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Idaho Academy of Family Physicians Affirms Strong Support for Proposition One, the Reproductive Freedom and Privacy Act to Protect Patient Safety and Medical Care

Representing over 800 primary care and family medicine obstetrics providers across every part of the state, the IAFP supports the initiative to restore evidence-based practice, protect patient autonomy, and remove government interference from private medical choices.

BOISE, Idaho — The Idaho Academy of Family Physicians (IAFP)—the professional voice for over 800 primary care and family medicine obstetrics providers practicing in every part of the state—wants to make clear where we stand on access to reproductive healthcare for Idahoans. As the state prepares to vote on November 3, 2026, family doctors from across Idaho are speaking out in favor of patient safety, full healthcare access, and families receiving critical medical interventions.

The IAFP supports Proposition One, the Reproductive Freedom and Privacy Act as part of our commitment to responsible medical practice and the well-being of Idaho communities. Family physicians are trained to care for patients throughout their lives, including offering comprehensive reproductive health care. However, Idaho's laws currently threaten physicians with severe legal penalties for providing essential medical care during pregnancy. When physicians are compelled to seek legal counsel before acting in a medical emergency, the safety of Idaho patients is compromised.

"As family physicians, we sit at the bedsides of Idaho families during the most difficult moments of their lives," said Dr. Loren Colson, an IAFP Executive Board member, Chair of the IAFP's Reproductive Health Committee, and a family physician-obstetrician practicing in the Treasure Valley. "These deeply personal and complex medical choices belong within the sacred circle of families, their physicians, and their faith communities."

They should not be dictated by politicians and lawyers who are not in the room and do not understand the clinical realities our patients face."

This stance aligns the IAFP with a growing coalition of more than 367 Idaho physicians—including practitioners who personally identify as pro-life, Catholic, and LDS—who recently signed a joint letter outlining the urgent medical necessity of Proposition One, the Reproductive Freedom and Privacy Act. By removing government interference from the exam room, the measure ensures that when complications arise, physicians can provide the care their patients need based on medical best practices rather than legal fears.

Passage of Proposition One, the Reproductive Freedom and Privacy Act will allow family physicians to:

- Deliver pregnancy-related care without fear of legal repercussions
- Protect the health and lives of pregnant patients in emergencies
- Provide comprehensive counseling and options based on medical best practices
- Restore the confidential relationship between patients and their physicians

The Idaho Academy of Family Physicians stands with our patients, our physicians, and our communities. We support Proposition One, the Reproductive Freedom and Privacy Act as a necessary step toward restoring safe, compassionate, and accessible reproductive health care for all Idahoans. We urge all Idaho voters to reject dangerous disinformation, prioritize public health, and vote **YES on Proposition One** this November.

For more details on clinical impacts or to view the full physician letter, please visit the official [Idaho Academy of Family Physicians](#) website.

About the Idaho Academy of Family Physicians:

The IAFP represents family physicians, residents, and medical students providing vital primary care and obstetric services across urban and rural Idaho. Dedicated to improving public health statewide, the Academy advocates for high-quality patient care, strong doctor-patient relationships, and the preservation of sound medical standards.