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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I oppose House Bill 2002.

\*In our current culture, there is no longer a social stigma against pregnancy outside of marriage. For minor children, ANY medical procedure should require the consent of their parent(s) or legal guardian(s) to ensure they have the support they need.

Parent(s) need to know what is happening in their children's lives so they can properly care for them, both emotionally and physically. Underage children deserve to have family advocate for them. Under no circumstance should a minor child be sterilized without their parent(s) consent AND without a compelling medical reason.

\*Any county or city, who's voters determine they want their community to be an "abortion-free zone" should have the right to do so without fear of civil action against them.

\*No schools, with or without student health centers, should be required to provide abortions. Taxpayers should not have their money used for abortions.

\*Protecting abortionists from losing their medical licenses or malpractice insurance and exempting them from public records disclosures means there are no consequences for harming their patients. This is very dangerous and dramatically raises the risk of harm.

\* It should continue to be a crime to conceal the birth of an infant due to trying to prevent determination of whether the child was born dead or alive. We should be trying to protect our children.

\*Abortion facilities should not have any greater protections or financial support than facilities whose purpose is to help and support people who want to give birth to their babies. If the purpose of this bill is to help and support people who need it, this should be obvious.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Melinda Arnsdorf