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OPPOSE HB 184, THE REPEAL OF THE PARENTAL NOTIFICATION LAW

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"I am appalled that Representative Liz Hager cares more for the rights of abortionists than the rights of parents," said Julie Laughner, Trustee of NH Right to Life. "The bill to repeal Parental Notification is about profits for the abortion industry. This bill would stop the reverse law passed in 2003, which was never enforced because Planned Parenthood and other abortion providers sued the state saying the law was unconstitutional. How could it possibly be unconstitutional for parents to be allowed in the major decisions of their minor children? Since about one-quarter of abortions are performed on teenagers, clearly, those who make money killing babies don't want to chance losing this part of their income. Planned Parenthood, which operates 7 clinics in the state, provides birth control and abortion to minors without parental knowledge, and doesn't want that to change."

"How can anyone oppose parents' involvement in their own minor child's decision to have an abortion?" asks President of NH Right To Life, Darlene Pawlik. "Our minor daughters cannot get an aspirin in school or their ears pierced at the mall without written permission from at least one parent or legal guardian. We are not even talking about permission, only notification."

"The hugely profitable abortion industry is the only beneficiary of a repeal of the Parental Notification Law," stated Mrs. Pawlik. "It is only because of money to be made on the abortion that Planned Parenthood and other abortionist want parents kept in the dark. It's easier to convince a girl, who is alone and scared, to have an abortion, than it is to convince a girl who will face her parents. It is a despicable situation the way Planned Parenthood tries to put a wedge between parents and their daughters. We need the Parental Notification law to protect the minor girls from the abortionist." Said Joan Espinola, of Salem.

"I find this troubling on two accounts. When there is so great a problem with self discipline among our youth, it is bad public policy for the state to undermine parental responsibility by denying a parent's need to know about their children's health status. If a minor were to have an abortion and suffer complications, her parents would be unlikely to know that the symptoms indicate a serious threat until irreparable injury or death occur. Furthermore, it is bad practice to take a law off the books when it is still under judicial review; bringing the effort expended in the case to naught, and eliminating the guidance it might have shed on the forming of public policy." Posed the Honorable Daniel C. Itse, of Fremont.

"Parents, these are your children being targeted, your parental rights being usurped. Your ability to parent your children is at risk. Call, write and tell your representatives to vote "No" to the repeal of the Parental Notification Law. The Judiciary Committee will hold a public hearing Thursday, February 8th in Representatives Hall at 10am. If you cannot attend, call the Committee at 217-3184 and let them know your position." Pleaded Pawlik, "Planned Parenthood and the abortion industry will."

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