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To whom it may concern:

My name is Melissa Gard, I live in Prairie Village, KS, and I am hoping against all hope that you will not pass through the constitutional amendment proposition to ban women's rights to safe health care.

I was dismayed to hear today that this constitutional amendment is under consideration, and that it would add additional restrictions to women's rights to bodily autonomy. My access to safe health care of any sort should not be something that is litigated in Topeka. It is, rather, something that is between myself, my doctor, and my higher power.

You will be hearing many arguments as to why this is something that shouldn't pass, all of which I feel are valid and legitimate. I would like, however, to offer just one: This is my body. I, as a reasonable and fully functioning adult, should be allowed to make decisions for myself. I reserve the right, not the government of Kansas, to decide.

Please, do not pass the constitutional amendment banning women's rights to abortions.

Thank you for your time, service to our state, and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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