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Re: OSMA opposition to SB 1848

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Dear Senator:

On behalf of the Oklahoma State Medical Association and its 4,000+ physician and medical student members, I am writing to express our opposition to the proposed committee substitute for SB 1848 and to urge you to reject it when it is considered in the Senate Health and Human Services Committee on Monday.

The OSMA has members on both sides of the abortion debate and we do not take a position on the legality of abortion. However, as long as it remains a legal medical procedure, we oppose legislation or regulations that would implement a standard of care or override a physician's medical judgment. The proposed language of SB 1848 would result in the Legislature and unelected bureaucrats at the Department of Health interfering in the physician/patient relationship and crafting more burdensome regulations that do nothing to reduce the number of abortions and may not reflect medical science or the best interest of the patient.

Please vote to reject the committee substitute on SB 1848

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Robert McCaffree, MD

President

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