Attachment 14

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OKLAHOMA

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Plaintiffs,

Case No. 23-cv-00177-JFH-SH

v.

GENTNER DRUMMOND, et al.,

Defendants.

DECLARATION OF RYAN ROE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION

- I, Ryan Roe, declare as follows:
- 1. I am over 14 years of age, a minor, of sound mind, and in all respects competent to testify.
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Declaration and would testify competently to those facts if called to do so.
- 3. I am a Plaintiff in this action, with claims on my behalf being brought by my parents, Rachel Roe and Richard Roe.
 - 4. I live in Oklahoma, along with my parents.
 - 5. I love acting, costume design, and stage tech.
- 6. I am transgender. My birth certificate designated me as "female" when I was born, but I am a boy.

¹ Rachel Roe, Richard Roe, and Ryan Roe are pseudonyms. My parents and I are proceeding under pseudonyms to protect our right to privacy and ourselves from discrimination, harassment, and violence, as well as retaliation for seeking to protect our rights.

- 7. Growing up, I did not really feel comfortable with the expected interests and gender expression of my sex assigned at birth.
 - 8. I have always been queer. I do not care about gendered clothing.
- 9. However, because of my nonconformity with what people expect from someone of the sex I was assigned at birth, I was bullied in school. The school was not very supportive of me. This time was very difficult for me, and I was in a bad place; I began to experience depression, anxiety, and loss of appetite.
- 10. As I approached puberty, I became very uncomfortable being perceived as female. I felt distressed and anxious about the conflict between my body and who I am.
- 11. Even in my room, however, I would still feel uncomfortable. It's a horrible feeling, just constantly being in discomfort.
 - 12. Around this time, I began giving more thought to who I am and found myself.
- 13. My parents and I began looking for a therapist with whom I could work with during 2020. After finding a therapist I was comfortable with, I began getting therapy in early 2021. The therapy has helped me.
 - 14. My therapist diagnosed with gender dysphoria.
 - 15. At the end of 2020, I told my parents that I was a transgender.
 - 16. My family has been very supportive.
- 17. In 2021, I changed schools and am now in a place where I can be my true self. I am out to my family, friends, and school.
- 18. In 2021, I also began seeing doctors experienced in gender dysphoria. Following their advice and guidance, that same year I was placed on medications to stop my period due to it causing a lot of distress to me.

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- 19. Last year, I began taking puberty-delaying medication. This has allowed me to be my true self and not further develop physical characteristics like breasts that are conflicting with who I am—a boy.
 - 20. Being able to not have to undergo female puberty has been very relieving for me.
- 21. It is very hurtful to know that my state government wants to take away the medical care that has allowed me to be who I am.
- 22. Learning and hearing about proposals like S.B. 613 (the "Health Care Ban") has been very distressing. I am anxious about what will happen if the Health Care Ban were to take effect.
- 23. Every time I hear about the Health Care Ban or any of the other similar anti-transgender, anti-LGBTQ proposals being considered by my state government, I freak out as it would be very painful and distressing to be forced off my puberty-delaying medication.
- 24. By contrast, my transition has allowed me to thrive, both academically and socially. I have more confidence in my everyday life.
 - 25. My family has supported, and continue to support, me throughout my transition.
- 26. When I first learned of the Health Care Ban, I was shocked and upset. I felt this was an attack on myself and others like me. I did not know how to react and was not sure the repercussions it would have for me and my family.
- 27. Not having access to the medical care recommended by my doctors for my gender dysphoria is terrifying. I fear what it would mean to be forced to live in body that is not consistent with who I am. Puberty brought me so much stress and anxiety and forced me to be withdrawn. The prospect of being forced to endure that again scares me immensely.
 - 28. Being able to live as the boy that I am has brought me joy and happiness.

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- 29. Because my family cannot all leave Oklahoma, my parents and I have discussed my moving away to live with one of my mother's siblings on the East Coast so that I may be able to continue the medical care that my doctors have recommended and that I need.
- 30. Oklahoma is the only home I have ever known. I should not have to choose between my home, my family, and my friends, and my health.
- 31. The Health Care Ban threatens my health, safety, and wellbeing, as well as that of transgender youth like myself. They also threaten the integrity of families like mine.
 - 32. My parents are loving and caring. They support me. They love me.
 - 33. Being able to live and be perceived as the boy that I am has made my life better.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this ^{2/3} day of April 2023.

Ryan Roe