

OPPOSE

SB 2

ANTI-TRANS HEALTHCARE DENIAL BILL

SB2 IS AN UNCONSTITUTIONAL DENIAL OF HEALTHCARE

- **Senate Bill 2 would deny medically necessary healthcare for transgender people held in Kentucky's jails and prisons.**
- **It is a violation of the 8th Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.**
- **All inmates are entitled to medically necessary care, whether it be for diabetes, cancer, or gender dysphoria.**
- **A U.S. District Judge in Boston last month blocked the denial of hormone therapy for a transgender inmate.**
- **In the 2011 case of *Fields v Smith*, the U.S. Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals struck down a Wisconsin law barring access to gender-affirming hormones for people in the custody of the Department of Corrections as a violation of the prohibition of cruel and unusual punishment.**
- **The American Medical Association, the American Psychological Association, and the National Commission on Correctional Health Care all recognize healthcare for transgender people—including hormone therapy—as medically necessary treatments.**
- **SB 2 would put politicians between patients and providers, opening the door for politicians to meddle in anyone's private medical decisions.**
- **Restrictions on healthcare are some of the most extreme political attacks in recent history. Not only does it ban medically necessary care for transgender people, but it also allows the state to overrule patients who are trying to access necessary medical care.**
- **SB2 singles out and targets one of the smallest populations in Kentucky:**
 - **Fewer than 70 transgender people are currently receiving hormone therapy out of nearly 20,000 inmates. That is equal to approximately 0.35% of Kentucky's incarcerated population.**
 - **Transgender people make up fewer than 15% of all Kentucky inmates currently receiving hormone therapy.**

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