

Dear Mr. Peters,

I met you and shook your hand on one of the coldest days of the year when you came to our doorstep. I most definitely voted for you as this made quite an impression on me.

I'm contacting YOU this time, to share with you my strong support of preserving the rights of parents in making choices for our children as it regards any and all types of care. We have our children's health, safety, and best interests at heart, and as such are the ultimate qualified custodians of this type of decision-making for our individual children.

The state provides remedies for rare cases in which children are living in circumstances of abuse and neglect. There is no context in which it's necessary or appropriate for the state legislature to pass laws which undermine or usurp the authority of all parents, the vast majority of whom provide much better care and decision-making for their children than the state is capable of providing.

Children cannot vote or drive until they are of age and even then must be under close supervision and direction of an adult in the case of driving. Their brains develop at the right time and in the right stages to support healthy growth and to be able to eventually learn good decision-making. Until then, they are under the close care of a parent or guardian. It does not logically extend that they should now be able to make lasting decisions on things that have the capacity to heavily affect their lives, both current and future.

So long as this bill HB1242 supports parental rights, I strongly support this bill, and I urge you to do the same.

Thank You,

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