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Comment:

LGBTQIA+/2S youth who have access to spaces that affirm their sexual orientation and gender identity reported lower of attempting suicide. (Trevor Project's 2021 National Survey on LGBTQ Youth Mental Health). To claim that such an impact is limited to children and youth would be misguided at best and ludicrous at worst.

Providing space for someone to share what pronouns they use is a simple way to learn the most respectful and correct way to refer to them. This amendment would make courtrooms throughout Michigan a safer and more inclusive space for people who too often forced to the periphery, and quite frankly could help save lives. I strongly support this proposal.