



Dear Senator Obama:

In 2004, a 14-year-old girl walked into a Planned Parenthood clinic in Cincinnati, accompanied by her soccer coach, John Haller. He was 21 years old and had initiated sexual activity with the girl when she was 13.

Now that she was pregnant, Haller wanted her to have an abortion.

Rather than calling the parents as required under Ohio law, Planned Parenthood called the soccer coach's cell phone and failed to verify he was the parent.

Planned Parenthood turned a blind eye and performed the abortion. Afterward, they provided the girl with a bag of condoms and a Depo-Provera shot.

Thirty-six states across the country require some form of parental notification or consent prior to an abortion involving a minor child. And these laws are supported by 80% of the American people.

In addition to the obvious reason that parents need to be involved when their child undergoes a medical procedure, these laws also protect young girls from sexual abuse.

Research shows that the majority of young girls who are sexually active are having sex with adult men.

Senator Obama, why do you OPPOSE these parental notification laws that protect our children from sexual abuse?

Despite Planned Parenthood's actions, the parents of the Cincinnati teenager found out about her abortion and the sexual abuse perpetrated by her soccer coach. Eventually John Haller was convicted of seven counts of sexual battery and served three years in prison.

Senator Obama, the mainstream media refuses to ask you these questions, so we will:

Why have you promised Planned Parenthood that the first piece of legislation you will pass is the Freedom of Choice Act, a piece of abortion legislation which would eliminate all of the common-sense parental notification laws across the country?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charmaine Yoest".

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