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To: Maryland Senate Finance Committee

Subject: Senate Bill 891

I am writing to express my support for Senate Bill 891 concerning Medical Procedures and Parent or Guardian Notice. The contingencies for not informing a parent or guardian when that notification would not be in the best interest of the minor protects all parties involved as it relates to minors looking to undergo an abortion procedure. An abortion particularly in a minor has a high likelihood of producing profound emotional distress that can lead to other serious behavioral health challenges. Having a responsible parent or guardian informed of a pending abortion in a minor provides, in most cases a valuable resource to the minor navigating a significant emotional challenge.

Please vote in favor of Senate Bill 891. Thank you for the great work you are doing to protect Maryland's minors. Should you have questions, I can be reached at my office at (410) 860-2673.

Very Respectfully,

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