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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

There are so many serious reasons to oppose HB2002, it's hard to know where to begin or limit them to just a few:

*15-year-old children are not mature enough to make permanent life and death decisions such as taking the abortion pill especially without their parents' knowledge. Who will be there to know when she has an allergic reaction and why? Who will be there when she begins hemorrhaging on the school bus on the way home? In study hall or PE? What 15-year-old girl do you know who has the maturity to handle this kind of situation? Who will pay her medical bills if the abortion is incomplete, and she develops an infection? If she has actually experienced a tubal pregnancy which is a life-threatening condition? Who will report it if the pregnancy is the result of rape, incest, or child trafficking?

*15-year-old children do not have the maturity to make permanent body altering decisions such as castration and mastectomies not to mention subjecting their young developing bodies to life changing chemicals.

*If you tie their hands and force our medical professionals to be a part of something they know is harmful or debilitating to their patients, you will be damaging the profession and force good medical practitioners to walk away. We can't afford that!

*No one has the right to interfere with the parent-child relationship! Is the state going to pick up the medical tab when things go wrong? When this child decides 2 years later, they want to change back and live as a biological male or female as determined by their DNA? Will the state pay for the funeral expenses incurred when this confused, misled child commits suicide? Will the state pay for psychological counseling to deal with the confusion this child experiences either by emotional confusion or those changes brought on by interrupting their hormonal development?

This is bad for children, bad for families, and bad for our state. Please do not support HB2002.

Sincerely,
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