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Rep. O'Connor Applauds SSM Health

Fond du Lac – Representative Jerry O'Connor from the 52nd Assembly District issued the following statement regarding SSM Health's decision to halt mastectomies, castrations, and other surgeries intended to alter an individual's gender:

"I applaud SSM Health's brave decision to remain consistent with their faith values. It is one thing to perform these surgeries on adults, but making such painful and permanent changes to minors is particularly concerning. We are seeing a disturbing uptick in these surgeries that suggest social influences.

We need long-term studies conducted to identify the many forms of risk and consequences related to this form of treatment.

"I am deeply disturbed by this activity when offered to adolescents and teens who are already going through major physiologically emotional changes. It is not fair at this stage of life to present this permanent alteration to young people. Far too many individuals who have undergone this process later conclude they wish they could go back or undo the process.

Once again, thank you to SSM for making this wise decision in their health care offerings."

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