

Press Conference Statement from Child Protection League

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The Child Protection League (CPL) exists to protect children from exploitation, indoctrination and violence.

CPL is eager to support Anmarie Calgaro in her legal challenge to the grievous assault on her parental due process civil rights, protected by the 14th amendment to the U.S. Constitution. We are grateful she is willing to take this bold step, because she gives voice to countless parents and families across the country that are being similarly harmed.

St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services, Park Nicollet Health Services, Fairview Health Services of Hibbing, and the St. Louis County School District have essentially eliminated Ms. Calgaro's parental rights. Based on nothing more than a statement of "emancipation" issued by the free services of a legal aid group, and without any court order, these entities are treating this 17 year old minor as if he is an adult.

They are financing and prescribing dangerous hormonal drugs and prescription narcotics to a minor without his mother's knowledge, involvement, or consent. She is blocked from even viewing his health and school records. For his safety and for his welfare, Ms. Calgaro wants and needs to be involved with the on-going medical care and education of her child. She is denied any avenue to plead her case in court.

Children are too often being used as pawns for the financial and political designs of special interest groups, groups that cannot have the level of regard for the personal, long-term well-being of a child as does a parent. Government agencies and health care providers should be protective buffers for minors. They should never be party to violating the rights of a parent to oversee the needs of her child.

The decisions underage children make about themselves often have permanent consequences that will affect their relationships, their families, their health and their emotional stability for a lifetime. And yet, the very person who knows, loves, and is most deeply committed to her child, is being excluded from providing for him at his hour of greatest need.

Few values are more sacred, more deeply regarded, than the nurturing bond of a loving parent/child relationship. Disregarding and trampling that bond severely harms children and families. CPL urges the court to declare that Ms. Calgaro's due process rights under the U.S. Constitution have been violated and to issue an injunction restoring her full parental rights until her due process rights have been restored.

We encourage, support, and defend Ms. Calgaro's courageous lawsuit. She deserves everyone's respect, admiration and support. It may have enormous implications for all families and children.

Thank you.