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Health and Government Operations Committee Members

I oppose HB0132 - Health – Mental and Emotional Disorders – Consent (Mental Health Access Initiative)

Most children between 12 and 16 are too young or not mature enough to make mental health decisions. The Parental Right to determine children's mental health treatment is very important and dangerous if removed. There can be no informed consent without the parent involved.

Among other concerns, without the knowledge of the parent, the child is not likely to know their health history and pre-existing conditions. Removing parents from the equation may begin premature mental health treatment that could easily lead to follow-on permanent and long-lasting consequences from medication, surgery, drugs, vaccines, treatments, or therapy. Removing parental rights is an assault on medical freedom. This bill removes Parental Rights and those safeguards for our children.

Respectfully,
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