

Hello! Two weeks ago I took a group of residents to Nashville, TN to lobby for the TN American Academy of Pediatrics. I discovered that there are two bills RIGHT now that we need to personally write our TN legislators about. PLEASE take 3 minutes to look up your specific representative and senator.

They can be found here: <https://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/Apps/fmlv3/districts.aspx>

Please write an email (see email below) and call (see phone script) their office stating you are calling in support of the following bills:

SUPPORT Bill **HB2451** by Rep Terri Lynn Weaver/**SB2360** by Sen. Janice Bowling <https://wapp.capitol.tn.gov/apps/BillInfo/Default.aspx?BillNumber=HB2451>

SB2360 Placed on Senate Education Committee calendar for 3/16/2022

HB2451 Placed on s/c cal Health Subcommittee for 3/15/2022

This bill will require all healthcare for an unemancipated minor first to have written consent by a parent or legal guardian.

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This law prohibits surgery that would sterilize a minor, a mastectomy on a minor, administration of medications to induce transient or permanent infertility, and removing an otherwise healthy or non-diseased body part or tissue.

If you are in the Nashville area, pay a visit to your representative. Meet them, let them know you support these good laws that are being considered RIGHT now.

Rachel Nelson

Sample email template:

Dear *******,

I am ******* and I am writing in regards to two bills.

1) SUPPORT Bill **HB2835** by Rep John Ragan/**SB2696** by Sen. Janice Bowling.

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As a **pastor/parent/father/mother**, I think it is very important that physicians first do no harm. There are no **randomized controlled trials** showing that prescribing hormone treatment or allowing gender altering surgery for minors with gender dysphoria **1) does not cause harm and 2) does improve outcomes**. In fact, providers who take care of children being treated with hormone therapy report that the side effects from these medications negatively impact health. There is a reason we do not allow underage drinking. Minors do not have the decision making capacity to be able to make a fully informed decision. Therefore, I hope that as my **representative/senator**, you will fully support this bill.

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This bill will require all healthcare for an unemancipated minor to have written consent by a parent or legal guardian. It also has provisions for written consent from parents for school related activities as well as allowing parental review of public school curriculum. I support this bill. We do not allow underage children to make any other important life decisions such as voting, getting married, joining the military, etc. The family is the basis of society, and parents are legally obligated to educate their children. In this country parents should have the freedom to do so in line with their own cultural, religious, or other moral belief systems. To place the state above parents in deciding what education may or may not be given is a dangerous precedent. Again, I hope that as my **representative/senator**, you will fully support this bill.

Sincerely,

phone number:

email:

Phone call script

I am **name** calling from **address**. I am calling to ask that you

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