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Dear Chair Moore Capito and Vice Chair Fast,

On behalf of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I am writing to express strong opposition to <u>HB 302</u>, which would curtail the reproductive rights of the residents of West Virginia and leave some facing lifethreatening risk.

ASRM is a multidisciplinary organization of nearly 8,000 professionals dedicated to the advancement of the art, science, and practice of reproductive medicine. Distinguished members of ASRM include obstetricians and gynecologists, urologists, reproductive endocrinologists, embryologists, mental health professionals and others.

West Virginia already has some of the most stringent abortion laws in the nation. Passing HB 302 would only make access to critical reproductive care more difficult and, indeed, dangerous.

On behalf of ASRM, I strongly urge you to oppose the passage of HB 302 to protect the health and lives of West Virginian families.

For more information, feel free to contact me or Sean Tipton, our Chief Advocacy and Policy officer at Stipton@asrm.org or 202-421-5112.

Sincerely,

Marcelle I. Cedars, MD

President

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