

**IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS
FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO**

MADLINE MOE, et al.

Case No. _____

Plaintiffs,

Judge _____

v.

DAVID YOST, et al.

Defendants.

**AFFIDAVIT OF GINA GOE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR
TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER AND PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION**



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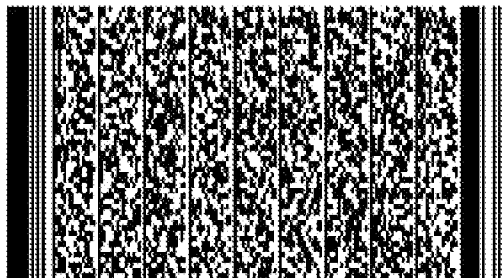
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I, Gina Goe, having first been duly cautioned and sworn, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to make this affidavit.

2. My name for the purposes of the above-captioned action is Gina Goe, a pseudonym.¹ I am a Plaintiff in this action. I offer this Affidavit in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for a Temporary Restraining Order and Preliminary Injunction. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Affidavit and could and would testify competently to those facts if called as a witness.

3. I, along with my husband Garrett Goe, am next friend of my minor child, Grace Goe.

4. I am an Ohio resident. I live in Franklin County, Ohio with my husband, our daughter Grace, who is 12 years old, and Grace's siblings.

5. Grace is strong, grounded, and happy. She loves sports, especially running and soccer, and she likes to do art with her friends. She also likes to bake cakes and collect fossils and crystals.

6. My husband and I love our daughter, support her, and want her to be able to be herself.

7. Grace is transgender. When she was born, her sex was designated as "male," even though she is a girl.

¹ Garrett, Grace, and Gina are pseudonyms. My husband, my daughter (who is a minor), and I are proceeding under pseudonyms to protect our privacy and ourselves from discrimination, harassment, and violence, as well as retaliation for seeking to protect our rights.

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8. When Grace was a toddler, she insisted on wearing dresses at home and was drawn to interests more typically associated with girls.

9. When she was five years old, Grace began telling us that she was a girl. Her father and I began asking her questions, without insisting either way. Around that same time, when she started kindergarten, Grace began getting very upset when she could not leave the house as her true self, meaning dressing and being treated like a girl.

10. Grace was very persistent in telling us that she was a girl. My husband and I began to conduct our own research. We contacted the THRIVE Program at Nationwide Children's Hospital because we wanted to know more about how best to support Grace.

11. In 2018, when Grace was six years old, our family started meeting with a pediatric psychiatrist at the THRIVE Program, who diagnosed my daughter with gender dysphoria. Grace has continued to see that psychiatrist for the past six years.

12. At around the same time, during the summer between kindergarten and first grade, Grace changed her name and pronouns, and started living in the world as her true self. She has been the happiest and healthiest version of herself ever since.

13. Grace has lived as a girl in all aspects of her life since she was six years old. She is persistent, consistent, and insistent that she is a girl. She is now 12. Grace's doctors are closely monitoring her for the first signs of puberty to identify the right time to begin medication that will pause puberty temporarily. In January 2024, at our last THRIVE appointment, Grace's doctor recommended that we come in every six months to evaluate whether puberty had started. Her next appointment is in July 2024. When she has started puberty, my husband and daughter and I, along with her doctors, hope to discuss which medications are a good fit for her.



14. If Grace is unable to pause puberty, and begins developing male physical characteristics, I am worried about her mental health and well-being. It would be devastating for her to live in a body that does not match her true self as a girl.

15. I am also worried about Grace's physical safety. We are so proud of Grace for telling us who she is and for being her true self, and I am concerned for her safety as a transgender girl. Many people in my daughter's life only know her as Grace, and it should be her choice who she tells about being transgender, and when. Without the ability to pause puberty, she is at risk of being outed as transgender against her will.

16. My family has deep roots in Ohio. We are active members of our Christian faith community and are surrounded by a supportive network of family, friends, and colleagues. We do not want to move our children out of Ohio or have to drive five hours away to Michigan to obtain medical care for Grace.

17. We have considered moving to another state to get the care that Grace needs, but this would require moving Grace and her siblings out of the schools and community where they are thriving. We have deep friendships and a community surrounding and supporting us, and moving would be like ripping the roots out of our community. Only my husband is working at the moment, so moving would be a financial hardship, as would routine travel out of state. If we moved, we would also need to find new jobs and start all over in a new community. But if this law goes into effect, moving out of state may be our only option. My husband and I have even discussed separating our family, with Grace and I moving to another state to live with my sister and Grace's aunt. It is not an option for our family to not support Grace as our daughter, or for Grace to not be the girl that she is.

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

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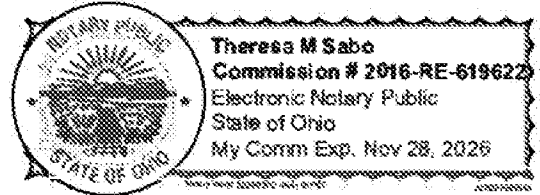


Gina Goe

Sworn to or affirmed before me and subscribed in my presence in Franklin County, Ohio

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on this day of 2024.



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