

January 23, 2023

Chairperson Larson and Committee Members,

I strongly urge a Do NOT Pass on SB 2260. This bill is in direct conflict with federal law which gives minors the legal right to health information privacy at age 12. The ability to for teens to have private conversations with their health care provider is a vital right which encourages teens to seek out medical assistance with substance abuse, sexual transmitted diseases, and family planning.

I urge a Do NOT Pass on SB 2260 as this bill removes protections for minors and discourages teens from seeking the assistance of medical professionals.

Sincerely,

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