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I strongly oppose HB 2002. A girl as young as 15 is too young to decide the future for her and her baby. Terminating a pregnancy is something she should discuss with her parents. In some cases there may be abuse, trafficking or exploitation that could be brought out if the parents knew about the pregnancy and be able to help their daughter with all aspects of what she is going through. Abusers could take the young girl to get an abortion and continue the process as the girls' expense.

If parents do not know about their daughters' abortion or sterilization and there are complications, that is completely unfair to the parents. Sterilization should not be decided at a young age. Not wanting children when you are a teenager is probably fairly common but allowing them to make a permanent decision to get sterilized is something that should be discussed with their parents.

I strongly oppose HB 2002. It is too extreme.