ARGUMENT in Favor of Proposition 85

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IN CALIFORNIA, a daughter under 18 can't get aspirin from the school nurse, get a flu shot, or have a tooth pulled without a parent knowing.

BUT, UNBELIEVABLY, surgical or chemical abortions can be secretly performed on minor girls -- even *12 year-olds -- without parents' knowledge.*

PARENTS are then not *prepared to help* young daughters with the serious physical, emotional, or psychological *complications* which may result from an abortion or to protect their daughters from further sexual abuse, exploitation, and pregnancies.

A study of over 46,000 pregnancies of SCHOOL-AGE GIRLS in California found that *over two-thirds* were impregnated by ADULT MEN whose mean age was 22.6 years.

Investigations have shown that *secret abortions* on minors in California are RARELY REPORTED to child protective services although these pregnancies are *evidence* of statutory rape and sexual abuse. This leaves these girls *vulnerable* to further SEXUAL ABUSE, RAPES, pregnancies, abortions, and sexually transmitted diseases.

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That's why *more than ONE MILLION SIGNATURES* were submitted to allow Californians to *vote* on the "Parents' Right to Know and Child Protection" / Proposition 85.

PROP 85 will require that doctors notify a parent or guardian at least 48 hours before performing abortions on minor daughters.

PARENTS AND DAUGHTERS in more than 30 other states *have benefited for years* from laws like Prop 85. Many times, after such laws pass, there have been substantial reductions in pregnancies and abortions among minors.

When parents are involved and minors cannot anticipate *secret access to free abortions* they more often avoid the reckless behavior which leads to pregnancies. Older men, including Internet predators, are deterred from impregnating minors when secret abortions are not available to *conceal their crimes*.

If she chooses, a minor may petition juvenile court to permit an abortion without notifying a parent. She can request a lawyer to help her. If the evidence shows she is mature enough to decide for herself or that notifying a parent is not in her best interests, the judge will grant her petition. The proceedings must be confidential, prompt, and free. She may also seek help from juvenile court if she is being coerced by anyone to consent to an abortion.

POLLS SHOW most people support parental notification laws. They know that a minor girl -- pregnant, scared, and possibly abandoned or *pressured by an older boyfriend* -- *NEEDS* the advice and support of a *parent*.

PARENTS have invested more attention and love in raising their daughter, know her personal and medical history better, and care more about her future than STRANGERS employed by abortion clinics *PROFITING* from *performing many abortions on minors*.

A minor still has a legal right to obtain or refuse an abortion, but a parent can help her understand all options, obtain competent care, and provide medical records and history.

An *informed parent* can also get *PROMPT CARE* for *hemorrhage, infections* and other possibly *fatal* complications.

VOTE "YES" on PROPOSITION 85 TO ALLOW PARENTS TO CARE FOR AND PROTECT THEIR MINOR DAUGHTERS' WELLBEING, HEALTH and SAFETY!

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