

To the United States Senate:

We in the Detransitioners Community stand in support and in solidarity of Robert F. Kennedy Jr's confirmation as the Secretary of Health and Human Services for the United States of America. We urge the United States Senate to agree and to vote in favor of his confirmation.

Robert F. Kennedy Jr. has an impressive track record of advocating for true informed consent in healthcare. As members of the Detransitioners Community who have been directly harmed by the lack of informed consent in healthcare, we desperately need leaders in our government agencies, especially the chief of our health agency to be bold and to stand up for our rights in healthcare. This especially includes ensuring that our medical system will not downplay the risks of any healthcare procedures, and will not manipulate our consent.

Our stories and tragedies could have been avoided if our healthcare system were honest and transparent with us about the risks of what some of us believed we wanted, what we were told we needed, and what we sought help for. The process of medically transitioning for many of us was not only easy, it was encouraged, and it was pushed by our healthcare system and our doctors because it was considered the standard of care. We were not told about the associated risks of medically transitioning. We had only discovered these risks upon seeing our bodies deteriorate in attempts to reject the medical interventions and once we chose to detransition. And the process of detransitioning was hard and was discouraged by the broad medical community. Some of us have lost family and friends because of it. We wished that there were more advocates for our sake and for the sake of all Americans who have the highest trust in our healthcare regulatory system.

Yet we also know that medical abuses are not limited to gender-affirming care. From our lived experiences and from the experiences of others, our healthcare system chooses to advocate and push for more procedures instead of less. There is a lack of alternatives, a lack of choice, and less conversations about health, about data, about research, and about differences in risks.

We trust in Robert F. Kennedy Jr. not only because he has risked losing his public reputation for parents who have sought his help, but also because of the many parallels we have seen in health freedom circles. We have witnessed the lack of research integrity and selective research being used to push us towards more healthcare intervention. We have witnessed the healthcare system threatening some of our parents who have disagreed or disapproved of treatment. We have also witnessed the mental health stigma, the speech censorship of physicians and mental health providers who disagree with care standards, the difficulties of refusing unnecessary care, and of not knowing who to trust. We sympathize with the countless parents and patients alike who have been harmed by the healthcare regulatory system and believe that we need to heal as a country. We trust in Kennedy's knowledge and awareness of the brokenness of our healthcare system, in the need for research and data transparency and access, and in championing true informed consent. We believe that Kennedy will not dismiss our narratives.

Please confirm Robert F. Kennedy Jr. as Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Sincerely, 100+ members of our community ---

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Note to all media – this effort was entirely voluntary, and grassroots-driven. We are in full support of Robert F. Kennedy Jr. We want to build more bridges and have more discussions.

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*Please note, the form located here: <https://forms.gle/5Q9T5pRuKAmFwrmz8> will remain open with more names and signatures updated until Robert F. Kennedy Jr's confirmation.