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## Good afternoon!

I just wanted to reach out and voice my support for turning Kansas City into a sanctuary for transgender individuals/ people receiving gender-affirming care! This is a scary time for trans Missourians (and trans people across America), so this is something that is super important. For trans people who decide to pursue gender-affirming care, it's life-saving medical care --after all, suicide rates among transgender folks are disproportionately higher than suicide among cisgender people. With this bill, Kansas City has an amazing opportunity to be a beacon of hope for transgender people in Missouri.

I hope this testimony, and the many testimonies like it, encourage you to provide support for transgender Missourians.

Thank you, August Forck