

To whom it may concern:

This document serves as our written testimony against HCR 5019.

We are writing today as the parents of three grown daughters. We raised them to think for themselves and carefully consider the consequences of their actions. We also raised them to believe in science, which includes the medical field. It is with great disgust that we have learned of HCR 5019, the constitutional amendment that denies women reproductive freedom. Rights should always be extended, not restricted.

There are a multitude of medically appropriate reasons for an abortion. Further, our daughters, and all women, have the ability to decide when and with whom to have their families. This is fundamental to their success and independence. Finally, recent studies find 5 years post-abortion, over 90% of women are happy with their decision and would do it again. This is unprecedented for most decisions in life. Trust women to make the decisions that are right for them.

You can not allow this amendment to pass. It is anathema to women's rights and health.

Trust women.

Your constituents,

Tam and Dennis O'Rourke
1311 Sawhill Dr
Lawrence, Kansas 66049