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ULTRASOUND REQUIREMENT BILL, SB 597:
AN INTRUSION INTO MEDICAL CARE

- **We should be able to agree that, no matter how we feel about abortion, these decisions are best kept between a woman, her family, her doctor, and her God – not policymakers.**
- **The Women's Right to Know Act was objectionable enough to be vetoed by Governor Wise in 2002.** The Woman's Right to Know materials as they are now contain biased, unlawful information that could potentially result in a lawsuit.
- **The administrative and civil penalties are severe and expose health care providers to lawsuits.**
- **In the real world, such legislation wouldn't necessarily stop any abortions – but it definitely would delay them, posing greater health risks to a woman.**
- **Legislation like this interferes with the practice of medicine. Doctors, nurses, midwives and medical students have spoken loudly in opposition to this bill.**
- Women undergoing abortion care should be trusted to make the right decision and we should trust West Virginia medical providers to act in the best interest of their patients without legislative intrusion.
- If anything is to be done with the Women's Right to Know bill, it should be stricken not made more biased and coercive.
- The intent of the bill is clear: it's meant to shame women and intimidate providers.
- At a moment of profound economic crisis, we should be attending to the people's business – not finding new ways to interfere in constituents' personal lives. Let's sweep this sideshow off the stage and get back to the main event.

Our goal should be to protect and support a woman's health and well-being.