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Attention: Senate Judiciary Committee
Re: HB 456

As a Pharmacy technician in Hawre, mt, I have personally witnessed many customers ask numerous amounts of questions ~~about~~ about birth control and pregnancy. It's shocking to hear 14, 15, or 16 year olds who are being prescribed birth control by Doctors ask ~~some~~ so many questions about sexual contraceptives. Most are too embarrassed to ask their doctor more questions about their prescription or are not being told enough. Being a Plan Parenthood Advocate has opened my eyes to see how many people are not aware of sexually transmitted diseases. The staff here at Plan Parenthood in Missoula Mt has proven to be educated and professional. Because of their credentials they have proven to be the best qualified to educate the youth of our generation. Ignoring this issue will not make teen pregnancy, sexual diseases, & rape go away.

Sincerely,
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