

SB611 cross filed with HB782 OPPOSED!

To whom it may concern Senate committee/House committee)

Upon reading **SB611 cross filed with HB782** I am appalled at the irresponsibility of this type of legislation. The fact that the first sentence of this legislation states that a child under the age of 16 has the same capacity to consent to mental health evaluations and treatments as an adult is enough to make me question the ability of this legislative body to be discerning and make responsible legislation which safeguards its citizen's constitutional rights.

This legislative session has been fraught with legislation aimed at destroying the parent/child relationship and usurping parental rights and responsibilities. It is my sincere hope that members of the committee to which this bill has been referred will have the sense to see that this is an insane piece of legislation.

I am the parent to 5 children who are citizens of this state. I am shocked that adults would even consider putting something like this forward in blatant disregard for the safety and health of our child citizens. Parents remain THE ultimate care provider for their children and as it should be the decision makers for medical procedures concerning their minor children. This seems like yet another avenue through which pharmaceuticals are being shot at children who would be vulnerable to the influence of adults in authority, in the eyes of the child.

This bill needs to die...now.

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