



### **Why I'm Running**

My name is Amanda Eberts, I was born and raised in Kenner Louisiana by my parents Lori and Timothy Eberts. I grew up right off Vintage Dr. and went to St.Elizabeth Ann Seton School until the 6th grade. I then transferred to Kenner Discovery Health Science Academy where I finished out my High School career in their second graduating class. After graduation I immediately started my career as an Emergency Medical Technician and completed technical school to become nationally registered. After earning my certification as an EMT I continued my education at Louisiana State University majoring in Kinesiology. While at LSU I became heavily involved in Turning Point USA, a nonprofit/nonpartisan national organization whose goal is to spread conservative American values on college and high school campuses. After a year of being involved on campus promoting free speech and constitutional values, I was offered a full time position with Turning Point working in their brand new High School department. I took the job and for the past year have been covering over 1,400 High Schools across three states with the mission to change the future of this country by engaging our youth. During my time with TPUSA I have been able to testify on three different bills at the capitol, speak at countless school board meetings, and change the lives of Louisiana students.

While doing some outreach at the capitol I became aware of Representative Joe Stagni. I knew he was my district's rep but did not know anything else about him. The first thing I ever learned about Rep. Stagni, was that he voted to allow transgender boys to compete in women's sports. At first I didn't believe this was possible. I thought there was no way someone who claims to be a republican, and represented my own district could vote in that way. I was very VERY wrong.

House bill 648, effectively banning the gender transitions of minors, came into the Health and Welfare committee. A committee that Joe Stagni is a part of and has the ability to vote in. When this bill made its way to the floor, I went to the capital and sat in the committee room for five and a half hours, listening to every word of testimony and personally testifying. After all of the testimonies and back and forth, I sat and watched Rep Stagni cast his vote. He voted to ALLOW minors to undergo gender reassignment surgeries. He voted to allow young, perfectly healthy boys and girls to undergo gender mutilation surgeries. This includes mastectomies, penectomies, puberty blockers, and many other non-reversible forms of “gender affirming care”. After watching him cast his vote I knew something had to be done. From there, after countless phone calls and an outpour of support from family, friends, and neighbors I made the decision to run. I am not a politician by any means and despise those who run for their own political gain. I am running because I see a problem and want to do everything in my power to fix it. Joe Stagni does not deserve his seat and does not deserve to represent the people of our city.