117th CONGRESS 1st Session **S**.

To prohibit the use of Federal funds for gender transition in minors.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on ______

A BILL

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1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-

2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

3 SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

4 This Act may be cited as the "Protecting Our Kids5 from Harmful Research Act".

6 SEC. 2. PROHIBITION ON USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR
7 GENDER TRANSITION IN MINORS.

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—Notwithstanding any other provi9 sion of law, no Federal funds may be used to fund re10 search or publications relating to gender transition in indi-

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viduals under the age of 18, including any observational
 studies that gather evidence on the provision of hormonal
 treatments or surgical procedures on minors, for the pur pose of—

5 (1) affirming a minor's perception of his or her
6 sex, if that perception is incongruent with such mi7 nor's sex; or

8 (2) affirming a minor's asserted identity, if the
9 asserted identity is incongruent with such minor's
10 sex.

(b) DEFINITION.—For purposes of this section, the
term "sex" shall be recognized based solely on a person's
reproductive biology and genetics at birth.