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Testimony to the House Committee on Health & Human Services

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BILL NUMBER: HB 2429, Establishing the alternatives to abortion program to provide resources and promote childbirth to women facing unplanned pregnancies.

PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written only

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2429.

The bill states “HB 2429 would establish the Alternatives to Abortion Program and the Alternatives to Abortion Public Awareness Program, both to be administered by the Secretary of the Department for Children and Families (DCF)... The Alternatives to Abortion Public Awareness Program would help pregnant women who are at risk of having abortions to be made aware of the alternatives to abortion services made available.” Personal and private health care decisions are between a woman and her doctor which includes abortion care. The state of Kansas should not be trying to influence a patient’s choice.

On August 2, 2022, the people of Kansas made it clear that they want the government to stay out of their healthcare decisions. This bill is in direct opposition to the will of the people. I urge you to oppose HB 2429.

Thank you,

Amy Hinrichs

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