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Good afternoon,

I am writing in strong support for H6210. This bill prohibits statements made by medical providers regarding unanticipated outcomes of medical care from being admissible in a legal action/malpractice suit as an admission of liability. Medical science and medical care are imperfect. Sometimes appropriate high-quality care is provided to a patient and there are still unexpected adverse outcomes.

Physicians and other health care providers are highly qualified, dedicated and extensively vetted individuals who are passionate about their work. When an adverse outcome occurs, the provider grieves for the affected patient. They are devastated and wracked with self-doubt and second-guessing. The opportunity to share all of these feelings and emotions is central to the human-to-human patient interaction.

Sharing thoughts such as "I'm sorry that things did not go as expected" is an expression of compassion and not a confession of wrong-doing or legal liability. These conversations that occur during very challenging times for both parties should not be admissible during a medical malpractice suit or board of medical licensure inquiry.

I strongly urge your support of H6210

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