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The Honorable Members of the House Judiciary Committee
United States House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.

Dear Members of the Committee,

The Coalition for Jewish Values, representing over 2,500 traditional, Orthodox rabbis nationwide, writes in strong support of H.R. 7651, the Chloe Cole Act of 2026. This bill provides a necessary private right of action for children—and their parents—whose healthy bodies have been damaged by medical interventions that intentionally disrupt natural biological development.

Jewish moral teaching tells us that we not only have an obligation to guard our health (Deuteronomy 4:15), but to not provide harmful advice to others (Leviticus 19:14), much less to cause harm to them directly when they, as children, are incapable of making life-altering decisions for themselves. H.R. 7651 reflects that moral duty by ensuring accountability, preserving legitimate medical exceptions, and granting victims meaningful time to seek justice.

To those who protest that this will have a chilling effect on doctors and hospitals willing to perform these procedures, we understand this, and that is exactly the point. Fear of just consequences is one compelling reason why people choose to refrain from harmful and barbaric actions every day.

We urge the Committee to advance this legislation promptly. Protecting children from irreversible medical injury is a moral imperative shared by traditions and communities across the country.

Yours sincerely,

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