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<sup>i</sup> This overreach has taken many

forms, including creating unnecessary obstacles for patients trying to access medically appropriate care, forcing physicians to practice outside the bounds of evidence-based medicine, and criminalizing physicians for providing compassionate and evidence-based care. The communities most impacted by these barriers are those already experiencing grave inequities in the health care system. We have reached a crisis level where our long-held fears are now becoming a reality and evidence-based care has been rendered completely inaccessible in the second largest state in our nation, with other states likely to follow suit in the near future. The *Women's Health Protection Act* would address an area of medicine systematically targeted with government overregulation—reproductive health care—by prohibiting these inappropriate restrictions and restoring the ability of patients to receive comprehensive care, free from legislative intrusion.

As physicians spanning the spectrum of care, thank you for your urgent consideration of this important legislation to prevent legislative interference in the practice of medicine and protect the patient-physician relationship.

Sincerely,

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

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American Academy of Family Physicians

American Academy of Pediatrics

American College of Correctional Physicians

American College of Osteopathic Obstetricians and Gynecologists

American College of Physicians

American Gynecological & Obstetrical Society

American Medical Student Association

American Medical Women's Association

American Psychiatric Association

American Society of Hematology  
American Society for Reproductive Medicine  
American Urogynecologic Society  
Council of University Chairs of Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Infectious Diseases Society for Obstetrics & Gynecology  
National Medical Association  
North American Society of Pediatric and Adolescent Gynecology  
Society of Academic Specialists in General Obstetrics and Gynecology  
Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine  
Society of Family Planning  
Society of General Internal Medicine  
Society of Gynecologic Oncology  
Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine  
Society of OB/GYN Hospitalists  
Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility  
Student Osteopathic Medical Association  
Womxn's Health Collaborative

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<sup>i</sup> Weinberger SE, Lawrence HC 3rd, Henley DE, Alden ER, Hoyt DB. Legislative interference with the patient-physician relationship. *N Engl J Med.* 2012 Oct 18;367(16):1557-9. doi: 10.1056/NEJMsbl209858. PMID: 23075183.