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Letter of Support: SF 70

Dear Chair Latz and Members of the Senate Judiciary Cmte,

The ACLU of MN is in support of SF 70, regarding repeals to current state statutes. We see this as an urgent civil liberties issue dealing with bodily autonomy and reproductive freedom.

In prior committees we have spoken on the need for the legislature to go much further than just passing the Pro Act. While passing that bill is a significant win, we also encourage the legislature to take steps to remove unnecessary restrictions in state law on this matter.

Repealing obstructive requirements and criminalizing penalties would greatly help Minnesotans looking for reproductive care. Repealing things such as :

- Parental notification for those seeking an abortion
- Prohibitions on abortions being performed by non physicians or abortions being restricted to a hospital after the 1st trimester
- Mandatory reporting to the commissioner of health if a person dies after a certain period after the abortion is already done, and the subsequent felony that comes with not reporting

- Requiring informed consent and 24 hr waiting period before one can get an abortion

These repeals ensure that people across the state can meaningfully exercise their right to reproductive health.

The ACLU of MN supports SF 70 and is grateful to the committee for hearing this bill.

Thank You,

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