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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I am opposed to HB2002 !

A society is only as strong as the strength of families. The contents of this amendment will further erode the positive influence families have on children. An operative word i am using here is "children". We rightly forbid people under the age of 18 to smoke. We forbid children under the age of 16 to drive an automobile. We trust the judgement of responsible parents in these situations. Why is our legislature taking so many actions against families.

In addition to these facts, the proposals will increase costs for responsible, hard-working taxpayers. They also seek to criminalize people and institutions, including medical institutions, who oppose these acts.

The bill even admits to the fact that sex is determined at birth. A 15 year old lacks the maturity to make a sound decision on their sex. They will most likely be influenced to make decisions from people who are likely to take advantage and prey upon those youths.

This bill is just wrong, and caters to small group of people who wish to impose their ideals onto the majority of us who know better, and will not be fooled, nor bullied into submission to a false doctrine.

Please vote against this bill and all attempts to modify it and push it through later.

Thank you.