

SENATE JUDICIARY

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Bill No. HB587

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To: Montana Senate Judiciary Committee

From: Kara Roberts, RDMS

RE: Testimony in support of HB587

Dear Member of the Senate Judiciary Committee,

I am a Registered Diagnostic Medical Sonographer, performing ultrasound in a hospital setting in Montana. I want you to know that I support House Bill 587.

In my professional opinion, prescribing the abortion pill via telemedicine is bad practice. As a registered sonographer, I have performed ultrasounds on women, sometimes months after their abortions, who were experiencing complications from the procedure. Most of these women were suffering from incomplete abortions, meaning there were still products of conception left in the uterus. This can result in heavy bleeding and infection, requiring intervention from a doctor, sometimes resulting in surgery.

If a woman was hours away from her abortion provider, where would she go in this situation? Who would be in charge of following up with this patient?

Often times, a short-cut seems like a good idea. But is it worth putting Montana women's health, and potentially their lives at stake? I think in this case, it's better to take the proper steps, even though that means more steps.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.



Kara Roberts, RDMS

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