

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Lawmakers rely on anecdotal evidence on abortion bill

In response to “Abortion ‘reversal’ bill advances” article published Feb. 16 by the J&C, I stand firmly opposed to House Bill 1128.

Opposing this bill should be a clear decision, especially when leading medical professional organizations have not yet vetted and endorsed a treatment. Do our state representatives believe they are more knowledgeable than medical professionals, and thus able to make such decisions?

Legislators should not be making policy based off anecdotal evidence. If cases using medicine to reverse an abortion exist, this phenomenon warrants rigorous scientific investigation to ensure clear guidance on the procedure and safety of the patient. Our legislators need to listen when medical experts with the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists state there is not reliable research to recommend a treatment for reversing a medical abortion.

This bill will cost me, and all taxpayers, thousands of dollars in court costs when it is challenged — because it will be challenged. This money could be put to better use by expanding contraception access, a proven method for reducing unintended pregnancy, and thus abortion rates.

I encourage you to join me in calling your representatives to tell them to vote no on HB 1128.

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