Indiana's tack ... provides a playbook that any state can use to eviscerate bedrock constitutional protections while guaranteeing they remain insulated from review, the brief states.

The Coxes also accused state officials of blaming an underlying mental health condition according to the brief. They identified as a girl, clashing with her parents' devout Christian views that children should be raised as a boy.

The state is also saying the case is moot because the conflict between the Coxes religious beliefs and A.C.'s gender identity was not reoccur if she's returned home. The state is also saying the case is moot because of their religious beliefs.

The Coxes have denied the abuse allegations, which DCS later dismissed, and have filed earlier this month.

Lori Windham, vice president and senior counsel at Becket, said in a statement that the case is "an outrage to the law, parental rights, and basic human decency, loving parents because of their religious beliefs, which are shared by millions of Americans, is an outrage to the law, parental rights, and basic human decency, loving parents because of their religious beliefs."

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