

Dear Chair Doherty and Members of the Committee,

As a parent, I oppose this bill because it is not the place of the State to assess my children's medical or mental health. As a parent, it is both my right and responsibility to see to the well being of my children. It is very concerning to see this type of legislation, separating parents from their children, leaving the State to act as guardians making decisions which will affect families as a whole.

It is a grave over reach of government for the State to assume a role in the Medical and mental health of minors; with assessments leading to counseling, and/or medical treatments. A parent, who has the best interest of their children at heart, should exclusively and with absolute authority make any and all such decisions for their minor children.

Regards,
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