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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3042

I am writing to express my strong opposition to HB 3042, which poses a serious threat to medical freedom, scientific discourse, and patient care. This bill would unjustly censor medical professionals, enforce vague and subjective ethical standards, and create an environment of fear where doctors cannot freely discuss evolving science or alternative treatments.

While ensuring ethical medical practice is essential, HB 3042 oversteps by punishing dissenting viewpoints, mandating forced psychiatric evaluations, and allowing politically motivated retaliation against doctors. The broad and ambiguous language in this bill could:

- Silence medical professionals who challenge public health policies, even when their concerns are valid and evidence-based.
- Undermine patient trust by discouraging open and honest discussions about risks, benefits, and alternatives to mainstream treatments.
- Punish innovation and evolving science by equating disagreement with misinformation, despite the reality that medical knowledge constantly changes.

Physicians should not have to choose between speaking truthfully and keeping their licenses. Protecting free and open discourse in medicine is essential for advancing science, improving patient care, and maintaining trust in healthcare providers. HB 3042 would have a chilling effect on medical professionals and ultimately harm the very patients it claims to protect.

I urge you to oppose HB 3042 and stand for medical freedom, ethical integrity, and patient rights. Please consider the dangerous precedent this bill sets and reject it in favor of policies that uphold scientific inquiry, free speech, and doctor-patient autonomy.

Thank you for your time and attention to this critical issue.

In health,
Hana