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RE: Opposition to Proposed Regulation #10-242 (Communicable and Noncommunicable Diseases)

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing as a resident of Pennsylvania to voice my strong opposition to the proposed updates under **Regulation #10-242**. While public safety matters, this proposal expands executive government authority too far. It forces the collection of private health data, violating individual liberties.

While proponents claim that bypassing standard patient consent is legal under HIPAA exceptions, the citizens of this Commonwealth deserve better than minimum federal baselines. This proposal poses severe, modern privacy risks and falls short of the privacy protections used in other states:

- **Risks of Centralized State Databases:** Massively expanding the list of mandatory reportable conditions forces doctors to routinely hand over private patient data without consent. Centralizing massive amounts of sensitive health data creates highly attractive targets for cybercriminals, exposing Pennsylvanians to data breaches, identity theft, and permanent privacy loss. [[1](#), [2](#)]
- **Lack of Data Controls:** Once private information enters a state-run system, patients lose all visibility and granular control over how their personal health profiles are shared, logged, or utilized across various government networks. [[1](#), [2](#)]
- **Falling Behind Other States:** Other states are proactively moving to protect patient privacy where HIPAA falls short. For example, states like Washington—through the [My Health My Data Act](#)—and states like California and Colorado require strict, affirmative opt-in consent before sensitive consumer health profiles can be collected or shared. Pennsylvania should follow this trend of empowering citizens, rather than building a broader infrastructure for zero-consent data tracking. [[1](#), [2](#)]

Public health policies work best when they rely on transparency, individual autonomy, and voluntary cooperation. This proposal shifts the balance entirely toward government mandate and unchecked data collection.

I urge the Department of Health to reject these sweeping regulatory expansions. Please respect patient privacy and leave these major decisions to our elected General Assembly.

Sincerely,

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I am writing as a resident of Pennsylvania to voice my strong opposition to the proposed updates under **Regulation #10-242**. While I understand the importance of public safety, this proposal expands government authority too far. It risks infringing upon the personal freedoms and privacy rights of Pennsylvania citizens.

I am deeply concerned about the following elements of this proposal:

- **Overly Broad Authority:** The regulation grants health officials sweeping powers to enact isolation, quarantine, and masking mandates without enough oversight.
- **Lack of Legislative Oversight:** Major choices that impact daily life, jobs, and schools should be made by elected lawmakers, not by unelected agency officials.
- **Privacy Concerns:** Expanding the mandatory tracking and reporting of personal health data raises serious privacy risks for patients.

Public health policies work best when they rely on voluntary cooperation, clear communication, and individual choice. They should not rely on broad government mandates. This proposal tilts the balance too far away from personal liberty.

I urge the Department of Health to reject these changes. Please keep the decision-making power in the hands of the General Assembly and individual Pennsylvanians. Thank you for your time and for considering my feedback.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Dando

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