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April 12, 2023 Chairman Stephens and Members of the Health and Mental Health Policy Committee, My name is Julie Donelon, and I am the President & CEO at MOCSA, the Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault. I have worked in the field of sexual violence for over 30 years. On behalf of MOCSA, I am testifying today in support of Senate Bill 106. MOCSA is the rape crisis center serving the greater Kansas City Metropolitan Community, including Jackson, Clay, Platte, and Cass counties in Missouri. Our mission is to improve the lives of those impacted by sexual abuse and assault and to prevent sexual violence in our community – the bi-state Kansas City metropolitan area. MOCSA provides advocacy and counseling services to individuals and families who have been impacted by sexual violence and we work to prevent violence through our education, prevention, and outreach programs. SB 106 would provide patients in health care settings with the critical assurance that medically unnecessary pelvic, anal, and prostate exams will not occur without their consent in Missouri. While this practice may be rare, even one exam of this type taking place is one too many and can have broad implications for survivors of sexual violence. We know that victims of both sexual assault and abuse face many barriers when accessing healthcare in the short and long-term aftermath of violence. The results of this range from increased rates of unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections over the course of a survivor's lifetime to PTSD and stress-related mental and physical health outcomes. While some of these outcomes may be a direct result of abuse, we also regularly work with survivors who are generally apprehensive to access care due to fear of being re-traumatized. As advocates, one of our primary responsibilities is to reduce barriers that survivors will face on their path to healing and recovery. Survivors already experience significant fear and stress after the trauma and the last thing they need is to worry that a healthcare provider may conduct an genital exam on them without their knowledge or consent. When considering the ramifications of this legislation, I was reminded of a client one of our advocates worked. At MOCSA, we respond 24/7 to all area hospitals that provide sexual assault exams to support survivors during their medical/forensic process. We see on average about 700 survivors a year through this service. During one such hospital advocacy response, our advocate spent the better part of a day sitting beside a young woman who had recently been assaulted. As we neared the most challenging portion of the process, the advocate asked if she had ever had a pelvic exam. She had not. The nurse and the advocate took time to explain to her how this would be different than what she would experience in the future during routine medical care. This may sound like a simple conversation, but it was important that she not associate this experience with the critical, life-saving care she would need to access throughout her life. The advocate wanted her to know that it would be safe for her to go to a doctor's office or a hospital in the future. Survivors of sexual violence can impact a person for the rest of their life. We need do

everything we can to mitigate those impacts. SB 106 can do exactly that. SB 106 removes one roadblock that survivors may face as they work to rebuild their lives and regain their autonomy. If a survivor hears about this practice occurring, this bill will allow advocates to definitively state that it will not happen in Missouri. For that reason, and the many others that have been shared, I ask for your support of Senate Bill 106. Thank you for your consideration.



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I strongly agree that it should be unacceptable for any health care provider or student trainee to perform a prostate, anal, pelvic, or breast examination on a patient without the patient's informed consent. SB106 should be amended to also include breast examinations. Not only should those that violate this bill be disciplined by any licensing board, but I would go as far to say it should be a crime. Our health care providers should always honor their patient's bodily autonomy. The thought of being taken advantage of by someone you should be able to trust while in an unconscious state is appalling. Please support this bill.



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