

To: Members of the Ohio Senate Health, Human Services, & Medicaid Committee

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Re: HB 214

On behalf of the 12,000 physician, resident and medical student members of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA), we are writing to express concerns about HB 214.

Our specific concerns relate to specific provisions in this legislation that allow for civil and criminal penalties for clinicians who provide medical care related to women’s reproductive health issues.

It is the policy of the Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) to neither promote nor oppose legislative proposals related to the legality of abortion procedures. However, separate OSMA policy opposes legislation that criminalizes or otherwise penalizes any medical procedure that is considered a standard of care.

While the scope of medical practice is and should be under legislative control, determining the appropriateness for performing standard medical procedures has traditionally been – and should continue to be – left to the expertise of medical professionals.

As always, the OSMA appreciates the opportunity to be meaningful contributors to the legislative process. Please contact us should you have any questions.