

I am writing as a constituent to respectfully urge you to oppose HF 2332. While I understand the desire to protect life, this bill creates severe and well-documented risks to pregnant women by criminalizing medical judgment and restricting care in emergencies. States that have enacted similar laws have already shown us the consequences, and Iowa should not repeat their mistakes.

Across the country, strict abortion bans have led to delays in treating miscarriages, sepsis, ectopic pregnancies, and other life-threatening complications. In Texas, for example, multiple women have filed lawsuits after being denied care until they were at risk of organ failure. In Tennessee, physicians reported being forced to wait until a patient was "crashing" before intervening because the law's criminal penalties created fear and confusion. These are not hypotheticals—they are documented outcomes reported by major medical associations and covered extensively by national news outlets.

HF 2332 would expose Iowa physicians to Class A felony charges for providing care that is standard practice everywhere else in the country. Even with exemptions for the pregnant woman, the bill's language places doctors in an impossible position: choose between protecting a patient's life or risking life imprisonment. This is not how safe, ethical medical care works.

Major medical organizations—including the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists—have warned that laws like this increase maternal morbidity, worsen outcomes for wanted pregnancies, and drive physicians out of states where they fear prosecution. Iowa already faces provider shortages; HF 2332 would accelerate that trend.

Iowa families deserve a healthcare system where doctors can act quickly in emergencies, without lawyers and prosecutors standing between them and their patients. HF 2332 does not protect life—it endangers it.

For these reasons, I respectfully ask you to vote NO on HF 2332.

Thank you for your time and your service to our state.