

BRAD LITTLE GOVERNOR

April 4, 2023

The Honorable Mike Moyle Speaker of the House Idaho House of Representatives Hand Delivered

Dear Mr. Speaker,

I hereby advise you that I have signed on April 4, 2023, and transmitted to the Office of the Secretary of State, with my approval, the following House Bill to wit:

HOUSE BILL 71aaS

within the time prescribed by law, the same having arrived in the Office of the Governor at the hour of 10:35 a.m. on March 30, 2023.

In signing this bill, I recognize our society plays a role in protecting minors from surgeries or treatments that can irreversibly damage their healthy bodies. However, as policymakers we should take great caution whenever we consider allowing the government to interfere with loving parents and their decisions about what is best for their children.

This bill is aptly named the Vulnerable Child Protection Act because it seeks to protect children with gender dysphoria from medical and surgical interventions that can cause permanent damage to their bodies before they are mature enough to make such serious health decisions.

Sincerely,

Brad Little Governor of Idaho of the