

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS**

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DYLAN BRANDT, et al.,	:	
Plaintiffs,	:	Case No.: 4:21-CV-00450-JM-01
v.	:	
LESLIE RUTLEDGE, et al.,	:	
Defendants.	:	
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**DECLARATION OF DYLAN BRANDT
IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS’ MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**

I, Dylan Brandt, hereby declare as follows:

1. I offer this Declaration in support of Plaintiffs’ Motion for a Preliminary Injunction. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration and could and would testify competently to those facts if called as a witness.

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body and the sex I was assigned at birth did not feel right. Since I was first able to choose for myself I have always chosen to wear more masculine clothes and participate in activities more commonly associated with boys, like football. I felt most comfortable when other boys acted like I belonged with them.



5. My discomfort with my body increased a lot when I started puberty and my body began to change in ways that did not feel right. I did not know exactly how to describe what I was feeling, but now I know I was experiencing gender dysphoria.

6. I began to feel depressed and very anxious, especially in social situations. I stopped playing football and began to spend a lot more time alone.

7. In 2018, when I was in seventh grade, I cut my hair short and soon after that I finally realized that my discomfort was because I am a boy, but no one recognized that, and my body was beginning to look more and more like a girl's body.

8. After several months of thinking about this and trying to understand myself, I finally decided to tell my family. In 2019 I wrote my mom a letter and told my brother to give it to her. I told my mom in the letter that I am not her daughter, I am her son. I signed the letter as "Dylan," the name I chose.

9. My mom and I talked about it and she was very supportive. She began using he/him pronouns for me and calling me "Dylan." After that, people would sometimes recognize me as a boy, and that made me really happy. It felt right.

10. I started eighth grade using my name, Dylan. My school and most of the students were supportive, but some students were not. Some of them were mean and told me I didn't belong. Once at a football game, a classmate told me I should leave because I didn't belong there. I refused to leave and he came back a few minutes later and started reading bible verses at

16. I plan to go back to school in person this fall. I will be a sophomore, and it will be my first time going to high school in person. I am very excited to go back now that I am getting the medical care I need and feel comfortable with myself, and now that others see me as the boy I am.

17. When I heard about the Health Care Ban, I was confused and anxious. I didn't understand why people who have never married and made