

Chair Lipps, Vice Chair Stewart, and members of the House Public Health Policy Committee,

My name is Kelly Stainbrook, and I am a second-year medical student at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. I am a constituent of Columbus, 43235. I am writing in support of House Bill 89 "Regards intimate examination of anesthetized, unconscious patient". As a medical student, we are taught patient autonomy comes first, and part of autonomy is having informed consent. Under the current law, informed consent is not required to perform a pelvic exam on an anesthetized woman. No informed consent means patient autonomy is taken away, and while this violates their rights, it also violates their body and trust of the physician/health care. Educational opportunities are vital in a medical student's learning process, but these opportunities do not usurp the patient's rights, as the patient always comes first. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
Kelly Stainbrook