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On Behalf Of:

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As a Democrat, pro-choice mother of two, I support bodily autonomy. However, I only see risk in regard to this law which will allow 15 year olds to exclude parents from life-altering medical care decisions including irreversible sterilization surgery and hormone treatment. All kids should be supported and embraced for who they are and there is a significant difference between social transition and medical transition. There is also a significant distinction between an adult making the decision to have these surgeries/ procedures and a 15 or 16 year old making these decisions. This section of the bill ignores the reality of being a teenager, the realities and risks of these medical procedures. We can and should do better. Sincerely, Kelly Tilden