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To whom it may concern,

I am a pharmacist working in the Kansas City area in an endocrinology clinic writing on behalf of myself, and I would like to express my support for making KC a sanctuary for transgender folks and those who would receive gender affirming care.

I see patients in clinic most days of the week who identify as gender diverse, and the amount of fear and misery that has come from the emergency order and the bills in the legislature in MO and KS lately has been overwhelming. I have cried with patients who fear they may have to move away from friends and family and health systems they trust because of discrimination. I have tried to reassure them that they are heard and valued, but the reality is that medical teams can only do so much if the proposed limits on gender affirming care are enacted. I strongly encourage KC to oppose these limits and stand on the side of scientific evidence and human compassion.

The evidence to support the safety of gender affirming care is solid, and every major US medical organization including the American Association of Clinical Endocrinology, the Endocrine Society, and United States Professional Association for Transgender Health all support gender affirming care, including hormone therapy, as appropriate and necessary. In my practice, care is delivered from an interprofessional team, meaning patients are receiving the expertise of endocrinologists, primary care physicians, surgeons, OB/GYN specialists, clinical psychologists, pharmacists, social workers, and more. Patients consistently tell us they are so grateful our clinic exists because they finally feel they have a safe space from which to receive all their medical care.

I am more than happy to discuss further if there are any points where I can provide more information.

Thank you, Jordan Rowe

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