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I strongly oppose the proposed legislative in LD1007 for the following reasons:

Lack of Scientific Consensus on "Abortion Reversal"

The bill mandates that health care professionals inform patients that a drug-induced abortion may be reversible. However, this claim is not supported by rigorous scientific evidence. Major medical organizations, including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG), have stated that so-called "abortion reversal" lacks credible scientific backing and may put patients at risk.

Including such unproven claims in the informed consent process misleads patients rather than providing them with factual, evidence-based medical information.

Violation of Medical Ethics and Patient Autonomy

Requiring health care professionals to provide misleading information compromises medical ethics. Physicians and other providers should not be legally compelled to communicate scientifically dubious claims.

Informed consent should be based on accurate, unbiased medical facts rather than ideological mandates. This legislation undermines the patient-physician relationship by injecting politically driven misinformation into medical consultations.

Potential for Delayed or Harmful Treatment

Encouraging patients to seek "reversal" treatment may delay access to appropriate medical care, leading to adverse health outcomes. If a patient hesitates due to misleading information and later requires emergency care, the risks to their health could be increased.

There is no FDA-approved treatment for reversing medication abortions. Any experimental protocol should be conducted under rigorous clinical trial conditions, not promoted as an established medical practice.

Legal and Logistical Burdens on Providers

The bill creates additional legal obligations for providers, forcing them to present information that contradicts established medical standards.

Mandating the distribution of state-approved materials regarding "abortion reversal" introduces unnecessary bureaucratic burdens that divert resources away from patient care.

Compromising Reproductive Rights and Personal Health Decisions

This legislation interferes with an individual's right to make personal reproductive health decisions based on factual medical advice.

Misinforming patients about their medical options undermines the fundamental principle of informed consent and limits their ability to make choices based on accurate information.

For these reasons, I strongly urge lawmakers to reject this bill. Legislating medical misinformation sets a dangerous precedent, compromises patient care, and interferes with the professional responsibilities of health care providers. Public policy should be guided by science, not ideology, and this bill represents an unwarranted intrusion into the practice of medicine.