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To Whom It May Concern;

As a mother of young children, I am strongly against the proposed legislation. Bill 1171 makes no mention of age and allows for pedophiles to abuse children without legal repercussions. This Bill also takes the care of providing for underage children and meeting their needs away from families and given to the state. No state organization can have the dedication and caring of a loving human family. No organization can meet the needs of children in the same way a stable loving family can. I have firsthand seen what can be done to a child when they are given over to nameless state control and I know that our children are the most vulnerable and precious commodity our world has. To allow for a bill which could allow for their manipulation and abuse is unfathomable. To give the term "reproductive rights" to a bill which fails to protect our most vulnerable population is heinous. To attempt to use the term "reproductive rights" to take the care and protection of children away from their parents and give it to anyone who would chose to use these children for their own gain is reprehensible. I am strongly against this bill and I ask all people of good will to join with me in defeating this bill for the protection of our innocent children.

Sincerely,

Terri Steimle