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LD 1007

To the Judiciary committee, My name is Michelle Zagardo and I am a constituent from Bethel. I am writing to express my strong opposition to LD 1007, which would require healthcare professionals to provide misleading and scientifically unproven information regarding the so-called "reversal" of medication abortions. This bill is a dangerous attempt to inject religious ideology into the doctor-patient relationship and undermine evidence-based medical care. The concept of "abortion reversal" is not supported by credible medical research or leading health organizations, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. No rigorous scientific studies confirm the safety or effectiveness of attempting to "reverse" a medication abortion, and promoting this unproven practice could mislead patients, violate medical ethics, and put individuals at risk of harm. Requiring healthcare providers to inform patients about an unproven and potentially dangerous procedure undermines the very principle of informed consent. Informed consent should be based on medically accurate, evidence-based information—not on religious agendas. Forcing providers to deliver state-mandated misinformation erodes trust in the medical system and interferes with a patient's ability to make fully informed decisions about their healthcare. While this state-sponsored misinformation movement might start with abortion, where does it end? Furthermore, this bill contributes to the broader pattern of stigmatizing and restricting abortion access under the guise of patient protection. Instead of forcing medical professionals to provide inaccurate and ideologically driven information, the Legislature should focus on ensuring that all individuals have access to comprehensive, science-based reproductive healthcare. I urge you to reject this harmful and misleading legislation and to uphold the integrity of medical care by allowing healthcare professionals to provide patients with accurate, evidence-based information free from political interference. With Gratitude, Michelle Zagardo