



Written PROPONENT testimony for HB 2439, AN ACT concerning health and healthcare; relating to medication abortions; requiring certain notifications for patients under the woman's right-to-know act; amending K.S.A. 65-6708 and repealing the existing section.

To: Madam Chair Landwehr and Committee Members

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Madam Chair and members of the committee,

The Kansas Catholic Conference stands in full support of HB 2439. If enacted, this bill would require medical providers and pharmacies who prescribe and distribute chemical abortion drug like mifepristone to provide notice of the Abortion Pill Reversal (APR) protocol. Abortion Pill Reversal offers women a safe and effective choice to reverse the beginning effects of a chemical abortion.

Embryology science proves that human life begins at the moment of conception. The Catholic Church teaches that each human life should be valued from that very moment. Abortion is a direct attack on life when it is most vulnerable. The Abortion Pill Reversal protocol can protect innocent life that has been targeted for elimination.

With close to 70% of abortions in Kansas the result of chemical drugs ¹, APR gives women an alternative option in case they change their mind. According to a 2018 study, APR has a 68% success rate.² Let us give women the opportunity to save the life of their unborn child, if they regret taking the first dose of a chemical abortion. Allow them to have a real choice when it comes to their pregnancy.

Thank you for your consideration and we encourage you to support this life affirming legislation.

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¹ <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/DocumentCenter/View/22847/KS-Abortions-2021-PDF?bidId=>

² [New Abortion Pill Reversal Study Shows a 68% Success Rate Authors Include Catholic Medical Association Members - Catholic Medical Association : Catholic Medical Association \(cathmed.org\)](#)