



**Testimony of Antonio Serrano, Advocacy Director of Wyoming
American Civil Liberties Union
In opposition of HB-42**

The ACLU of Wyoming opposes this bill. Patient care isn't the purpose of House Bill 42. It is meant to close Wyoming's one and only abortion provider down by forcing doctors to comply with regulations they shouldn't need to meet.

Clinics that provide reproductive services have been proven safe. So safe that leading medical authorities like the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Medical Association have affirmed abortion is one of the safest medical procedures with low complication rates.

The United States Supreme Court ruled in [*Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt*](#) that medically unnecessary restrictions on doctors and clinics, like those in House Bill 42, do not improve the health and safety of patients, They are unconstitutional and should not be enforced.

Additionally, the American Medical Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists says hospital admitting privileges are unnecessary. According to them, there is no medical basis to require abortion providers to have local hospital admitting privileges and they do not protect patients' safety. Reproductive health care is done carefully and safely with close communication between abortion providers and the patient. Providers already have plans in case of emergencies, which are extremely rare.

Admitting privileges are simply a business arrangement between a local hospital and a physician that single out abortion providers. Other doctors do not have to meet these requirements so abortion providers should not have to either.

HB-42 is not about health or safety; it's about government infringing on personal freedom and restricting reproductive health care access in Wyoming. If you feel in your heart that abortion is against your beliefs then don't get one, but please don't tell other Wyomingites what they are allowed to do and not do with their bodies. We urge legislators to reject HB 42.

For questions or comments, contact Antonio J. Serrano,
Advocacy Director for the ACLU Wyoming
American Civil Liberties Union, National Office
307-287-4957 or aserrano@aclu.org