

# Parental Involvement Laws are the Norm Nationwide

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The Yes on 4 Campaign wants Californians to know that when it comes to protecting young girls, California is in the minority. Thirty-four states have parental involvement laws in effect. This means that over 60% or three-fifths, of Americans live in a state with a parental involvement law. California is among the minority of states that do not provide protection for young girls who face the difficult choices that come with teen pregnancy.

Parental involvement is non-partisan. Both red states and blue states have had the common sense to enact parental involvement laws, including heavily Democrat-majority states like Minnesota, Delaware, Iowa, and Massachusetts.

Unlike twenty of these laws, Prop 4 requires only notification, not consent from a parent before a minor makes the significant decision to have an abortion. Also, Proposition 4 allows for notification of a different adult family member in circumstances where a girl fears abuse from a parent.

“The Yes on 4 campaign thinks it’s about time that California join the majority of states in enacting laws that involve a family member in a minor’s decision to have an abortion. As most of the country has recognized, this is common sense,” says spokeswoman Katie Short.

The Yes on 4 Campaign is a coalition of doctors, nurses, and educators working to pass Proposition 4/Sarah’s Law because they care about the physical and emotional health of vulnerable young girls, who shouldn’t have to make such an adult decision alone. To join the coalition, visit [www.Yeson4.net](http://www.Yeson4.net).