

From: [Redfern, Jeremy T](#)
To: [ONeil, Tyler](#)
Subject: Re: Fox News Media Request: Chloe Cole testimony, backstory
Date: Sunday, July 10, 2022 6:16:46 PM

Perfect. Thanks!

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On Jul 10, 2022, at 4:44 PM, ONeil, Tyler <Tyler.ONeil@FOX.COM> wrote:

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Thanks for clarifying. I know the events are separate.

"I really didn't understand all of the ramifications of any of the medical decisions that I was making," Chloe Cole, 17, said at a public hearing Friday. She said she was medically transitioned from ages 13 to 16, taking so-called puberty-blocking drugs and testosterone, and undergoing surgery to remove her breasts at age 15. "I was unknowingly physically cutting off my true self from my body, irreversibly and painfully."

"I don't know if I'll be able to fully carry a child, and I might be at increased risk for certain cancers, mainly cervical cancer," Cole said in a separate private meeting with Florida Surgeon General Joseph Ladapo Friday, footage of which Ladapo posted on Twitter Sunday. "And because I do not have my breasts, ... I am not able to breastfeed whatever future children I have."

"That realization, actually, was one of the biggest things that led to me realizing that this was not the path that I should have taken," Cole added.

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Also - the video from the tweet is from a separate discussion. It was not video from the public rule hearing.

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On Jul 10, 2022, at 4:35 PM, ONeil, Tyler <Tyler.ONeil@FOX.COM> wrote:

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On background – the testimony involved Rule 59G-1.050 related to Medicaid services – is there a text for this? Does the new rule prevent the use of Medicaid funding for medical transition for minors?

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You can remove the capitalization.

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On Jul 10, 2022, at 4:21 PM, ONeil, Tyler
<Tyler.ONeil@FOX.COM> wrote:

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Thanks, Jeremy! Is physicians capitalized on purpose or should I uncap it in the quote?

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On Jul 10, 2022, at 5:09 PM, Redfern, Jeremy T
<Jeremy.Redfern@flhealth.gov> wrote:

Comment from the Surgeon General:

“Medicalization of minors with gender dysphoria might advance the political views of Physicians involved in their care, but the data showing any benefits for the actual children is extraordinarily thin. The affirmation model runs an unacceptably high risk of harm. Parents are threatened with fears of suicide, but the treatments have not been shown to actually reduce this risk. These patients need compassionate care of their emotional and mental well being—not to be in embroiled in political views about sex/gender.”

I will try to get you the rest of Chloe's clip tonight.

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On Jul 10, 2022, at 3:56 PM, ONeil,
Tyler <Tyler.ONeil@fox.com> wrote:

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Are there any other clips that are ready/is there a longer clip of Chloe Cole's remarks that you can send me? I have watched her remarks in the public hearing here (<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/7-8-22-agency-for-health-care-administration-hearing-on-general-medicaid-policy-rule/>) but would love to have a longer video like the one Ladapo posted.

From: ONeil, Tyler
Sent: Sunday, July 10, 2022 4:54 PM
To: Redfern, Jeremy T
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Thanks, Jeremy! I'm on the media side, so I will be making clips you send available on <http://FoxNews.com>. I will also pass this along to Fox News Channel to let them know.

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I'm working on getting a quote from the Surgeon General. I will send it to you once I have it.

And yes, you are free to use the clip across all of your platforms. They were filmed by the Department of Health and are therefore available to use by anyone. I am currently in the process of editing other clips, and I will get them to you as I get

them ready. Can you just let me know when you plan to have them air?

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On Jul 10, 2022, at 3:12 PM, O'Neil, Tyler <Tyler.O'Neil@FOX.COM> wrote:

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Thanks, Jeremy! Is there more of the event that I can watch? Would the surgeon general make a comment to Fox News on medicalizing minors with gender dysphoria and why is it important to push back on the "affirmative" care model? Is there testimony from an

endocrinologist
and/or a
psychotherapist that
you would share?

Finally, can we have
permission to use
the video of Cole
that Ladapo shared
on Fox News
Channel, Fox
Business Network,
Fox Nation, Fox
Weather and all Fox
News Edge affiliates
across all platforms
until further notice
with courtesy to
you? Do we also
need anyone else's
permission? Thank
you.

From: Redfern,
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Hey Tyler,

The Surgeon General recently had the opportunity to sit down with detransitioners, parents, and experts in pediatric endocrinology and psychotherapy.

We are going to use this opportunity to educate the public on the unacceptable harm caused by the “affirmative” care model pushed by multiple professional and government institutions.

These conversations will also be included as part of our evidence gathering for when the Board of Medicine considers the Surgeon General’s letter requesting an official practice standard.

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Jeremy, Brock,

I am writing a story about the testimony of Chloe Cole, a teenage detransitioner whose story Surgeon General Ladapo shared on Twitter this afternoon. I'd like to hear more about the testimony, if it was part of an event, and whether

it is part of an effort to educate the public on transgender issues. Would Ladapo comment on the significance of testimony from former transgender people who have suffered due to what critics may claim is a rush to embrace transgender identity and champion medical interventions that may harm patients?

<https://twitter.com/FLSurgeonGen/status/1546164557072187398>

I am working on a deadline of 5:30 p.m. eastern and would appreciate a prompt response.

Best,

Tyler O'Neil
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