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On behalf of my clients and all citizens of Illinois who have been, or may be, injured by the negligence of another (which is everybody), I strenuously object to the proposed change to Illinois Supreme Court Rule 218.

The proposed change, requiring an injured person to choose between: 1) exercising her rights to pursue compensation for her damages; or 2) retaining a certain level of her rights of privacy regarding her medical history, goes too far to pass Constitutional scrutiny.

As the Illinois Supreme Court stated in *Kunkel v Walton*, 179 Ill.2d 519 (1997), "It is reasonable to require full disclosure of medical information that is relevant to the issues in the lawsuit. But a blanket consent to disclosure of all medical information without regard to the issues being litigated is unreasonable and unconstitutional."

In this day and age where it seems like our right to privacy is constantly under attack, our laws should lean toward protecting our rights, not diminishing them.

Thank you.

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