



Eagle Council XLVIII

Friday, 9/23/22

4:30 pm

Speaker: González, Quena — Quena González leads Family Research Council's government affairs division. Under the direction of the Vice President for Policy & Government Affairs, he directs FRC's federal and state legislative policy agendas on life, family, and religious liberty. He also directs FRC's partnership with the [Family Policy Councils](#), a national network of independent state policy organizations that share FRC's commitment to the great issues of our day. During his first decade at FRC Quena led FRC's State & Local office from a single position to a team of four tracking hundreds of state bills each year across five dozen issues.

Quena is a Washington veteran. Prior to coming to FRC in 2011, he worked for nearly a decade as a Capitol Hill staffer on human rights, as a consultant, and as a non-profit entrepreneur helping bootstrap an environmental public policy think tank. He has been involved in dozens of pro-family public policy campaigns, including five legislative campaigns to protect minors from gender transition procedures, and is a long-time observer of the pro-family movement.

Title: Save Adolescents from Experimentation: Writing and enacting state legislation to protect minors from gender transition procedures

Action points:

1. Pray, and enlist intercessors. The spiritual element of protecting children from life-long harms is intense. Cover your team, your sponsors, and your legislators in prayer.
2. Start early, and communicate often with your sponsors, with your key gatekeepers, and with your supporters. This issue takes a LOT of education.
3. Identify your sponsors now, and begin racking up co-sponsors before introduction. Especially seek sponsorship from committee chairs (both chambers) and majority leadership (again, in both chambers).
4. Move quickly. Plan ahead of time, before introduction, for the timeline for introduction, hearings, and passage. Do not give opponents time to blow this up.
5. Establish and stick to your messaging, and drill your legislators and coalition partners. Line up your witnesses ahead of time, and bring them in to brief members. Introduce sponsors and gatekeepers to victims.

6. Gather a coalition. This bill, more than most, will take a “whole team” effort. What other organizations in your state need to be involved from day one?
7. Let me know how we can help: statepolicy@frc.org. Family Research Council stands ready to assist with strategy, drafting, initial meetings with sponsors, meeting with committee members and leadership, briefings for legislative leadership, caucuses, and the executive.