

House Criminal Justice Committee

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House Bills 4833 and 4834

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I am writing to you today to express strong objections to House Bills 4833 and 4834. As a medical student, I am learning to perform evidence-based medicine to provide my future patients with the absolute best care for their health and well being. This is why I am so alarmed by these bills, and this attempt by politicians to dictate how physicians should perform a safe, common, and evidence-based surgical procedure.

House Bills 4833 and 4834 represent an unwarranted intrusion in the doctor-patient relationship. These bills would restrict the safest and most expeditious way to terminate a second-trimester pregnancy. In many cases, these terminations are necessary for the patient to protect her health or future fertility, and this legislation could force physicians to provide substandard care to second-trimester abortion patients.

I chose to study medicine in Michigan because I planned on becoming a provider to the underserved and the underprivileged of this state. If these bills pass, I would have to strongly reconsider practicing in Michigan, where I may be forced to provide substandard care to patients and violate the Hippocratic oath. These bills are an intrusion to the physician-patient relationship and interfere with a physician's ability to make decisions based on the best medical evidence, and their best medical and professional judgment.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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