



CWA of California Action Alert

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Help Protect Our Daughters

Ask your representative to co-sponsor federal parental notification

Action: Please ask your representative in Congress to co-sponsor H.R. 1295, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act of 2007. It is crucial that parents be advised when their daughter seeks an abortion without their knowledge so that they may intervene. H.R. 1295 currently has only 52 co-sponsors, with just four from California.

You can say, "Parents must give permission for other more simple medical procedures – even for tattoos and piercings – yet they are too often excluded from involvement in a procedure that could have dire physical and emotional consequences for their daughter and end the life of their grandchild. I'm asking Rep. _____ to co-sponsor H.R. 1295, the Parental Notification and Intervention Act of 2007."



Contact information:

Our CWA [Project 535](#) lobby team will be in Washington, D.C. visiting the Capitol on Wednesday, July 23. Please help ensure that our California representatives will have heard from constituents on this important issue prior to the time our citizen lobby teams visit their offices. California State Director Phyllis Nemeth will be part of the 535 lobby teams on Wednesday.

If you are unsure who your representative is, visit www.house.gov to search by zip code. Call any member of Congress at (202) 224-3121. Send an e-mail by clicking "[Write Your Representative](#)."

Pray that the very real concerns our team expresses will fall on ears that will hear the truth. May the staff members they meet understand the importance of involving parents in this critical decision involving the health and safety of their daughters.

Background:

H.R. 1295's author, Rep. Marilyn Musgrave (R-CO), included important points in her "dear colleague" letter asking them to support her bill. They include:

- Nearly 80 percent of Americans agree, parents should have the legal right to stop an abortion from being performed on their minor daughter.
- [W]ithout a federal law, even in states with parental notification, parents are frequently left completely in the dark when a child abuser or offender evades the law by simply taking the young girl to another state without such safeguards.
- [M]any state laws are rendered ineffective by judges who grant judicial bypass to minors so routinely that the law is rarely actually enforced. [H.R. 1295] ends the unfettered freedom that pro-abortion judges have under many laws to grant judicial bypass to minors.
- The Parental Notification and Intervention Act requires that parents be notified at least four days in advance of any abortion to be performed on their minor daughter and gives them the power to stop an abortion from being performed.
- [T]he requirement of four days advance notice would give the minor time to reflect on the consequences of her decision and receive counsel – apart from the pressure of an anxious boyfriend or perhaps even a child abuser seeking to hide his crime.

Thank you for making a difference!

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