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I strongly oppose LD227. As a mother of 8 biological children, ages 2,3,5,6,8,13,15,&17, I see thought patterns and mental growth from a variety of ages at the same time. In no way does it make any logical sense that they would be able to make such a decision as LD227 would allow. We are mentoring our children daily, teaching them right and wrong and most of the time just some basic life skills!. They are still learning HOW to make good decisions. Their lives will be different from year to year and they are not future minded. That's why they have parents, to help protect them from their lack of understanding of life until they can learn to make adult decisions. They seem to think they will be in this childhood phase forever. They have little life experience. These protective years are for forming and growing character and teaching them how to think ahead. Please help protect our children from themselves! We need to love them this way! Please please please NO on LD227!