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Dear Secretary of State,

We write as representatives of political parties from across the House regarding the PATHWAYS Puberty Blocker Trial, which is **proceeding under your instruction**.

We are not reassured following the briefing you hosted on Wednesday. Rather, our concerns have intensified. Continuing with the PATHWAYS trial is a dangerous mistake that could devastate the physical, psychological, sexual and reproductive health of over 200 vulnerable children, leaving them medically dependent for life.

Before this trial proceeds, a number of basic questions urgently need to be answered:

1. Most children's gender distress will naturally resolve as they go through puberty. How can you justify medicalising these otherwise healthy children who just need time to grow and explore their identities?
2. What is the rationale for believing puberty blockers will help, given that psychological benefits are unproven? What, specifically, would constitute a successful outcome?
3. Do you consider that children - some as young as eight - are capable of giving full and informed consent to participate in this trial? Dr Siminoff stated in your briefing that there will be no lower age limit for participation.
4. How will parental consent be obtained, particularly in cases where parents may feel under pressure, or where views between parents differ? For children in care, who will be authorised to give consent on their behalf, and who will be responsible and accountable if harm results?
5. The **first duty of any clinician is to do no harm**. This trial risks causing foreseeable harm to a new cohort of vulnerable children. Why has a study not first been completed to assess the impact of puberty blockers on the thousands of children who have already received them?

You have this week committed to pausing to consider the evidence on other health issues. We urge you to do the same again here and take the necessary time to think before allowing this trial to proceed.

Yours,

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