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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3042

Dear Members of the House Health Care Committee,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to HB 3042, a bill that threatens medical freedom, restricts open scientific debate, and places undue power in the hands of bureaucrats to police medical speech.

One of the pillars of medicine is the ability to question, research, and adapt based on new evidence. However, this bill seeks to punish doctors for expressing views that may challenge mainstream policies, even when those views are rooted in science and clinical experience. This could have devastating consequences, including:

- Censorship of medical professionals who provide alternative perspectives or question public health mandates.
- A dangerous effect on innovation, research, and honest discussions between doctors and patients.
- Politicization of medicine, where practitioners could be targeted for their views rather than their actual patient outcomes.

The forced psychiatric evaluations component is especially troubling, as it could be weaponized to discredit doctors with dissenting opinions. Who decides what constitutes “misinformation”? Medical knowledge is always evolving, and yesterday’s “misinformation” is often today’s accepted science.

Physicians should be able to practice medicine based on their expertise and the needs of their patients—not under the constant threat of losing their license for expressing professional judgment. This bill is a massive overreach that will harm both doctors and the patients who rely on them for informed, individualized care.

I urge you to reject HB 3042 and any legislation that seeks to silence medical professionals rather than foster open, evidence-based dialogue. Patients deserve informed choices, and doctors deserve the freedom to practice without fear of political persecution.

Sincerely,
Justin