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Group Insurance Board
Dept. of Employee Trust Funds
P.O. Box 7931, Madison, WI

Dear Members of the Group Insurance Board,

I was disappointed to learn that the Group Insurance Board has reinstated the exclusion for gender identity services.

I have a friend, now a pre-med student at Oberlin College, who is the person he is and wants to be thanks to testosterone injections. He and his mother, who is a UW-Madison faculty member, can afford the cost if necessary (and they were also able to pay for top surgery), but we all worry for those who can't. I don't see gender identity as a cosmetic choice, especially after observing the years of thought and preparation that this mother and son went through before proceeding with the gender change.

Thank you for reading this, and for adding me to the numbers of Wisconsin residents who urge you to repeal this exclusion.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liz Vowles".

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