

To Whom it May Concern:

I am disturbed and totally against the mental health screenings that are being proposed as part of the Raised Bill No. 471. It is an invasion of privacy that will label children as early as possible with "mental defects" that may prevent them in the future from certain jobs, obtaining firearms, and from being overall successful in life. When a child is labeled as having a mental or physical disability, it can be a self-fulfilling prophecy that can prevent them from being successful in the future. Screenings are just another way for the government and state to interfere in our private lives and it is totally out of line. It should be a parent's job to intervene, not the school's, the state's or the government's. I sincerely hope you reconsider this bill and do not let it pass.

Sincerely,

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