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President Lollo and Chancellor Martin:

In light of the explosive allegations of illegal conduct and malpractice occurring at the Transgender Center at St. Louis Children's Hospital, I recommend that you impose an immediate moratorium on the Center prescribing puberty blocking drugs and cross-sex hormones to new patients. A moratorium will ensure children remain safe as the many investigations—including your own—progress.

I applaud your announcement yesterday to quickly launch an internal investigation.¹ As the university's statement acknowledges, the allegations against the Center are enough to leave anyone "alarmed" and must be taken "very seriously."² The whistleblower's sworn affidavit says the Center has permanently sterilized hundreds of children, caused many children to attempt suicide, and performed irreversible gender-transition surgeries on minors—all while lying to the public and parents.³ Moreover, the affidavit says that the Center prescribes puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones automatically, without individualized assessment of each child, and often without parental consent. Given your agreement that these

¹ Statement on Transgender Center (Feb. 9, 2023), <https://source.wustl.edu/2023/02/statement-on-transgender-center>.

² *Id.*

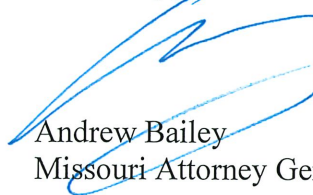
³ Whistleblower Affidavit (Feb. 7, 2023), <https://ago.mo.gov/docs/default-source/press-releases/2-07-2023-reed-affidavit---signed.pdf>.

allegations are alarming and warrant thorough investigation, the Center should not continue prescribing puberty blockers and cross-sex hormones to new patients while these investigations progress.

As you know, I have been investigating this matter for a number of weeks. As I continue to lead this multiagency investigation, I invite you to both share the findings of your internal investigation with my office, and to fully cooperate with my ongoing investigation.

Please respond to my office by February 14 about whether you will impose this moratorium to ensure that no more children are harmed during the pendency of these investigations.

Sincerely,



Andrew Bailey
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