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I have a personal experience from age 17 I would like to share. I was pressured by my high school boyfriend into having an abortion without my parents knowledge. To this day (45 years later) I still regret my decision. In retrospect If I would have told my older and wiser parents, they would have offered other options like raising the baby in a loving environment or adopting the baby out to loving parents who couldn't conceive their own. When I went to Planned Parenthood I was not given any other options but abortion, and I hastily chose this inhumane procedure. You see minors are not mature enough to realize the consequences for their decisions. This is why I feel abortion or gender reassignment for a minor without the parents consent is not a good idea and I oppose house bill 2002. I now feel very fortunate to have a grown son and daughter and 4 grandchildren, because I know some women who have had an abortion and could not conceive later in life when they wanted to.