

From

March 20, 2015

Honourable Dustin Duncan Minister of Health
Room 204-2405 Legislative Drive
Regina, SK. S4S 0B3

Dear Minister Duncan:

Re: Parental Consent for Minors Seeking Abortion

The medical, emotional, and psychological consequences of abortion are often serious and can be lasting. A study of 41,039 women sponsored by the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario found that, in the three month period following an induced abortion, hospital patients had a more than four-times higher rate of hospitalization for infections, a five-times higher rate of “surgical events”, and a nearly five times higher rate of hospitalization for psychiatric problems than the matching group of women who did not have abortions. It is especially concerning to me, as a resident of Saskatchewan, that these consequences are magnified for teenage girls receiving an abortion.

I believe the majority of parents in Saskatchewan love their teen daughters like no one else and want their daughters protected as I do. Parental Consent for minors is required for most other procedures and I believe it is very important for parents to be involved if their young daughter is faced with pregnancy.

We need to also protect pregnant teens that could be at risk of physical violence and abuse in their homes. They would need to be protected with certain provisions to the parental consent for abortion legislation.

Laws requiring parental consent for abortion will also protect weak and vulnerable teen girls from sexual exploitation from child predators and abusive boyfriends.

In light of all this, I find it disturbing that pregnant teen minors are permitted to have an abortion in Saskatchewan without the knowledge or consent of their parents.

To protect our minor teenage girls please support a parental consent for abortion law.

Sincerely,
