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The "Help Not Harm Act" Receives Broad Support

Madison, WI – Today, Rep. Allen sent the "Help Not Harm Act" to the Chief Clerk's office for first reading in the Assembly. Rep. Allen released the following statement:

"Children who struggle with gender identity deserve help, not harm. The current process of puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, and surgery are harmful and irreversible. Children should not be rushed into this process.

"Despite what opponents of this bill claim, there are no long-term studies that show how these irreversible procedures actually help, while there is plenty of evidence and stories that speak of their harm.

"The bill has received broad support from many different groups including adult trans individuals, LGB groups, parent advocates, feminists, doctors, counselors, social workers, educators, and faith groups who all care about helping, not harming, our children.

"I'm also thankful for Representatives Vos, Armstrong, Behnke, Binsfeld, Bodden, Brandtjen, Dittrich, Goeben, Green, Gundrum, Gustafson, Hurd, Macco, Magnafici, Maxey, Michalski, Murphy, Nedweski, O'Connor, Plumer, Pronschinske, Rettinger, Rozar, Sapik, Schraa, Sortwell, Tittl, Tusler, and Wichgers and Senators Stroebel, Tomczyk, Knodl, Felzkowski, Kapenga, Nass, Wimberger, and Ballweg who signed on to this bill to help protect minors."

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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.