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Oral PROPONENT testimony for HB 2727. AN ACT concerning abortion; relating to the woman's-right-to-know act; providing for the plaintiff to elect to limit recovery in claims brought for violations of such act; making the laws providing for medical malpractice screening panels inapplicable when such election is made; amending K.S.A. 2025 Supp. 65-6708 and repealing the existing section.

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To: Chair Representative Kessler and members of the Kansas Committee on Federal and State Affairs

From: Lucrecia Nold, Kansas Catholic Conference

Dear Chair Kessler and committee members,

My name is Lucrecia Nold, and I serve as the Policy Specialist for the Kansas Catholic Conference, representing the Catholic Bishops of Kansas. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony as a proponent to HB 2727.

A specific section of the Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) is titled "The Human Virtues". In the CCC, this is described in paragraph 1804 as, "...firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. They make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life. the virtuous man is he who freely practices the good. The moral virtues are acquired by human effort. They are the fruit and seed of morally good acts; they dispose all the powers of the human being for communion with divine love."¹

Many in today's world talk about the importance of justice and wanting to seek justice. However, they often forget or simply do not realize that justice is a part of our human virtues. Again, the CCC in paragraph 1807 states, "Justice is the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the "virtue of religion." Justice toward men disposes one to respect the rights of each and to establish in human relationships the harmony that promotes equity with regard to persons and to the common good. The just man, often mentioned in the

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https://www.vatican.va/content/catechism/en/part_three/section_one/chapter_one/article_7/i_the_human_virtues.html

Sacred Scriptures, is distinguished by habitual right thinking and the uprightness of his conduct toward his neighbor. "You shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbor." (Lev 19:15) "Masters, treat your slaves justly and fairly, knowing that you also have a Master in heaven." (Col 4:1)"

Why the theology lesson, you may ask? Because justice is at the heart of why this bill is needed.

Women who have sought or are seeking abortion reserve the right to obtain information regarding the abortion and her options. Which is why the Women's Right to Know (WRTK) was established and put into statute, almost 30 years ago.

But what happens when a woman does not receive this information? What is she to do then? This is where justice comes into play. As the WRTK should not simply be words on paper, but an enforceable practice. HB 2727 would help streamline the statutory damages these women acquired due to the lack of information provided to them leading up to or at the time of their abortion.

Women who have felt harmed by the abortion industry, rarely come forward and initiate lawsuits. This is for many reasons with the most prominent being that these women are often embarrassed, ashamed, and feel intimidated with the thought of going up against doctors and the abortion industry. Another reason is the financial barrier. So often the abortion industry preys on the poverty of women. Since a multitude of post abortive women have later confessed that their reason for abortion was due to their financial situation- they simply felt they couldn't afford a child. Financial reasons are then also a major factor into why women do not bring lawsuits against the abortion industry. As this is time-consuming and costly. Not to mention there first has to be a submission to a medical malpractice screen panel (K.S.A. 65-4901 through 65-4908).

You may wonder if women really do feel harmed for lack of information and if this bill is even necessary? Yes, women do feel harmed.

Just a few months ago, myself and others spent a couple of weeks in the Johnson County Courthouse where the WRTK was heavily discussed. What we witnessed was proof that women do need the WRTK. Three witnesses were brought forth to the stand and testified under oath. All three shared their personal and emotional story of their abortion. All three stated that they were not fully informed, little to no information was provided to them to help them in their decision making process. All three affirmed that if they would have been provided information, like that under the WRTK, their decision to abort would've changed. The information presented in the WRTK is life saving. Even in the courtroom, the abortion industry attorneys admitted that women do change their mind when presented with this information.

For the women whose statutory rights were dismissed and violated. For the women who the abortion industry left in the dark, by not providing them with the information from the WRTK.

These women deserve justice. They deserve a simple and easy process in obtaining the justice they are due. Which is exactly what HB 2727 will provide.

For these reasons, the Kansas Catholic Conference supports HB 2727. We ask for your full support as well.

Thank you,

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