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Health care facilities should not have the right to direct minor children apart from parental guidance except if 18 years of age or older. Health care facilities should not be protected if/when they direct minor children in health care and/or gender-affirming treatment apart from the parent's knowledge and/or involvement. Nor should health care facilities have the right to direct minor children other than their own children in major life decisions particularly related to gender-affirming treatment, but rather to involve the minor child's parent in those decisions. A parent finding out about health care facilities directing their minor children in such measures is absolutely entitled to defend their children-and absolutely shouldn't be prosecuted for doing so- even according to *Troxel v. Granville*, 530 U.S. 57, 65 (2000) which ruled, "The United States Supreme Court has repeatedly recognized that parents have a fundamental constitutional right to direct the upbringing of their minor children. Indeed, the legal rights of "parents in the care, custody, and control of their children . . . is perhaps the oldest of the fundamental liberty interests recognized by this Court." I completely oppose this bill.