sycophantic decision is beyond the pale.

In full transparency, I am not dealing personally with gender dysphoria, and I do not have family members who are transgender. This is blatant discrimination, and it is a shame on the Board to go along and let this regulation go into effect. Please evaluate your decision and vote down this anti-trans proposal. The individuals affected by your decision are members of our community, and they deserve our care and protection.

I appreciate your reconsideration.

Thomas Schmidt, MA., CRC



**From:** Jonathan Miller <atjis@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 29, 2025 10:08 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposing proposal regarding gender-affirming care

To the Alaska State Medical Board,  
I am writing as a licensed mental health professional in the state of Alaska to strongly oppose the Board's proposal to classify gender-affirming care for minors as "unprofessional conduct." Labeling gender-affirming care for adolescents as "negligence" comes across as an aggressive, political act with divisive and negative consequences: potentially punishing caring clinicians, undermining respectful conversations, and discouraging honest research.

I urge the Board to:

1. Withdraw the proposed resolution.
2. Affirm clinicians' care for their patients and encourage open-minded, evidence-based standards of care.
3. Engage clinicians and national experts in dialogue and education, not punitive threats.

As Alaska providers, our duty is to deliver safe, evidence-based care rooted in science and ethics. This proposal endangers that trust and creates fear rather than honest conversation.

Thank you,  
Jonathan Miller, LPCS

**From:** Kate Ripley <kate.ripley@ymail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 31, 2025 10:42 AM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** OPPOSED to your draft regulation and letter to AK Legislature

Dear AK Medical Board:

I write to register my opposition to a proposed regulation in which the Alaska Medical Board, a politically appointed group of Gov. Dunleavy cronies, proposes government overreach into the medical decisions that a small minority of Alaska parents rarely make on behalf of their children.

I'm also opposed to your actions requesting that the Alaska Legislature ignore the Alaska Constitution and insert itself into the exam rooms of women and their doctors.

Both of your actions clearly demonstrate ***Far Right/MAGA political activism*** and not medical expertise or professional conduct. They are not based on science or expertise in your field. Shame on you.

Your draft regulation and letter asking for political actions to suit your ***religious beliefs*** interferes with fundamental rights of parents, women and children, as well as the rights of doctors who treat them.

I'm a born and raised, multi-generation Alaskan. Decisions about medical care are best left to doctors and their patients within the privacy of medical offices--not by political cronies of whatever governor happens to be in charge.

I'm 100 percent opposed to your political maneuvers.

Thank you  
Kate Ripley, Fairbanks, AK  
Multi-generation and life-long Alaskan

**From:** Rachael Langerman <rachael@alaskacompass.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 9, 2025 2:22 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Opposition to proposed changes

To the Alaska State Medical Board:

Your decision to deem gender-affirming care for minors as “unprofessional conduct” and to advance restrictions on abortion is an appalling abuse of power. It is not medicine. It is politics dressed up as authority, and it comes at the expense of the most vulnerable people you are sworn to protect.

None of you possesses expertise in gender-affirming care, yet you presume to erase it. As a psychiatric mental health nurse practitioner, I have seen firsthand the profound mental health consequences of denying this care: escalating depression, anxiety, self-harm, and suicide. Research shows that access to gender-affirming interventions dramatically reduces rates of suicidality and improves overall well-being in youth (Turban et al., JAMA Psychiatry, 2022). To strip this care away is to increase suffering knowingly.

Public comment overwhelmingly opposed your proposal. You heard directly from Alaskans—patients, parents, providers—warning you of the damage this would cause. You ignored them.

Gender diversity is not a modern “trend.” From Indigenous Two-Spirit identities to records across ancient cultures, history affirms that human identity has always existed beyond rigid binaries (Roscoe, Changing Ones, 1998). The Board’s erasure of this truth is an erasure of history itself.

Your actions also fly in the face of every major medical authority. The American Medical Association (AMA, 2021), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP, 2018), the American College of Physicians (ACP, 2015), the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP, 2012), and the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP, 2021) all endorse gender-affirming care and access to comprehensive reproductive health. Abortion restrictions, particularly on later procedures—which constitute less than 1% of abortions and are nearly always due to catastrophic complications (Guttmacher Institute, 2023)—serve only to magnify trauma, not prevent it.

You are not protecting patients—you are targeting them. You are not upholding medicine—you are betraying it. The evidence is clear, the consensus is overwhelming, the public told you “no,” and the harm you will cause is measurable. If you cannot place patient well-being above politics, the honorable path forward is simple: resign.

Rachael Langerman MSN, APRN, PMHNP-BC

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**From:** River Anderson <[flyingpanda150@gmail.com](mailto:flyingpanda150@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, September 18, 2025 4:35 PM

**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <[medicalboard@alaska.gov](mailto:medicalboard@alaska.gov)>

**Subject:** Public Comment Opposing Draft Regulation on Gender Dysphoria Treatment

Dear Chair Dr. Brent Taylor and Members of the Alaska State Medical Board,

My name is River Anderson and I am a sophomore in high school.

I strongly oppose the draft regulations that would classify the treatment of gender dysphoria as "unprofessional conduct." While I understand that not everyone with gender dysphoria is transgender, transgender people are the primary recipients of care for it—and they will be disproportionately harmed by this proposal.

"Treatment of gender dysphoria" is an incredibly broad term. The three main treatment options that come to mind are puberty blockers, Hormone Replacement Therapy, and gender-affirming surgeries. To consider all of these treatments for gender dysphoria as

"unprofessional conduct" is an overgeneralizing point of view that fails to recognize the nuance of each individual treatment. Would this draft bar behavioral health professionals and therapists from helping patients that report gender dysphoria? That is not ideal. Puberty blockers are safely used in cisgender youth experiencing precocious puberty. There is no reason to withhold this treatment from youth experiencing gender dysphoria.; in fact, strong evidence reports puberty blocker's benefits for transgender health. HRT uses the same hormones that cisgender women use for menopause or hormone imbalances, and has been shown to significantly reduce depression in trans people within two years, according to the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Gender-affirming surgeries, performed since the 1930s, are associated with long-term reductions in gender dysphoria, depression, and suicidality ([source](#)).

As you may know, depression, anxiety, and minority stress is a real problem for the transgender community. There's a common misconception that gender-affirming care changes a transgender person's body in a way that severs them from their past self. Once these ties are cut, there is concern for the principle "do no harm." The truth is, that for patients with gender dysphoria, harm has and is being done to them. It is crucial to highlight that when individuals with gender dysphoria reach out for help, it is not so they can change who they are, but so they can restore who they are. Aligning your body with your gender identity after a harmful puberty or years of dysphoria is, to transgender people, restoration. Major medical organizations such as the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, and the Endocrine Society agree that when transgender individuals receive gender-affirming treatment, their mental health improves, their rates of depression and suicide decrease, and their quality of life increases.

I am submitting this public comment because denying this care ignores overwhelming medical consensus. By criminalizing the treatment of gender dysphoria, this proposal risks traumatizing a generation of transgender youth already surviving an increasingly polarized political climate. If "do no harm" involves minimizing the risk of preventable harm to patients, it is within your principles to prevent this proposal from coming to pass.

I urge the board to reject this harmful and medically unjustified proposal.

Respectfully,

River Anderson.

**From:** Emily Bauer <emilybauer1991@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 10, 2025 8:58 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep your opinions out of medicine

What does it do to you if a transgender 16 year old starts their life the way they were meant to? What does it mean to you? Are you being forced to live in an uncomfortable body? Are you being forced to perform any procedure? Are you prescribing any testosterone or estrogen? No, didn't think so. You have the right to say no sorry, I don't believe in that. What you don't have the right to do is make your biased opinions law. Nor anything else. This is not what you are here for. For you to speak for the people but only the ones who fit your

agenda is disgraceful and disgusting. I'm sure this email is vetted by AI, you should still be forced to read each and every one of them! To hear exactly what the people of Alaska have to say.

**From:** B Daven <bdaven7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 11, 2025 10:02 PM  
**To:** Board, Medical (CED sponsored) <medicalboard@alaska.gov>  
**Subject:** Re medical board positions and politics

Hello.

It has recently come to my attention that the medical board is attempting to become political in their actions and proposals for new rules to bend toward certain gubernatorial candidates who are leaning toward certain attitudes toward Alaskans receiving gender-affirming care. This type of pandering is not appropriate for a medical board and is not looking out for ALL persons' medical care.

Please take this letter in consideration when making new "rules" that would limit access to health care.

Thank you.

A constituent

Becky D.

**From:** Norberg, Natalie M (CED) <natalie.norberg@alaska.gov>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 16, 2025 1:52 PM  
**To:** jameseomalleymd@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Recent State Medical Board Activity

Hello, Dr. O'Malley,

The proposed regulation change that would add the treatment of gender dysphoria care minors as a new type of conduct for which licensee may be disciplined under [12 AAC 40.967](#) is still under review by the Dept. of Law. If approved to move forward, the proposed regulation change will have a 30-day public comment period, as do all proposed regulation changes. As is standard practice, the Division of Corporations, Business and Professional Licensing will send an email notice to all active licensees of the profession (who have opted-in to receive electronic communications from us) alerting them to the public comment period. You can also register to receive public notices regarding regulation changes from this [website](#).

Best regards,

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-----Original Message-----

From: James E O'Malley MD <[jameseomalleymd@gmail.com](mailto:jameseomalleymd@gmail.com)>

Sent: Wednesday, October 15, 2025 1:22 PM

To: Norberg, Natalie M (CED) <[natalie.norberg@alaska.gov](mailto:natalie.norberg@alaska.gov)>

Subject: Recent State Medical Board Activity

Natalie: I am a General Surgeon engaged in solo practice in Anchorage for the past 39 years.

I recently saw an article in the newspaper about the Alaska State Medical Board issuing a proclamation regarding gender-affirming care for minors, which was also mated with some sort of a prohibition of late term abortion.

After a careful reading of the mission statement of the State Medical Board, I find that nowhere does it state that the Board has any authority to dictate, form, or otherwise approve or disapprove any scope of practice for the medical providers in the State of Alaska.

This recent proclamation, which clearly addresses scope of practice issues, is then not valid for lack of authority.

The news articles about this issue reveal that the members of the Board apparently have sincere opinions about the issues addressed, however, they do not have the authority to implement any rule or law. This proclamation has “been forwarded to the state law department”, which no doubt will affirm this lack of authority.

I would appreciate it if you were to inform me when the state law department issues an opinion. Thank you.

James E. O'Malley, MD FACS