

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

My name is Julia LaComb, and I am a second-year medical student at Ohio University's Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine. I am a constituent of Athens, Ohio (45701) and I am writing in support of House Bill 89 "Regards intimate examination of anesthetized, unconscious patient". As medical students, we acknowledge that we have limited power and control over healthcare practices that may be deemed unethical or immoral. We recognize that many students may feel compelled to comply with such practices due to concerns about academic success or future opportunities. Nevertheless, we believe that it is incumbent upon us to take action when we have the ability to make a positive impact or bring about change. This proposed bill represents a significant step towards promoting patient autonomy and informed consent in healthcare, and we fully support its implementation.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Julia LaComb