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Fwd: News from Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen 2-26-2016

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Subject: Re: News from Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen 2-26-2016

Dear Members

I have forwarded you a recent copy of my email update. It deals with the concept of "transgenderism". As the update indicates I have a female constituent who is being directly affected by this. My greatest concern however, is for my children and grandchildren along with the safety and protection of all Mn children. I also have sympathy for those individuals who have bought the lie of "transgenderism" and are in vain trying to change their gender. I am beseeching each of you to search your soul and hopefully conclude that we on a bipartisan basis can pass legislation to protect our children's privacy and safety. I cannot believe that the majority of us in either party agree that having children of opposite gender shower, bathe, and use restrooms together is a positive step in our culture. I also, have a letter from the President of the American College of Pediatricians that I will forward separately outlining the damage of teaching gender fluidity to children. Finally, I have legislation that has been peer reviewed by a national legal organization that in their legal opinion will protect adults as well as children from using public facilities simultaneously.

Thank you in advance for your consideration on this critically important issue.

Glenn



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Rep. Glenn Gruenhagen (18B) - Legislative Update

Hello Friends,

I have received some questions recently about an issue related to legislation we attempted to pass last session called the Student Safety and Privacy Protection bill. The Student Safety and Privacy Protection bill would have provided privacy for students by requiring the bathroom, showers and locker rooms in a school be separated based on an athlete's biological sex.

According to Dr. Paul McHugh, former Chief of Psychiatry at John Hopkins Hospital, "transgenderism" is a mental disorder and trying to surgically change one's gender is medically impossible. There is also research showing that a significant percentage of transgender individuals change their mind and eventually grow out of those feelings, which is why there are delays of up to 12 months or more before certain permanent physical surgical changes are made.

Instances have come up in Minnesota workplaces where individuals have attempted to use bathroom facilities that aren't for their biological sex, making some uncomfortable. I've spoken with women employees who are too afraid to speak out and wonder about their rights in the workplace if they do not want transgender men using a women's bathroom. This has happened to a constituent of mine who works in the metro area. A man

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in her department has declared himself to be a woman
 and wants to use the woman's bathroom. The employer
 has decided to permit this.

The Minnesota Supreme Court has spoken on this issue
 (Goins v. West Group, 2001) saying that an employer's
 designation of employee restroom use based on
 biological gender is not sexual orientation
 discrimination in violation of the Minnesota Human
 Rights Act. An employee can ask an employer to
 enforce those rules, but the employee likely can't legally
 force a complete separation based simply on biological
 sex.

Obviously legislation is needed to clarify and protect the
 privacy of individuals and our children's safety in public
 schools, so people don't find themselves in situations
 like this, worried about their privacy and fearful to speak
 to their employer.

Finally, what the philosophy of atheistic psychology
 wants us to believe is that sexual orientation cannot be
 changed (even though thousands of individuals have left
 the homosexual lifestyle) but that gender can be
 changed, which is biologically impossible!

Transgender people need professional counseling and
 our help to clarify their confused feelings, not our
 misguided sympathies.

Please speak to your local school district about this issue
 as training programs have already started in Minnesota
 to indoctrinate educators with the false narrative of
 "gender fluidity".

For further information, I have attached a letter from the
 President of the American College of Pediatrics talking
 about the detrimental effect of teaching gender fluidity
 to children.

Thank you,

Glenn

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