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Concerning the Study on State's Adolescent Healthcare

As a parent and grandparent, I am commenting on Adolescent Healthcare.

Connecticut would do well to have a Parental Notification Law to protect girls and families from the lifelong physical and emotional damage of abortion. I recount the following incident which only confirms my position.

Last September 29, I personally witnessed a very frightening and sad situation at the Hartford GYN Center at 1 Main Street. I was across the street with some friends when two women approached me asking for help. The 15 yr. old daughter of one was inside the abortion clinic and the guard at the door would not let her in. She begged me to do something to try to get her inside to stop her daughter from aborting her baby.

All I could do was call the police. After almost 1 hour, the police arrived and were able to get the mother and aunt of the 15 yr. old into a room at the clinic. What precisely happened inside the clinic, I do not know.

What I do know is when the mother came to me after leaving the clinic, she was distraught, confused and frightened. The 15 yr. old had aborted a 20 week old baby; this is a baby that had the potential to live outside the mother's womb. The mother was not allowed to see her daughter or take her home. I was sickened, angry and helpless.

I remained in contact with the mother for a couple of days following the death of her grandchild. She would have no grandchild, and there was no peace of mind that her grandchild had a proper funeral and burial.

Compounding the pain was her daughter's hemorrhaging and admission to a hospital for physical complications but also for trauma and depression at the realization that she had killed her own baby. Shortly after that I lost contact with the mother.

There is no reason, in this State, that parents should not have the legal right to know what medical procedures their daughters are undergoing. If a child cannot have her ears pierced without parental consent, why should she be subjected to a procedure as medically and emotionally dangerous as abortion without her parents knowing?

