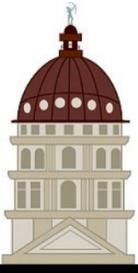




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## ‘Please do not put them in harm’s way’

### Trans men sue Kansas over new law and fear for safety

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Two transgender men who are suing the state government say they fear for their safety because of a new anti-transgender law.

The two anonymous transgender men are the plaintiffs in a case filed by the ACLU of Kansas against the state. The lawsuit challenges Senate Bill 244,

which took effect Feb. 26 after the Republican supermajorities in the Kansas Legislature overrode a veto by Democratic Gov. Laura Kelly.

The plaintiffs are using the pseudonyms Daniel Doe and Matthew Moe. Their attorneys said they “wish to remain anonymous in this litigation due to their fear of harassment, discrimination, and violence against themselves or their immediate families, as well as their desire to not reveal sensitive and

personal medical information to the public.”

Their attorneys said Doe and Moe “are not publicly out as transgender.”

While the general public would not know their names, the defendants would know their identities. The defendants include Republican Attorney General Kris Kobach, as well as state agencies and agency leadership under Kelly.

“I implore the court and the defense to please recognize the real life humans

that these laws impact,” Doe said in a declaration. “I am not asking you to agree with transgender people, but please do not intentionally put them in harm’s way by denying their lived reality.”

**Trans plaintiffs will be affected by bathroom bill and ID law**

The law prohibits transgender Kansans from changing the sex or gender marker on their driver’s license and

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## Lawmakers divided on Iran war powers

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After the United States took military action against Iran, two of the six Kansans in Congress publicly questioned President Donald Trump’s war powers.

Trump described Operation Epic Fury against Iran as “one of the largest, most complex, most overwhelming military offensives the world has ever seen.”

“Combat operations continue at this time in full force, and they will continue until all of our objectives are achieved,” Trump said in a video posted to social media.

### Two Kansas congressmen raise constitutional questions

The U.S. Constitution vests Congress with the power to declare war. However, the War Powers Act does authorize the president to take some military actions while also requiring notification to Congress.

U.S. Sen. Jerry Moran, R-Kansas, was the only Republican in the state’s congressional delegation to publicly call into question Trump’s war powers.

“Our Constitution vests the decision to take our nation to war in Congress,” Moran said in a Feb. 28 social media post. “When American forces are engaged or may be further committed, the administration should provide full, timely briefings to Congress so that we can understand the objectives, risks and costs for continued or expanded military action.”

U.S. Rep. Sharice Davids, D-Kansas, who is the only Democrat in the state’s congressional delegation, also questioned Trump’s military actions.

“The President has not been granted congressional approval for these acts of war,” Davids said in a Feb. 28 social media post. At the least, this administration must immediately answer to Congress on its objectives, legal justification, and plans to prevent the unnecessary death of American service members.”

The Trump administration has

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Kansas lawmakers are questioning an abandoned plan by Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks secretary Christopher Kennedy that would have reshaped the department. TOPEKA CAPITAL-JOURNAL FILE PHOTOS

## Lawmaker tries to push back against secretary

### Scrapped plan to reorganize Parks and Wildlife draws ire from legislator

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Kansas Department of Parks and Wildlife Secretary Christopher Kennedy recently nixed a plan that would have reshaped the agency’s law enforcement apparatus by stripping dozens of officers of their official classifications.

Some lawmakers contend that Kennedy abandoned his plan after internal strife led to mounting political pressure. But Kennedy said the decision was made after carefully considering feedback from agency personnel, legislators and public stakeholders.

“Culture change is hard,” he said.

An internal memo issued by Kennedy to KDPW personnel in late January outlined plans that would have reclassified

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Sen. Virgil Peck, R-Havana, is attempting to prevent the secretary of the Kansas Department of Parks and Wildlife from reorganizing the department.

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