

Please Vote No or Abstain on SB866

Parents across California stand in solidarity

CMA and AAP Lobbyists Say

“This is just piggybacking medical procedures that minors are already able to consent for: mental health, substance abuse, sexual/reproductive health.”

“This is to address concerns of unreasonable parents who are “medically neglecting” their child/ren.

“A similar bill in DC was struck down in court, but SB866 will not be held unlawful in California.”

“SB 866 states in the bill that it’s for FDA approved vaccines”

What They Aren’t Telling You

Medical procedures minors may consent to are **extremely limited** and are only for **active conditions and symptoms**, for which the minor is involved in circumstances leading up to the need for care.

This is a broad solution for a perceived problem. In fact, this bill **goes against Democratic values by undermining women** as mothers and will have the most impact on **minority groups**. Rather than silencing parents of the minority groups we want to lift up, it would be better to educate and support them.

SB866 **violates the Federal National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act**, requiring parents to receive a Vaccine Information Statement (VIS) before giving consent for their minor child to be vaccinated. This protection was enacted when the federal government granted manufacturers immunity from liability. A minor consent bill **“conflicts with the [“NCVIA’s] structure and purpose.”** (Booth, Memorandum of Opinion)

During Judiciary committee Author Senator Scott Weiner stated it would also apply to Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) Vaccines, which are **NOT FDA approved.**

We understand that ensuring equitable access to healthcare, including vaccines, and preventing further harm by CV19 is a concern; however, SB866 as currently written is not the answer. SB866 is creating a growing concern among parents. Even pro-vaccine parents see SB866 as a slippery slope. Regarding vaping, tanning beds, and interrogation by police, science shows that minors do not have the mental capacity to weigh risks and benefits or make sound decisions. This bill has bipartisan opposition in both houses. Please vote **NO** or **ABSTAIN** on SB866.