

# AN OPEN LETTER TO SENATOR OBAMA ON BEHALF OF ALL OHIO PARENTS



## SENATOR OBAMA:

### WHY DO YOU OPPOSE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT LAWS THAT PROTECT OUR CHILDREN FROM SEXUAL ABUSE?

Dear Senator Obama,

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 high percentages of teen pregnancies are fathered by adult men and a relationship between early teen sex and coercion.

**SENATOR OBAMA, WHY DO YOU OPPOSE THESE PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT 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 sign is the Freedom of Choice Act, a piece of abortion legislation which would eliminate ALL of the common-sense parental involvement laws across the country?**

*Sincerely,*

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