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Global Doctors for Choice calls on the government of Nicaragua and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to authorize immediate state-of-the-art medical treatment to “Amalia”. Her well-being and health should be the first priority in this situation; she and her 10-year old daughter depend on it. Withholding treatment from the pregnant “Amalia” who was recently diagnosed with metastatic cancer and has indicated that she wants cancer treatment constitutes a direct violation of her human rights to health and well-being. Inhibiting physicians from having honest, medically accurate discussions with their patients and providing appropriate, evidence-based medical treatment compromises their professional integrity and obligations to their patients. Preventing physicians from meeting their professional obligations to their patients ultimately threatens the quality of health care for all Nicaraguans. Global Doctors for Choice calls for immediate medical treatment for “Amalia” and calls for legal protection for physicians who perform their professional duties.

Sincerely,

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