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I STRONGLY OPPOSE HB 2002

This bill does more than modify provisions relating to access to reproductive health care. This bill expands on legalizes child abuse permitting children to make potentially life altering decisions that they are not mentally or emotionally equipped to make. It also expands on usurping parental authority by not making parental notification mandatory. Without parental notification, there is a distinct possibility that abuse or even sex trafficking could be covered up.

This bill also allows minor children to take abortion drugs without parental notification, possibly putting their health at risk. Medication abortion pills are dangerous with repeated use, and they are already easy to get by high schools girls.

It extends to all reproduction and not just termination and makes gender-affirming treatment a covered insurance benefit. This will raise the cost of health insurance significantly at a time when universal care is being considered.

Creates student health reproductive services with same requirements and adds requirement for higher education to provide contraception dispensers and medication abortions. Another expensive cost.

Provides grants to create a pilot for two federally qualified health centers in underserved areas to provide expanded reproductive health services - is the funding for the Planned Parenthood facility on the Idaho border?

Repeals criminal provisions relating to concealing birth. It protects from public records the names of professionals that provide physical and behavioral health care services and who provides reproductive and gender-affirming health care services - how do you access these services without knowing the providers?