



Proponent Testimony on HB 2313
House Health and Human Services Committee

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Chairwoman Landwehr and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2313. My name is Jeanne Gawdun and I am the Director of Government Relations with Kansans for Life (KFL).

KFL and our statewide membership support strong protections for infants who are born alive during an abortion. These infants should not be discriminated against because of the circumstances of their birth.

HB 2313 clearly spells out the obligations of healthcare providers present at the time the child is born alive during an abortion. Many abortion clinics are not equipped to handle complications suffered by women undergoing abortions and these women are transported to hospitals for treatment.

A child who survives an abortion deserves no less than to be transferred to a hospital where any further evaluation can take place.

The bill also includes penalties for violations, including overt acts intended to kill the child who is born alive, and creates a civil cause of action. Sadly, there are many cases across the country of infants born alive and left to die, or intentionally killed.

HB 2313 improves reporting requirements to the KDHE to include specific information on abortion survivors such as gestational age, medical actions taken, and the outcome.

Surely, we can all agree that a child who survives an abortion deserves the same healthcare as any other child born alive at the same gestational age.

Thank you again and I ask that HB 2313 be passed favorably out of committee.

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