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## The "Help Not Harm Act" Passes the Assembly

Madison, WI – Today, the Assembly passed the "Help Not Harm Act" (AB 465), which will now go to the Senate. The Senate Committee on Health also held a public hearing on the companion bill SB 480. Rep. Allen released the following statement:

"Children who struggle with gender identity deserve help, not harm. There are simply too many stories of minors who have experienced irreversible harm due to being rushed into a life-long decision without a fully matured brain to process their choice.

"Today on the floor, I read stories of several of those who have been harmed by medical gender transition and who would have benefitted from a bill like Help Not Harm.

"It is incredibly important that minors be given the time they need to develop and make the right choice for them when they have the maturity to fully comprehend the risks and long-term consequences of their choices.

"This is especially important when there is a lack of quality medical evidence that shows that medical gender transition helps and significant research that demonstrates long-term physical harm that can occur.

"I'm thankful for those who voted for this bill and for those who have spoken up in support of protecting our young people. I hope that once this bill passes the Senate, that Governor Evers will do the right thing and protect minors here in Wisconsin by signing this bill into law."

Rep. Allen has put together a playlist on YouTube entitled "Help Not Harm" that contains videos answering common objections to the bill, stories told by detransitioners, and recent public hearing testimony. The playlist can be found at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/@rep.scottallen7638">www.youtube.com/@rep.scottallen7638</a>.

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Rep. Scott Allen represents the City of Waukesha, the Villages of Dousman, North Prairie, Summit, and Waukesha, and the Towns of Genesee, Mukwonago, and Ottawa.