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Patriots unanimously oppose SB 866 minor's vaccine consent bill

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Orange, California (February 22, 2022) — At its February general membership meeting, the Conservative Patriots of Orange County (CPOC) unanimously voted to oppose SB 866, which would amend California's Family Code to allow children younger than 18-years-old to make a decision to be vaccinated without parental knowledge or consent.

Introduced January 20 by Democrat State Senator Scott Wiener SB 866 would authorize a child as young as 12-years-old, well below the age of legal consent, to get a vaccine from any "vaccine provider" without parental knowledge or consent and even in direct contradiction to a parent's wishes or denial of requested consent.

As he introduced the bill, Senator Wiener said it is giving young people the autonomy to receive life-saving vaccines, regardless of their parents' beliefs. "To our way of thinking, SB 866 subverts the fundamental right that parents have to raise their children free from unreasonable government interference," said CPOC President Deborah Pauly. "Minors under the age of 18 lack the capacity to form a valid enforceable contract and there is a reason for that. Teenagers lack the maturity and life experience to fully appreciate the consequences of legally binding actions."

"Vaccines may have life-long and detrimental consequences to a child. Minors deserve protections from vaccine providers and government one-size-fits-all interference with parental rights," said Pauly. "The California legislature should not interfere with parental rights to act in the best interests of their child."