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Informational Statement Statement HB1251

Hospitals and Medical Professional Liability Insurers – Obstetric Services Policies
Doula and Birth Policy Transparency Act
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On behalf of our Board of Directors and members across the state, we generally support the stated premise of HB1251. We appreciate the importance of pregnant women to know their options and understand potential outcomes and the liability regarding potential adverse outcomes. We support comprehensive informed consent for healthcare decisions especially as it pertains to pregnant women and their unborn children.

Our concern is the interference of the State with the ability of a hospital to operate independently and make sound, medically based decisions for their patients. Hospitals must be free to put patients before profits at all times.

Doulas and midwives now participate in promoting and providing abortions. In these cases, conscience protections must be respected. Hospitals and hospital personnel should not be forced into contracts that force participation in abortion. Hospitals and hospital personnel should not be forced to admit a woman who has started an abortion and then force the completion of it against the hospital's policies and the will of its employees.