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On Behalf Of:

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I am in support of this bill. There is currently no public health provider for most of these services in Linn County even though the website says they do. Women are referred to Benton County but it takes time and money to get there which is often not available for low income women.

I would also like to suggest a friendly amendment to the section that concerns those who opt out of providing reproductive healthcare due to religious exemptions. They are required to refer a women to someone who will provide that care but there are no penalties to insure that they do so. Lost wages and transportation should be provided to the referral. And penalties for a lack of referral should be added to this bill and be stiff enough to insure compliance including child support for life if their failure to refer in a timely manner results in an unintended and unwanted pregnancy. The rich and well connected will still be able to go abroad if necessary like in the bad old days I remember from pre Roe.

Thank you, Genny Lynch