Rep. Dittrich: Responds to SSM health decision

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Madison – Representative Barbara Dittrich (*R – Oconomowoc*) issued the following statement regarding SSM Health's decision to halt mastectomies, castrations, and other surgeries intended to alter an individual's gender.

"I applaud SSM Health's brave decision to remain consistent with their faith values. It is one thing to perform these surgeries on adults, but making such painful and permanent changes to minors is particularly concerning. We are seeing a disturbing uptick in these surgeries that suggest social influences.

"I support our Governor declaring this the 'Year of Mental Health,' and would prefer to see solid help for those who are suffering rather than these expensive, agonizing procedures that do nothing to improve the mental and emotional well-being of people."