

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Senate Judiciary Committee:

For the record my name is Julie Millam representing Montana Family Coalition.

Just for fun last night my husband and I sat around and tried to remember all the instances in which our now grown children had to get our permission for various situations in school growing up. We were able to recount several which include: **any prescription drugs they were taking that had they had to ingest during the school day, which included aspirin, getting out of school to go to an appointment, missing school, riding the bus home with someone else, not finishing homework, getting out of gym class, getting their ears pierced ect. All of these respective situations required WRITTEN permission to boot. Both of my daughters play college sports, and when we would meet them at an out-of-town game, they needed written permission to ride home with us instead of with their team on the bus.**

Now don't get me wrong- that was totally understandable to my husband and myself. We liked it. We expected it. And so did every other parent in the class. It was the right thing to do. I don't ever recall any parent in non-compliance. It acknowledged that parents are their child's protector. That kind of logic has served us well for many generations. Parents have the God-given responsibility to protect their children. It is our pleasure as well as our duty.

The fact that a child can have major surgery without their parents consent defies logic. It not only usurps the parental role, it throws a child into an emotionally and physically unsafe realm. We have the facts on so-called "safe" abortion. If you are uneducated in botched abortions visit the **BLACKMUN WALL** at LifeDynamic's website. Simply click on one of the hundreds of names of women who either died or were seriously injured from so-called safe abortions. It will also lead you to attorneys who represent these women and their families in lawsuits against these abortion mills and their doctors.

If you think through the abortive process one wonders... what happens if after an abortion an infection sets in? What if a child reacts to anesthesia? What if she dies? All these things can and have happened during an operation. This is a major surgery any way you slice it and our adversaries are telling us it's none of our business! This is a slap in the face to every parent. You know and I know it. Maybe we should let kids decide to have their tonsils out without their parent's knowledge. Same logic.

Abortion seems to be the only thing that we willingly throw logic out the door. That is because abortion produced 9 billion dollars a year. It's a cash cow. It's all about the money. We could care a less about the safety of a young scared girl. **After all parents might object and urge her to give the baby up for adoption. And then someone like me might get adopted. My own mother twice pregnant out of wedlock.**

It is unconscionable for any of us to remain silent in the face of all the facts that undeniably point to the health risks of this surgery. It is time for those in a position of policy-making to correct the errors of the past and involve parents in this most regrettable procedure. They are entitled.