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**Anti-Woke Caucus Demands Answers on Harris/Biden Stance on Minor Transgender Surgeries**

**WASHINGTON—**Today, Anti-Woke Caucus Chairman Jim Banks led a letter to the Secretary of Health and Human Services (HHS) Xavier Becerra, asking him to clarify the administration’s stance on performing gender transition surgeries on minors.

Said Rep. Banks: *“This radical, dangerous administration has done everything possible to promote unproven and damaging gender transition surgeries, including pressuring a medical association to eliminate age requirements and sending the Justice Department to crackdown on whistleblowers working at a children’s hospital. I was surprised when, out of the blue, the White House told the New York Times they now oppose subjecting minors to these surgeries. But then, after pressure from the transgender lobby, the White House seemed to walk back their earlier statement. The Biden/Harris administration needs to be straightforward with the American people and clarify whether they still think minors should be subject to mastectomies, castration, hysterectomies and other life-altering procedures.”*

You can find the full letter [here](https://banks.house.gov/UploadedFiles/ltr_to_hhs_trans_minor_surgeries.pdf). Reps. Claudia Tenney, Josh Brecheen and Jeff Duncan cosigned the letter.

**Background:**

The White House had supported performing gender transition surgeries on children, then the New York Times [reported](https://www.nytimes.com/2024/06/28/health/transgender-surgery-biden.html) they changed their position, then the White House’s Neera Tanden put out a [statement](https://www.hrc.org/press-releases/white-house-clarifies-support-for-healthcare-for-transgender-youth#:~:text=%E2%80%9CWe%20appreciate%20that%20the%20administration,and%20at%20the%20legislative%20level.) that seemingly contradict the New York **TIMES** reporting.

The Anti-Woke Caucus hosted a [roundtable](https://www.google.com/search?q=anti+woke+caucus+detransitioners+chloe+cole+jim+banks+&sca_esv=762b243e168af4eb&sca_upv=1&rlz=1C1GCEU_en&sxsrf=ADLYWIJniMoQLGsQgZRulPsOA1THDtZLkg%3A1722352579634&ei=wwOpZqSkJvDi5NoPh_OGgAM&ved=0ahUKEwjkkb-th8-HAxVwMVkFHYe5ATAQ4dUDCBA&uact=5&oq=anti+woke+caucus+detransitioners+chloe+cole+jim+banks+&gs_lp=Egxnd3Mtd2l6LXNlcnAiNmFudGkgd29rZSBjYXVjdXMgZGV0cmFuc2l0aW9uZXJzIGNobG9lIGNvbGUgamltIGJhbmtzIEiUElBIWMUQcAF4AJABAJgBaaABzgeqAQQxMS4xuAEDyAEA-AEBmAIBoAIIwgIKEAAYsAMY1gQYR5gDAIgGAZAGCJIHATGgB4EN&sclient=gws-wiz-serp) in June 2023 with detransitioners, including Chloe Cole and Walt Heyer, who spoke about the harms caused by gender transition procedures.

Rep. Banks and Rep. Doug LaMalfa previously [introduced](https://lamalfa.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/reps-lamalfa-banks-sen-cotton-introduce-the-protecting-minors-from) the *Protecting Minors from Medical Malpractice Act* to create a private right of action allowing people who had gender-transition procedures performed on them as minors to sue the medical practitioner who performed the procedure.

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