

Kansas House Federal and State Affairs Committee

Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee

9:00 AM, Room 346 –S

Testimony in Opposition to HCR 5019

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Dear Chairman Barker, Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Committees,

I am writing to you today to express my deep opposition to HCR 5019.

I feel it is of the utmost importance for women to be able to access safe abortions. For myself, if I had been unable to have an abortion there is a good chance that I would be jobless and homeless.

I am a single mother of four. Another child would have made it impossible for me to maintain my job. I also know my mental health would have declined severely if I would have been forced to have another child. Adoption was not an option for myself or my family either. My daughter is already managing mental health issues and if I would have continued my pregnancy and then not brought a baby home I can only imagine how this would have negatively affected her wellbeing.

The state needs to stay out of what we women do about our health and our bodies. Politicians should stop interfering in women's lives.

At the end of the day, I do not believe you all really care about the woman or the baby because you do not seem to care after the baby is born. You will never be able stop abortions altogether, you will only be able to stop the safe and legal ones.