

House Bill 1216 - Favorable with Amendments
Health and Government Operations Committee

Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Health and Government Operations Committee;

I'd like for you to amend House Bill 1216 by inserting "or abortion" on page 3, line 22 if you are thinking about giving it a favorable report.

I consider healthcare to be a right, and I hate that people's health and lives are considered expendable if they can't afford medical care. I'm also a reproductive justice advocate, and I want for people to be able to have as much control over their reproductive decisions as possible. I have two children, and have also had an abortion and a miscarriage. My pregnancies were all high-risk, and I've had many friends with high-risk pregnancies as well. I hope that you add the amendment that I've suggested so that people with high-risk pregnancies can be spared some of the costs associated with them, no matter how their pregnancies ended.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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