

Hi, I'm Hannah Childs, I live in Washington County and I'm against Measure 2002 as I know it is critical for parents to know when their child is having a medical procedure such as an abortion. A few years ago, I became aware of someone whose daughter had, without her parent's knowledge or consent, engaged in an abortion procedure, and there were complications. Had they known, they could've gotten their daughter the medical treatment she needed, but instead, sadly, she died from those complications.

You love your children and want to nurture, help them and protect them, but it is difficult to protect them if you don't know that they have had a major medical procedure and need support.

After the birth of my son, a couple of years later I had a miscarriage at 12 weeks and had a DNC at my Doctor's recommendation. My body didn't respond well and I needed additional support. I can only imagine being a scared young teenage girl not knowing what to do and not realizing her parents would likely do whatever it takes to make sure she's okay, if only they were aware of what was going on.

As someone much wiser than me asked, If you're child asks for bread, would you give them a snake or a stone? No, of course not! We're not all perfect people, but we love our kids, and want to help them navigate well and stay alive through the often turbulent teen years. Nobody else loves your kids quite like you do, as their parent. There are always exceptions, however the vast majority of parents want the best for their kids and shouldn't be penalized or have their child's life put at risk because a potentially a few bad apples. There needs to be another solution than penalizing all the good parents who want to help their children.

Therefore, parents need to be informed of when their child has had or is considering any medical procedure, such as an abortion. It could be a matter of life and death of your child. Thank you.