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Why do we give physician's more power to make a life changing decision on someone who they have had only infrequent contact? Parents have known their kids for a lifetime in most instances. The power of this choice should be the parents. They have more invested in the child. Besides the day to day support of regular dependencies of food and shelter, there are the mom moments... the dad moments. Those discussions that bring insight and healing in a crazy hormonal surged time of life. We don't let them drink at that age, we don't let them vote. Seems pretty simple that they are not ready for that kind of decision.

Doctors don't know their patients as well as they used to either. With PCP visits being shortened due to budgets and money making schemes by healthcare companies, these overworked professionals should not have a say over a parents duties in caring for their children.

I strongly oppose this bill.