

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

My name is Dominique Rehl and I am a second year medical student at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. I am a constituent of Athens OH, 45701. I am writing in support of House Bill 89 "Regards intimate examination of anesthetized, unconscious patient". As a medical student, we are taught the importance of upholding the patient's right to autonomy and non-maleficence. Performing pelvic exams on anesthetized patients without their consent directly violates people's right to bodily autonomy, autonomy in their medical decision, and non-maleficence. Pelvic exams in the medical setting should only proceed with absolute informed consent from the patient beforehand. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,
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