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Hello,

I am emailing in regards to the public hearing to discuss resolution 230385, and I would like to testify my experience with gender affirming healthcare.

Access to gender affirming healthcare has largely alleviated my gender dysphoria and quite literally saved my life. I have seen firsthand the fear, anxiety, and mental distress that has been caused by this life-saving care being threatened by lawmakers who ignore research proving the efficacy of these treatments. Should transgender healthcare be prevented entirely in the state of Missouri, I can guarantee that it would detrimental effects on the lives of every single trans and gender nonconforming person in the state. The suicide rates for transgender people are already disproportionately high, and the inability to access gender affirming care will only cause those rates to climb.

Making Kansas City a sanctuary with legal protections for gender affirming care would be an incredible step in not only helping to provide people access to the healthcare that they need, but would also demonstrate that the City cares for the lives of its transgender citizens enough to ensure them equal rights.

-Michael Reed