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Ms. Bowne,

I cannot object strongly enough to the proposed Amendment to Supreme Court Rule 218. I shutter to think that if anyone in your family or my family should find themselves injured and in need of access to the courts of this State to right a wrong befallen upon them, but only to be deterred because all of their family history contained in their medical records would be allowed to be shared and stored with the insurance companies that defend lawsuits. Should my siblings or children or cousins ever find themselves in peril then they are subjecting my father's and my mother's and my grandparent's medical history (who are not parties to any lawsuit) to be exposed to the insurance companies and corporations since it is contained in family histories contained in medical records. Citizens of this State should not have to make a choice between medical privacy and whether to proceed with a meritorious lawsuit for which the insurance companies or corporations are refusing to take responsibility. However, if this amendment is allowed, that is exactly what will happen. Myself and my colleagues would have to ask clients if there are any matters so private in their lives and contained in their medical records that they wish to not have exposed to complete strangers, in lieu of proceeding with a lawsuit for their injuries. I hope it does not come to this.

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