

THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS

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DYLAN BRANDT, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LESLIE RUTLEDGE, et al.,

Defendants.
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Case No.: 4:21-CV-00450-JM-01

DECLARATION OF MICHELE HUTCHISON, M.D.
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINIFFS' MOTION

4. The Clinic treats patients in accordance with the standards of care developed

Society. The Clinic has an interdisciplinary team including mental health providers to ensure

for my patients to maintain continuity of care by helping them find the care they need if I am unable to continue providing such care.

" puberty-delaying medication, testosterone, estrogen, and testosterone suppressants—I also provide to cisgender patients. In my general pediatric endocrinology practice, I provide redacted text."

the Health Care Ban began, four transgender adolescent patients of the Clinic have been admitted to the emergency room for attempted suicide, in addition to three suicide attempts by transgender adolescents who are not patients of the Clinic. My office has also received several more calls from families panicking because their children were expressing suicidal thoughts related to the prospect of losing the healthcare they need.

14. This is in stark contrast to the rate of suicide attempts prior to the Health Care Ban becoming public. After reviewing my records in preparing this declaration, I have determined that in the over three year period between the time of the Clinic opening and when public discussion of the Health Care Ban began, two Clinic patients attempted suicide.

15. I testified at the General Assembly about the grave harms this bill would cause to transgender youth with gender dysphoria and that the bill would deny adolescents medical care they urgently need which, for some, can be life-saving.

16. Being forced to deny my patients medically necessary care that can be lifesaving for some patients violates the tenets of my profession by leaving my patients to suffer needless pain.

17. I am gravely concerned about my patients' ability to survive, much less thrive, if the Health Care Ban takes effect.