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I strongly oppose this bill, on its face it is wildly unconstitutional. Our constitution was written not as rules for "we the people". It was written as rules for "you the government " as a safeguard for exactly this kind of tyrannical overreach by unethical politicians such as those who have let a bill like this even be considered. I am appalled that I even have to write this, and I am deeply saddened that officials such as those we elected to govern with our best intentions would so blatantly disregard the sacred oath they took to uphold our constitution, have broken there vows and lost all of their scruples. If we think that a 20 year old is not mature enough to make a decision to protect themselves, then we need to increase the age to serve in our military, vote, accept a ginormous loan for college, drive, or one of the many other things that we let younger adults do, as they all require a higher level of maturity, and can have far longer lasting impacts on their lives. And lastly, why would you allow a much younger child, come to these hearings and let their voice be heard on matters such as these. If a 20 year old is not mature and developed enough to make this choice than certainly a 14 year old is not mature enough for their opinion to hold any weight or matter at all.