

STATEMENT FROM AMERICAN ACADEMY OF PEDIATRICS:

Statement from American Academy of Pediatrics President, Dr. Ben Hoffman:

“The AAP’s gender-affirming care policy, like all our standing guidance, is grounded in evidence and science. Pediatricians understand the complexities of gender-affirming care and they know how to counsel families. The goal is not a certain treatment or timeline, but instead to listen to the patient and create a safe environment to address their needs.

“What we’re seeing more and more is that the politically infused public discourse is getting this wrong — and it’s impacting the way that doctors care for their patients. Physicians must be able to practice medicine that is informed by their medical education, training, experience, and the available evidence, freely and without the threat of punishment. Instead, state legislatures have passed bills to ban and restrict gender-affirming care, which means that right now, for far too many families, their zip code determines their ability to seek the health care they need. Politicians have inserted themselves into the exam room, and this is dangerous for both physicians and for families.”