

Hello,

On behalf of the National Women's Law Center Action Fund, **we urge you to oppose and vote NO on H.R. 7651, the Chloe Cole Act**, when it is marked up at the House Judiciary Committee tomorrow. This dangerous bill not only seeks to restrict access to evidence-based gender-affirming care, but also dramatically expands health care providers' liability in a manner that broadly undermines confidence in medical standards of care.

H.R. 7651 seeks to ban access to gender-affirming care and punish providers who offer such care. **But leading medical associations have repeatedly clarified that gender-affirming care is safe, effective, and medically necessary to support the health and wellbeing of transgender people.** Groups like the [American Medical Association](#) have maintained this position, even amid pressure from the Trump administration. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), for example, has even [sued the Trump administration for its pressure tactics](#), noting that the administration "has politicized health care for transgender and gender-diverse young people." Just a few weeks ago, the Trump administration continued its campaign by [bringing suit](#) against the World Professional Association for Transgender Health (WPATH).

**Alarminglly, H.R. 7651 imposes unprecedented and retroactive liability on medical providers, even when they were following standards of care.** The bill allows for a 25-year statute of limitations (Sec. 5) and specifically notes that prevailing standards of care should have "limited deference" (Sec. 4(c)). In doing so, the bill would substitute political judgments for evidence-based medical standards and opens any medical treatment to unfettered political scrutiny. Accordingly, medical providers will likely provide fewer treatments to avoid criticism or political scrutiny, ultimately degrading the quality of the American health care system.

No matter the framing, this bill is a disturbing attempt to politicize the provision of health care and punish medical providers for following evidence-based standards. **We therefore urge you to maintain confidence in scientific evidence and the community of medical professionals who deliver health care every day by voting NO on H.R. 7651.**

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or if we can be a resource as your office is assessing this bill.

Sincerely,  
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