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LD 1316

Honorable members of the Health and Human Services Committee,

I am writing in strong support of LD 1316. It is simply common sense that a medical record should be corrected when a mandated reporter receives credible, new information that disproves their initial documentation regarding suspected abuse.

Unfortunately, I have personally experienced and witnessed profound and unnecessary suffering caused by a provider's refusal to amend a record, even after being presented with clear and compelling evidence. This provider's refusal still directly contributes to barring a patient from receiving necessary medical care and was directly in contrast to the patient's best interests.

LD 1316 is a crucial step toward preventing this kind of avoidable harm. When a mistake has been made, especially one with serious consequences, it should be the responsibility of the party at fault to take accountability and correct the error. This is especially true when their inaction violates the core principle of medicine: to do no harm.

I urge you to vote "ought to pass" on LD 1316.