

PROPONENT, House Bill 2319

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Representative John Barker
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Chairman Barker:

The purpose of my testimony is to provide evidence in support of the DISCLOSE ACT, House Bill 2319, an update to the “Kansas Women’s Right to Know Act,” specifically to provide relevant safety information to those considering abortion.

The amendments to the Act are things that the average reasonable person would want to know about their doctor.

In addition, it is my understanding that public records show a higher proportion of medicolegal trouble experienced by abortionists compared to other providers, creating a need for special notification to their patients. I should also state that in my clinical experience I never see in any other provider group, the kind of neglect for both sterility and patient injury, that I see in press reports of abortionists.

Regardless of one’s position on abortion, both sides on the matter agree that this is often a time of emotional duress. In addition, many considering abortion are under financial constraint. I submit that patients in these circumstances are not likely to have the presence of mind, or the resources, to carefully search out the credentials of the abortion provider; this adds to the need for clear notification to their patients.

For these reasons I urge you to support these amendments to the “Kansas Women’s Right to Know Act.”

Sincerely yours,

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