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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

Please Do NOT pass this legislation.

In an era where the greater public opinion is that the youth of today should wait longer to make decisions than their parents made at the age of 18-20, the text of HB2002 leaves dangerous doors open for minors down to age of 15 the opportunity to make life and death decisions, even if they have loving parents available to them.

As a parent of a 21 year old who had to receive a life saving brain surgery, whom by the way was completely cognitive and as aware of the situation as a 21 year old college student could be, he was in no position (even) as a young adult to understand the options the doctors, councilors, and consultants were throwing at him.

As a society we need to push back on this notion that children are as capable as adults to understand the consequences of life affecting decisions.

The measure of a good Law is one that can be exercised in the most extreme examples (both good and bad) and still be acceptable. HB2002 is not that...

Please use common sense and vote NO on HB2002