

I VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE HB2002.

This Bill endangers our minor children physically, psychologically, and emotionally. It would put permanent, life altering decision-making in their hands, not only without input from their parents, but even worse, without their parents' knowledge!

Parents teach their children not to touch a hot stove, so as to protect them from being burned. We teach them to look both ways before crossing the street so as to protect them from being hit by a car. We even teach them not to eat too much candy so they won't get sick and teach them nutritious food choices, so their little bodies can grow up healthy. We do everything we can to keep them out of harm's way, protect them, and teach them to make well-thought-out and informed decisions. So why would we ever risk their safety by placing an ADULT, life-changing, medical decision such as the one being proposed in this bill in their little hands— — — a decision that the consequences and permanent results of which they cannot even comprehend?

If the moral and health issues of this proposed bill do not persuade you to vote it down, then perhaps the financial aspect might. The cost of health insurance and medical care for these procedures and treatments would be astronomical and long-term. It is ludicrous and irresponsible to pile these costs on top of an already overburdened, out-of-control healthcare system.

The taxpayers and voters would not be happy about that.