

March 27, 2025

The Honorable Gary Click
Ohio house of representatives- district number 26

Dear Mr. Click,

My name is Tylie Dauch, and I am a nursing student at Firelands Regional Medical Center School of Nursing in Sandusky, Ohio. I am 4 weeks away from graduating with my RN diploma. I have worked on an acute care unit for a year as well as on labor and delivery for the past few months. I have had the amazing opportunity to experience many different patients of all ages while on my clinical rotation and on the job for the last 2 years. I have done a lot of research on different bills passed that might affect my future career. I fear the bill "My child- My chart" may negatively impact the individuals who seek medical treatment. As someone who not only has worked with teenagers, but was also recently a teenager, I know how hard it can be to go to your parents when you need help. Many teens are scared they will be denied the help or will face harsh punishment from their guardians. Services such as counseling for mental health, birth control for women's health, or STI care can all be seen from the my chart. Mental health services even put a recap of the visit in detail in the notes section of the my chart. These services should be private for any individual seeking help. After all, I know I would not seek treatment if I knew that my parent's would be able to see exactly what I said in a very private conversation. It is unfair to keep these conversations private for an adult but not for a minor. This act will also make it so minors no longer seek treatment and this could potentially be detrimental to their health. This could cause more mental health crisis's, more unplanned pregnancies, and STI being spread through individuals without treatment. It would cause more harm than good in the long run. I understand why giving parents access to their child's my chart seems like the right thing to do, but I believe there is a better solution to the problem. We need to devise a solution that not only benefits the parents, but also the child. This will make it so there is less of the previously mentioned risks but also gives parents peace of mind. For example, give parent's access to certain things in the chart, such as lab results or upcoming appointments. We could also have a minor sign a consent during their visit to say they do or don't allow their parents to view the results of the visit. This does pose the question of how young is too young to deny parent access to the my chart. I do believe there should be an age limit to this issue. This I believe should involve research on the mind's developmental stage. This could also be left up to the doctor's discretion, after all they know the patient better than anyone else. To conclude, I do understand why you have derived this bill, but

I do believe it needs some amending. Thank you so much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Tylie Dauch