

My name is Eileen Roberts and I am the Founder and President of Parents for Life. Parents for Live serves as a collective voice for parents, educates the public, and informs state legislators of the need for public policy that protects minors and the rights of their parents.

The Orwellian nightmare began when we wondered why my daughter was severely depressed, and discovered she had a secret abortion a life and death decision which she made alone, along with her boyfriend. While in the hospital for follow-up care for depression, it was discovered that her abortion was done incomplete and she had to have follow-up surgery to repair the damage done by the abortionist. But she could not have the surgery unless I signed a consent form for the abortion I did not even have to know about.

To add insult to injury, my husband and I were responsible for the follow-up costs of surgery and care for depression amounting to \$27,000.

Maryland parents deserve better. This bill DOES NOT in any way, restrict women from having an abortion. Instead, it protects parents from what happened to me from happening to their daughter, common sense legislation.

I would ask those of you on the committee, especially those who are parents, don't you want to know that your teen daughter is having a secret abortion? Wouldn't you want to put your arms around your daughter and say "I love you, we can work this out together". Rights that every parent has in this country with every other medical or surgical procedure.

I am not naïve knowing many teens are from abusive homes. However, what clinics are doing, not only in Maryland, but throughout this country, is giving our teens secret abortions and sending them home to the abuser. Not reporting abuse against the laws of this country and our teens need protection from predators.

Please pass this SB891, which would protect teens, ensure parental rights, and restore family dignity.

Respectfully submitted,

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