

Senate Public Health and Welfare
SB 219

Proponent Testimony

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Dear Honorable Chairwoman Senator Gossage and Members of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee,

Thank you for serving Kansans and the unborn. I strongly urge your support for SB 219.

The protection of the innocent and defenseless should be the top priority of every human being! A human life is not something that should be called a choice, as the unborn cannot speak for themselves. God tells us in his Word "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born, I set you apart." - Jeremiah 1:5. To destroy God's creation and call it choice will be a judgement all of us will have to answer for one day. Killing the innocent is just that...murder.

Argument 1: "My body, my choice." If it were just the woman's body, I would agree. This argument fails when you consider the other life that cannot speak for themselves. Additionally, there is a man involved in this equation, as well. The baby also belongs to another man.

Argument 2: "The baby will have a terrible life if unwanted. Our system can't handle all the babies." To predict this is just crazy and to not factor in necessary resources to keep citizens alive is a shortcoming on our system that needs addressed. There are many stories from people living exceptional lives who were nearly aborted. It is the responsibility of each one of us to ensure proper care for all our citizens, starting with our elected officials. I have a friend who has been trying to adopt for years. She was scheduled to receive a child in December and the adoption fell through. Imagine the devastation to these parents who have been waiting and wanting to care for a child. It was like miscarrying for these two and their family members.

Now imagine these parents who are aware that a child they desperately wanted was murdered in the womb. These are not the actions of a healthy society. And again, imagine this mother who chose in desperation, coercion or lies to allow the murder. She is not whole and healthy as she continues her life. She will have to reconcile in her mind her actions and may herself deal with long-term health and mental health issues.

I do not believe that the majority of Kansans voted down the Value Them Both Amendment. I believe politics and deceitful propaganda/lies won that fight. It is an evil that is taking over the country. It was said that how Kansas votes will be how the country goes. As a Kansan, I don't want that blood on my hands and I don't believe you do either. I am embarrassed to say I live

in this state when this topic comes up. **Under no circumstance should my taxpayer money be used to subsidize abortion clinics. No abortion clinic should be allowed to purchase insurance through the Healthcare Stabilization Fund.**

I would appreciate your support to SB 219.

Sincerely,

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