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On Behalf Of:

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I am asking you do something. Though, intentions may be aimed at helping young people, the destruction of children's lives and of good and decent families will be left traumatized at best from decisions facilitated and coerced by adults outside, and away from, their families. Stop this legislation.

Children are just that. Kids. Young people. It takes time for our minds to develop and to reach maturity. We don't let kids buy cigarettes, get tattoos, or a myriad of other things.

Who helps a child decide to be sterilized, to abort a baby at any time during gestation, to have medical procedures without the parent's knowledge of it happening? My child could be in their room in pain, or having physical or mental distress and trauma and I as a parent shouldn't know that?

Who helps them: Our culture, pop culture, celebrities, media, and the group-think of peers--which some have called the pooling of ignorance--because they are at the same development levels, and "professionals" with biases influence our kids dramatically.

Personally, I would not have wanted to disappoint my mom and it would have been hard to divulge things but what if I had went and had surgery of some sort because a school counselor wanted to help me avoid learning how to have tough talks? My mom would have loved me through it but I wouldn't have understood that at 15.

Legislative intervention to help kids managing tough choices with their parents would be one thing, but considering this as law? What? This is not protecting our children. We do not need to wait to see the damage in 10 or 20 years from HB 2002. At 15 if I made any of the tough, life altering decisions, I know beyond a shadow of doubt, I would fight the grief and guilt, the ramifications physically and mentally, daily.

Our State ranks horribly on everything from mental health, addiction, education, ecetera. Don't add to the depression rates, the suicide rates, substance abuse rates, please, don't do it!

Thank you for your service to our State.

Sincerely,

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