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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2002

I strongly oppose HB 2002. This bill will target minors, separating vulnerable children from their parents.

It will eliminate any age of consent requirements for “reproductive health care”, which includes abortion.

It also requires written permission from a child of any age in order for a parent to know what reproductive health services—including abortion—are provided by a health care provider. There are often times negative after effects from an abortion procedure. How is a parent to properly take care of their child's health if portions of their health records are concealed from them?

I also oppose the bill because it does the following:

- Conflates abortion with contraception and miscarriage care in an effort to normalize ending the life of a developing human baby.

- Repeals the crime of “concealing the birth of an infant”, which may conceal cases of abuse, and infanticide.

- Opens up health care providers to lawsuits if they tell the parents about a child's abortion without the written consent of the child.

- Prevents pharmacists from telling a parent they dispensed medication to a minor (of any age), which puts the minor in danger if there were complications.

- Expands taxpayer funding for abortion by converting abortion free FQHCs into abortion providers and requiring dispensing of abortion pills on every state college campus.

- Shields unethical doctors from accountability for crimes they've committed as long as reproductive or gender reassignment services were involved.

Please vote no on HB 2002.