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Moved with compassion for young girls and families whose parental rights were denied, when their daughter seeks an abortion, Parents for Life serves as a collective voice for parents, educates the public and informs state legislators of the need for public policy that protects minors and the rights of their parents.

Eileen has also testified before state legislative committees in support of parental notification and consent laws. She has testified in the states of Alaska, Virginia, Delaware, Wisconsin, Nevada, Rhode Island and Florida. She also has consulted with Oregon, Idaho, Kansas, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, New York, West Virginia and Vermont seeking similar policies.

Eileen shares her testimony with groups and legislators throughout the country, as well as, before Congress on behalf of the **“Child Custody Protection Act” (CCPA-1994)**. This legislation makes it a federal offense to transport a minor across state lines for an abortion if this action circumvents a state law requiring parental involvement or consent laws.

Additionally, she has testified before Congressional committees such as the Health and Environment Committee, then-chaired by then Rep. Henry Waxman (D-CA), in an effort to help remove millions of taxpayers' dollars from funding abortion-related counseling in government-funded family-planning clinics. **(Hyde Amendment-1999)**

Eileen has testified in trials such as *Planned Parenthood vs. The State of Alaska* (on the constitutionality of Alaska's Parental Consent Law) and *Planned Parenthood v. The State of Florida*.

Early in the 1990s, Eileen has been featured on various television shows and videos, including, but not limited to **CNN and National Public Radio**. Her perspective on parental notification has been featured in **Congressional Quarterly, The Washington Post, The Daily Press** (Virginia) and **USA Today**.

In 1987 Eileen Roberts' 14-year-old daughter underwent an abortion without her knowledge or consent and suffered physical and emotional trauma. Eileen did have to sign a consent form for the follow-up care to repair the physical damage, but was not required to be notified of the legal abortion performed in Virginia. The follow-up care costs amounted to over \$27,000.

Eileen, a single mother herself at age 23, moved to the Washington, DC area in 1973 with her four-month-old daughter, a crib and a suitcase. Her years of personal experience have proved to be a valuable resource to women facing troubled pregnancies and restoring family dignity.

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Protecting Teens, Empowering Parents