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To the Vermont Senate

RE: Senate Bill 151, page 16, section 7

I urge you to stop Bill 151 before it goes any further. Any bill that usurps parent's ability to care for their children is **bad legislation**.

Parents are the most important defenders of their child's health and wellbeing and need to be notified prior to any medical/chemical/social treatment done on their child. What if there are complications? If the parent is unaware of what has been done to their child they cannot make an intelligent decision regarding on-going care.

This bill usurps parental rights and leaves minors at risk of complications from treatments, which, especially when kept secret from parents, can lead to severe health consequences. In addition, it has the potential to aid and abet the sexual abuse of minors if threatened by the perpetrator to keep silent about the abuse.

You need to do better for our children and the future of Vermont!

Sincerely,

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