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I have worked as a personal injury attorney for the past 17 years, and I voice my strong opposition to amending Rule 218 to force Plaintiffs to sign an authorization allowing unfettered access to their past medical records.

On at least 3 occasions I have represented injured women who have had the misfortune of going through past physical and sexual abuse. Each and every one of them would rather have dropped their entire cases rather than allow an insurance company and its attorneys access to their very personal, private information. There is no doubt that if this amendment is adopted, there are people who will choose not to hold tortfeasors accountable out of fear of disclosing such information. This new rule would effectively force those who have suffered in silence for so long to be punished a second time because somebody thinks an insurance company needs to compile data.

Please do the right thing and make sure this does not pass.

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