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LD 227

Representative Perry, Senator Bailey, Members of the Committee on Health Coverage, Insurance and Financial Services,

My name is Susan Dunning and I am writing in OPPOSITION to LD 227, An Act Regarding Healthcare in the State. As a Bible-believing Christian and as a parent, I cannot object strenuously enough to this legislation.

This bill would allow anyone -- up to and including an actual stranger or abuser -- to bring a child (including from out of state) to access an abortion or gender transition procedures under the guise of "health care." As a parent, the idea of this makes my blood run cold -- frankly, I can't believe any sane person, least of all another parent, would advocate for this legislation. Someone's daughter could be raped (statutorily or by force) and their adult rapist could take them to get an abortion without a parent's consent? My 13-year-old son could decide he wants to be a girl and his baseball coach or even a random stranger could take him to a clinic to get irreversible treatment allowing him to transition without me even being told?! And if I try to interfere, I could be prosecuted?!?

This country doesn't even allow people under age 16 to drive a car, or people under 18 to join the military or buy a gun, or people under 21 to drink alcohol. These limitations are in place for a reason. Why in the world would we want children under the age of 18 to make medical decisions that could alter or irreversibly maim them for the rest of their lives? How is this acceptable in any way? It boggles the mind.

Please vote OUGHT NOT TO PASS and do not reintroduce this vile legislation.

Respectfully,
Susan Dunning