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**STONEWALL DEMOCRATS OF DALLAS ‘DISGUSTED’
BY LOG CABIN REPUBLICANS’ POSTION ON GENDER-
AFFIRMING HEALTHCARE**

DALLAS, TX (April 21, 2022) — This week, the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas (LCR), an organization long rejected by the Texas GOP, sacrificed transgender members of the LGBTQ+ family for the mirage of recognition from the Republican Party. The LCR joined in support of Republican efforts to "halt the administration of puberty blockers, hormone therapy treatment, and other treatments" for children suffering from gender dysphoria.

Let's be clear – there was no evidence cited in LCR's statement to support their position, only political expediency as a way to curry favor with a party that does not accept them as equal human beings. Regurgitating fictitious conjecture about youth is based on opinion and bias, and absent any basis in fact or practice. No amount of repeating these falsehoods will make lies transform into truth.

The most unfortunate thing about this unconscionable action by the LCR is that violence, severe depression, and suicide will increase to even higher levels than they already are among our transgender family. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance System warns that transgender youth suffer higher rates of mental disparities such as mood and anxiety disorders, and they are at a higher-than-average risk of suicidality.

"Once again, Republicans fake a good game about limited government intervention in our lives, but when it comes to policy like gender-affirming healthcare, they legislate and bully to their hearts' content," said Todd Hill, President of Stonewall Democrats of Dallas. "Transgender people are not marginal numbers within a population undeserving of rights and protections—these are human beings, and they deserve dignity and love as anyone else would. It's disgusting what the Log Cabin Republicans of Texas have said and done here."

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas affirms its commitment to defending, loving, and protecting vulnerable members of our community, including transgender children, adults, and families. We reject divisional politics intended to marginalize and divide us further than we already are by Republicans. Gender-affirming healthcare is backed by a wide range of science and medical professionals, and we believe that every individual has the human right to affordable, life-saving healthcare.

Stonewall Democrats of Dallas was founded in 1996 by local activists. Our membership numbers in the hundreds including former and current elected officials. We are one of the largest political organizations in Dallas County and one of the largest chapters of Stonewall Democrats in the United States.

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