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SUBJECT: Please stand strong on Gender Affirming Care

BODY:

Hello leaders of the AMA, APA, AAP, and AACE,

I am writing to thank you for your associations' professional guidance on the importance of gender affirming care and to pre-emptively urge you to continue standing up for gender affirming care as lifesaving medical treatment for gender-diverse patients, including trans youth.

As you know, gender affirming care saves lives. Studies have repeatedly and consistently shown that gender affirming care for transgender people leads to a marked reduction in depression, a significant reduction in suicidality, and contributes greatly to overall well-being and improved health outcomes. The guidance and recommendations of your associations reflect these important facts.

However, partisan forces not grounded in science are attempting to eliminate access to gender affirming care, with access for trans youth being the first target. Executive orders attempting to restrict and eliminate access to gender affirming care are not law, not reflective of scientific fact, and not grounded in medical best practice — and yet many health systems are abandoning trans patients and trans youth, pre-complying to efforts that will lead to the preventable deaths of vulnerable trans youth.

The Lemkin Institute for Genocide Prevention identifies the anti-trans rhetoric and activity in America as an actively genocidal movement that seeks the removal of transgender and gender-expansive people from public life. In order to do that, partisan forces are attempting to co-opt and undermine the ability of medical experts to act autonomously and in the best interest of their patients.

If they succeed, it will both contribute to the deaths of significant numbers of trans people, but will also undermine the medical profession as a whole. If gender affirming care can become politicized and controlled by partisan forces, what will come next — Vaccines? Epidemic response? Clinical trials and medical research?

As some of the key professional associations of the medical industry, it is your responsibility to stand strong against these forces. Please do not bow to partisan pressure. Please continue standing up for medical fact. Please continue standing up for gender affirming care. Please continue standing up for trans lives.

Thank you,