

March 25th, 2024



Dear Dr. Jill Stein:

As members of the Green Alliance for Sex-Based Rights (GASBR), we are organized around our commitment to Green values. Your campaign enjoys broad support among those who pay membership dues to support our work, many of whom bring to our efforts decades of experience in the party and deep networks of relationships in multiple aspects of social justice organizing.

We wish to express concern and reservations that some in our ranks may harbor about your candidacy, arising from statements written in a Feb. 27 email published over the signature of your campaign manager, sent under your campaign letterhead, with the subject line: "Say their name: Nex Benedict."

One of our members reports that after a Jummah service at a Maryland masjid in mid February, when faced with a question from a congregant about your thoughts on gender ideology, you had assured that Muslim audience that there exists division within the Green Party on the question, and that engaging on this issue is not a personal or campaign priority for you. We had imagined perhaps that you intended to remain silent on gender ideology, at least until you had secured the nomination of the party, so initially we found that report hopeful. Now we are concerned by your campaign's email.

We are extremely troubled that your campaign wrote,

"We're only 8 weeks into 2024, and already there are nearly 500 anti-trans bills on the docket in almost every state in the nation – including SIXTY in Oklahoma and five here in Washington state."

We challenge the characterization of these bills as "anti-trans", and are asking that you not join in the indiscriminate hue and cry about hundreds of pieces of legislation, all of which your campaign could not possibly have even read, let alone thoroughly reviewed.

As GASBR, although we ourselves lack the staff to have read these nearly 500 bills, we know from long experience that the legislation labeled as "anti-trans" by the Democratic Party's culture warriors¹ address real concerns by large parts of the population and electorate. For example, about two-thirds of polled adults challenge the medical transitioning of minors^{2 3}, and similar numbers wish to protect all-

¹ As reflected by the editorial choices made in naming some of the articles cited in our footnotes.

² "Most Americans support anti-trans policies favored by GOP, poll shows"

<https://www.washingtonpost.com/education/2023/05/05/trans-poll-gop-politics-laws/>

³ "Americans' Complex Views on Gender Identity and Transgender Issues"

<https://www.pewresearch.org/social-trends/2022/06/28/americans-complex-views-on-gender-identity-and-transgender-issues/>

female sports teams^{4 5 6}, showers, changing rooms, hospital wards, and prison cells from intrusion by males identifying as female. Regardless of protestations by gender ideologists, families across the political spectrum are concerned for the safety, privacy, and dignity of female family members including mothers, sisters and daughters. Labeling concerns about these matters "anti-trans" in a blanket way excludes the majority of adults, including large parts of the constituency to which you wish to appeal. Doing so also associates your campaign with the Democrats' demonization of all dissent from their agenda, potentially associating your campaign with their McCarthyist suppression of free speech and attacks on the jobs and livelihoods of feminists.

Certainly as defenders of traditional patriarchal values, Republicans seek to shut down free inquiry by young people and all viewpoints other than the sex-stereotyped one embraced by some of their religious base. We find it extremely ironic that gender ideologists show loyalty to these exact same sex-stereotypes. They advance a twisted logic that encourages young people to self-identify out of a sex-binary by identifying with the stereotypes associated with the opposite sex, while at the same time denying and rejecting the biological material reality and reproductive capacity of their healthy natal bodies.

Among our concerns is the homophobia inherent in the trans-away-the-gay protocols which these days are passed off as so-called "gender affirming care." Replicated in the scientific literature are multiple reports that the use of watchful waiting (actively engaging these gender confused young people with therapeutic evaluation using talk therapy), results in 70-90% of them growing up to be well adjusted lesbian and gay adults. There is also concern that vulnerable youth, including autistic children and victims of child sexual abuse, are being swept up in this trend.

Conversely, the evidence suggests that early medical intervention, and in some studies even social transition and "affirmation," seem to lock young people into a course which bypasses the vitally necessary physical and psychosocial maturation process afforded by puberty. Prescribing puberty blockers, followed by cross-sex hormonal interventions, poses iatrogenic harms to their long-term health, including sterilization, increased risk of suicidality, issues with bone and likely brain development, and otherwise shortened lifespans. Puberty is NOT a disease.

⁴ "Two of three voters don't want biological males playing female sports"

https://www.thecentersquare.com/national/article_d92e61d6-4184-11ee-b811-8f28243a04e6.html

⁵ "More Polls Show Voters Will Punish Democrats For Pushing An Extreme 'Trans' Agenda: Bad ideas will fare badly in elections"

<https://www.thedistancemag.com/p/more-polls-show-voters-will-punish>

⁶ Jeffrey M. Jones, "More Say Birth Gender Should Dictate Sports Participation"

<https://news.gallup.com/poll/507023/say-birth-gender-dictate-sports-participation.aspx>

The Green Party must demand that the grown-ups in the room critically examine the harmful narratives offered to us by the Democrats, as well as by the Republicans. This is true with respect to the policies advanced by the Biden Administration giving material support and diplomatic cover to the crimes against humanity and war crimes being suffered in Palestine. It is equally true for the policies being advanced by the Democrats giving cover to today's most troubling medical scandal, described as crimes against humanity by multiple analysts.

The scandal of pediatric gender medicine enriches the pharmaceutical industry (to the tune of a lifetime customer value of \$1 million-plus) at the expense of the health and welfare of self-diagnosed minor children, many of whom are caught up in a [social contagion](#)^{7 8}. This scandal is on a par with the Nobel Committee recognizing in 1949 Dr. António Egas Moniz for his development of the prefrontal lobotomy. It ranks with the birth defects resulting from prescriptions for Thalidomide and is as disturbing and shameful as the pharmaceutical misconduct that led to the opioid epidemic of the past decade. Even the *New York Times*⁹ is beginning to cover the scandal.

Getting back to your letter of February 27th, it seems to react, seemingly without thorough investigation, to a narrative being driven on social media by gender ideologists that Ms. Benedict's untimely death is the result of transphobic violence. However, a videotaped interview by police of Dagny Benedict failed to mention this as a possible motive. And the Owasso Oklahoma Police Department [has reported on its Facebook page](#)¹⁰ that "preliminary information from the medical examiner's office is that a complete autopsy was performed and indicated that the decedent ***did not die as a result of trauma.***" On Thursday, March 14th, toxicology reports suggested her death was the result of suicide.

We urge you to read [the analysis by Matt Osborne](#)¹¹ which examines the bullying at play in Dagny Benedict's 'posthumous conversion and martyrization'. The 22-minute bodycam video of the interview by the school resource officer of Ms. Benedict and her mother is embedded at this link, and is most informative.

⁷ Suzanna Diaz & J. Michael Bailey, *Rapid Onset Gender Dysphoria: Parent Reports on 1655 Possible Cases* <https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10508-023-02576-9>

⁸ Lisa Littman, *Parent reports of adolescents and young adults perceived to show signs of a rapid onset of gender dysphoria* <https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0202330>

⁹ "As Kids, They Thought They Were Trans. They No Longer Do."

<https://www.nytimes.com/2024/02/02/opinion/transgender-children-gender-dysphoria.html>

¹⁰ Owasso Oklahoma Police Department facebook page post on preliminary investigation report

[https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?](https://www.facebook.com/permalink.php?story_fbid=pfbid02gB7431Tbt2aZw49pBwWj3BevRYFx83tbdaLF8nZWky7Yc48K9hBq3eCi1rVv452u)

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See also: KJRH.com – "Governor Stitt releases statement on death of 16-year-old Owasso student"

<https://www.kjrh.com/here-s-what-we-know-about-the-death-of-a-nonbinary-oklahoma-teen>

¹¹ Matt Osborne, "Her Name Was Dagny Benedict. The Pride Flag Mafia Changed Her Name To 'Nex'" <https://www.thedistancemag.com/p/her-name-was-dagney-benedict-make>

Several in our ranks are extremely concerned that you would misuse your campaign's list to solicit funds for the Trevor Project as was the case in the February 27th email. A growing number of sources have cited evidence that this organization exposes minors to inappropriate conversations with adults of a sexual nature; conversations that look suspiciously like grooming by predators of vulnerable children. Their target audience of 'young people' includes an age range up to 25, risking inappropriate adult interaction with sometimes young teenagers in private chats and forums intended to facilitate meeting local "peers."

Whether children are being exposed to pedophiles using Trevor's online tools or not, it is clear that the door is being opened to that possibility. It is also clear that minors are being fast-tracked for medicalization for gender issues by "peer counselors," who lack the training, experience, or credentials to properly evaluate patients for co-morbidities, histories of abuse, or alternatives to affirming ideologically pre-determined self-diagnosis. The Trevor Project is also using Chatbots like "Drew" and "Riley" for training these counselors in crisis intervention, a practice that is almost certainly inadequate. A more responsible approach would be to refer young people in crisis to professionally trained clinicians for thorough evaluation. For more on this subject we urge that you read these links from the [Gays Against Groomers](https://www.radar.gaysagainstgroomers.com/post/trevorspace-a-pedophile-s-paradise)¹² site, the [Parents with Inconvenient Truths about Trans](https://www.pittparents.com/p/the-trevor-project-undercover-mom)¹³¹⁴ as well as news investigation¹⁵ and [How Chatbots are Being Used to Train Crisis Counselors](https://www.cnn.com/2021/12/07/tech/trevor-project-ai-trains-crisis-counselors/index.html)¹⁶.

We realize the term "grooming" may elicit particular outrage from those promoting gender ideology as its use has been dismissed and derogated as a "slur." It is important to understand that the term "grooming" has been in the therapeutic parlance for many years, and is used to indicate the ways in which sexual predators condition their targets for sexual exploitation by gaining their trust¹⁷.

¹² Michael Costa, TrevorSpace: A Pedophile's Paradise

<https://www.radar.gaysagainstgroomers.com/post/trevorspace-a-pedophile-s-paradise>

¹³ The Trevor Project: Undercover Mom <https://www.pittparents.com/p/the-trevor-project-undercover-mom>

¹⁴ Why does the Trevor Project want to separate kids from their parents?

<https://www.pittparents.com/p/why-does-the-trevor-project-want>

¹⁵ [Wisconsin Schools Connect Kids to Site Described as 'Pedophile's Paradise'](https://tennesseestar.com/news/wisconsin-schools-connect-kids-to-site-described-as-pedophiles-paradise/mkittle/2023/01/18/)

<https://tennesseestar.com/news/wisconsin-schools-connect-kids-to-site-described-as-pedophiles-paradise/mkittle/2023/01/18/>

¹⁶ How Chatbots are Being Used to Train Crisis Counselors

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/12/07/tech/trevor-project-ai-trains-crisis-counselors/index.html>

¹⁷ How Sex Offenders Groom Their Victims

<https://www.psychologytoday.com/intl/blog/men-too/202108/how-sex-offenders-groom-their-victims>

and RAINN (Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network) Grooming: Know the Warning Signs

<https://www.rainn.org/news/grooming-know-warning-signs>

It is particularly egregious when individuals or groups using the term to correctly identify these behaviors (for example, adults crossing boundaries by inviting close physical contact or intimate conversations with minors), to then be accused of “smearing” the adults engaging in this questionable behavior. This attempt at gaslighting the person/s exposing the truth is a well-known tactic¹⁸ perpetrators and their enablers utilize in order to deflect attention away from their exploitative behavior, and is a distortion of reality. The group, *Gays Against Groomers*, who are struggling to dissociate the gay community from those who would exploit vulnerable children, has been the recipient of such a distortion.

We need to be aware of these dynamics so that we do not perpetuate this attempt to de-legitimize the use of a term coined by the disciplines working to prevent abuse, which recognizes how predators condition their intended victims for exploitation. It would be wise to not align ourselves with possible predators, as many on the ideologically-captured left are doing, by supporting their claim that it is they who are being “smeared.”

The ideologues who have weaponized cancel culture in the Green Party and on the broader left political spectrum ignore the nuance of political differences and dismiss organizations like GAG and GASBR alike, which raise these concerns, by using *ad hominem* and guilt-by-association attacks. But our politics must not be built on logical fallacies. It should be rooted in material reality.

We ask you, using your expertise as a medical doctor, to please take the time to consider the medical science related to what is euphemistically called “gender affirmation medicine,” particularly as it relates to juvenile patients. A growing number of national and state/provincial jurisdictions have conducted or are conducting comprehensive reviews of these [WPATH](#)-supported¹⁹ ²⁰ protocols. These reviews have consistently found that the that “(t)he body of research making these claims is not scientifically reliable.” These systematic reviews of the evidence identify a growing number of adverse impacts suffered by young people being subjected to these protocols, leading countries²¹ like Sweden, Norway, Finland and the UK to ban or severely restrict what is marketed here directly to consumers, as “gender affirming care” for minors. We recommend this nine-page paper as a good place to understand the concerns raised by a look at the scientific evidence.

[Five Things Every Parent and Policy-Maker Should Know](#)²²

¹⁸ Jennifer J. Freyd, PhD, “What is DARVO?” <https://dynamic.uoregon.edu/jjf/defineDARVO.html>

¹⁹ Beyond WPATH – <https://beyondwpath.org/>

²⁰ “The WPATH Files”: https://environmentalprogress.org/s/U_WPATH-Report-and-Files.pdf
<https://www.newsnationnow.com/lgbtq/files-debate-transgender-health-authority/>

²¹ “Increasing Number Of European Nations Adopt A More Cautious Approach To Gender-Affirming Care Among Minors” – <https://www.forbes.com/sites/joshuacohen/2023/06/06/increasing-number-of-european-nations-adopt-a-more-cautious-approach-to-gender-affirming-care-among-minors/>

²² Institute for Research and Evaluation, *Five Things Every Parent and Policy-Maker Should Know*

Please consider the polling data cited above, and listen to the growing number of voices of parents, who know their children far better than do the “counselors” at the Trevor Project, or the Jack Turbans²³ of the gender medicine world, who prescribe a one-size-fits-all protocol on every young person who has self-diagnosed under the influence of social contagion as “gender dysphoric.” Our website provides guidance for parents seeking to defend their children from the gender lobby, and provides links to several critical resources useful to their parental responsibilities. We hope you will take the time to familiarize yourself with the work of the organizations [highlighted at this link](#)²⁴.

Please be assured that we most emphatically applaud your denunciation of the corporate parties' enthusiastic participation in the genocide in Gaza, among many other issues being advanced by your campaign.

We offer these thoughts and resources with the intention and hope that you will move forward to help the US electorate understand that the Green Party is capable of fielding candidates as grounded in reality and as capable of critical thinking on matters of domestic concern and the protection of our children at home, as they are on questions of foreign policy and the protection of children abroad.

We seek an opportunity to work vigorously and enthusiastically for a Presidential slate as committed to protecting the hard-won rights of women as is the dues-paying membership of the Green Alliance for Sex-Based Rights. We remain determined to see the Equal Rights Amendment recognized as part of the Constitution, and we again ask that you incorporate in your stump speech a visible and vocal calling out of the Biden Administration for its obstruction of the ratified ERA during your campaign, and publicly stress your commitment to its publication as your first act as President. *It is not sufficient for us that you answer the question when put.* We want to see you champion the ERA and we want to see your campaign reap the benefits at the polls among the millions of women's rights supporters that doing so will offer.

Thank you for your consideration of our concerns.

Sincerely,
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Green Alliance for Sex-Based Rights

https://institute-research.com/pdf/Transgender_Research--5_Questions_for_Parents_%26_Policymakers_%28IRE%209-26-22%29.pdf

²³ Jack Turban has gained a reputation for ideologically driven research of poor design and questionable conclusions.

²⁴ GASBR Political Education Webliography, Chapter 07a. “Immediate Help for Parents of Gender-confused children” https://greenalliance.sexbasedrights.org/political_education/resources/help_for_parents_of_genderconfused_children

ADDENDUM: Thoughts on the Political Implications for Accepting our Counsel

We understand you may fear intense pushback should you fail to acquiesce to the demands of the Lavender Caucus and its vocal supporters within the Green Party's ranks, as gender ideologues have captured the party which many GASBR members helped to build.

The authoritarian nature of this group's demands does not prioritize the good of the Green Party, nor the values on which it was founded, nor your campaign, nor the good of citizens and residents of our nation we organize to serve, nor those of the global community which we envision our nation joining as a sovereign member in good standing. As with any authoritarian faction, their focus is on their own power rather than the best interests of the Green Party, their own members, or the best interests of the electorate at large.

Your concern may be justified, but we suggest that should you ignore the counsel we have offered here, there may likely be serious consequences at the polls in November, given the growing opposition to the disregard of the sex-based rights of women and girls and the growing outrage of parents over their minor children being channeled into harmful, experimental, and life-altering treatments such as puberty blockers, cross-sex hormones, double mastectomies, and genital surgeries, without their knowledge.

The Green Alliance for Sex-Based Rights continues to offer its valuable counsel on our areas of expertise. It would benefit both your campaign and GASBR to have us advise you from inside the campaign, rather than to be left with no option but to offer our critique publicly from the sidelines, where we would join a chorus of two-thirds of the electorate who agree with us on the issues raised above.

We urge that you ignore those who assert there should be no debate on the concerns we raise. We look forward to hearing you address these issues as soon as possible in order to provide maximum benefit to your campaign. There is nothing Green nor democratic about efforts to shut down debate on the issues which divide us, and to accede to such authoritarian demands violates the Green Party's most fundamental values including democracy, respect for diversity, feminism, consensus building, and such fundamental human rights as free speech, and respect for dissenting viewpoints which are foundational to a just society.

We have waited patiently for your response to our request of seven months ago. We would really like a prompt response to this letter. We renew our offer to put you in touch with an expert on the ERA. We want you to be well prepared on this topic so that you don't miss valuable opportunities to educate voters on the Constitutional crisis we face with two administrations refusing to publish the fully ratified ERA. Incorporating this issue into your stump speech will allow you to win to your

campaign a growing segment of the electorate that cares deeply about women's rights, to clearly distinguish yourself from your political opponents, and, of crucial importance, to leverage the attention of the electorate during this campaign season to build support for immediate executive action to publish the ERA, long before the close of the polls.

We also can put you in touch with one of our members who has worked for decades with victims of sexual abuse and youthful sex offenders as a licensed family therapist. This long-time Green activist can share some vital insights on the urgency of addressing the psychological harms being inflicted on children by gender ideology and the affirmation model, and the unethical practice of promoting them. Many therapists do not agree with the sex denialism and treatment protocols being pushed by the pharmaceutical industry and enabled by government regulations, but are reticent to speak out as they face possible sanction from their professional organizations and licensing boards. So too have activists within the Green Party faced the chilling effect of sanctions imposed to enforce the no-debate edicts of gender authoritarians.

You have demonstrated your courage to confront the powers and principalities driving US militarism around the globe and the industrial complex driving catastrophic climate change. We hope that you will summon up the same kind of bravery to question gender ideology and expose the threats it poses to the rights of women and the health of children. With our help, you can better navigate the anti-democratic cancel culture which is rotting away our civil society and curtailing our freedoms, including inside the Green Party. We would not seek to engage with you if there were not substantial support for you within our ranks because of your courage and honesty on these issues.

Consider this an invitation that you reach out to our officers to engage in a dialogue about how your campaign might best navigate the obstacles as you position yourself on the side of the *scientific evidence* which the authoritarian cult of gender identity urges us all to ignore. We invite you to join us for a call, which we will be happy to set up in order to discuss these issues.

It's in your hands.

We look forward to hearing from you soon.