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LD 1007 - An Act to Update the State's Informed Consent Laws Regarding
Drug-induced Abortion
I testify against this bill

I do not support a bill that mandates how medical professionals communicate to their patients. One example in this bill that I am deeply concerned by is the provision that health care professionals are required to "inform the patient of any chemical agent, drug or other means by which the medication abortion may be reversed." Abortion reversals are not scientifically supported or medically viable. Such avenues are opposed by leading medical organizations, including the American Medical Association (AMA), the Society of Family Planning, and the American College for Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). If this bill is passed, it would force trained healthcare professionals to go against scientifically-supported advice, effectively forcing them to lie to their patients and spread misinformation. In so many ways, we live in an age where misinformation is politicized to erode trust between citizens and our scientific community. This bill would feed into the overall climate of distrust. Importantly, it would directly erode the trust between healthcare providers and their patients.