

Good morning Senator,

So Rep. Grad asked if we had any thoughts as well when it was in the House, and I passed on testifying because, frankly, I was pretty swamped.

I wouldn't say this is the ACLU's number one priority issue, but there are some potential issues. My concern is that this would lead to EMTs doing blood draws on the side of the road, which could be unhygienic, and would also lead to longer roadside detention. That would also cause a larger presence of vehicles on the roadside, which could be hazardous. Perhaps there could also be questions raised if the EMT in question is also a member of the police force, just in terms of conflict. Finally, I wouldn't want this to lead to police being trained as phlebotomists and doing roadside draws, as in other states. I may be missing something else, however, and if so I'm sure the defense bar (Senator Benning!) will catch it.

In sum, I don't see this as an enormous issue, but there might be some clarification needed?

All the best,

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