

Finance - SB891 - UNFAVORABLE

Chair Kelley, Vice Chair Feldman, and the Finance Committee;

Please give Senate Bill 891 an Unfavorable Report.

I don't know why the sponsors consider children to be women. Honestly, it's a bit creepy.

Most minors already tell their parents when they want to have an abortion,¹ but it should be noted that laws that forced parental involvement can harm minors.²

The current parental notification law³ is a compromise between a person's right to bodily autonomy and parental concerns. There's no need to change it for the worse.

I urge an Unfavorable Report for SB891. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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¹<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/24332398/>

²<https://www.guttmacher.org/article/2020/02/parental-involvement-mandates-abortion-harm-young-people-policymakers-can-fight-back>

³<https://www.plannedparenthood.org/planned-parenthood-maryland/client-resources/maryland-minor-laws>