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REPRESENTATIVE MARY BRANDENBURG URGES VETO OF HB 1143

Representative Mary Brandenburg issued the following statement:

“The Florida Legislature should not meddle in doctor-patient relationships. For the first time in Florida’s history, HB 1143 would mandate a specific diagnosis procedure. Each patient’s case is unique, and medical decisions are best left to patients and their doctors.

“House Bill 1143 mandates that each woman seeking a legal abortion must undergo a specific diagnostic test, commonly called an ultrasound, even if her doctor recommends different care for her specific situation. Adding an unneeded test merely delays medical care and adds to the expense. For those reasons, Florida law should not mandate this procedure.

“Florida has many competent, licensed health care professionals. We rely on doctors, nurse practitioners, dentists, optometrists, and chiropractors to use their education and experience to recommend the best possible care for all their patients. Legislators should never stand in their way. I encourage Governor Charlie Crist to veto this bill.”

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