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I am a grandmother. I am also the wife of a former Oregon high school principal and a member of his staff. We worked closely with the parents as our main goal was always to do what was best for the students, We were in contact with the parents when it came to absenteeism, failing in a class, behavioral problem, ill while at school and other issues. Our main goal was to work towards student success and high school graduation. We had a PTA (parent-teacher association). HB 2002 is not in the best interest of students. For a young girl to obtain an abortion is a serious medical procedure. It will affect their future mental and emotional behavior. Personal testimonies will support that as a fact. The abortion pill is dangerous. It should not be sold over the counter regardless of age. For a young girl to expel her baby alone in a bathroom, in her room or elsewhere is traumatic. When she is found hemorrhaging; has a serious infection due to baby parts left inside of her; and other complications; it is not YOUR COMMITTEE MEMBERS who will accompany her to the hospital and be at her side, but it will be the PARENTS. Hopefully, they will not have to bury her also. It is difficult to believe that any committee member who is a parent or grandparent would support a bill so detrimental to the life of their loved ones; and as the bill states, the parents would not be informed. The parents would not only be in danger of losing their daughter, but also their grandchild. Life is a God-given right.