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I oppose HB 2002. Reproductive health care of our children should be discussed within the family. The family is not the enemy but raises the child and teaches them how to be productive adults. That requires open communication. This bill treats the family as the enemy and allows children who are not yet emotionally and mentally mature to make life changing decisions without the benefit and support of the family. It also encourages the keeping of secrets within families and harms communication. I work in the mental health field and have observed the devastating effects on family's that keep secrets and don't communicate. This bill treats the family as an impediment and the state as the best one to raise the child. The family raises the children and their rights in doing so should not be diminished.