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In Person Oral Testimony in Opposition to HB 2729  
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Planned Parenthood Great Plains Votes (“PPGPV”) is the advocacy and political arm of Comprehensive Health of Planned Parenthood Great Plains and Planned Parenthood Great Plains (“PPGP”), which offer compassionate sexual and reproductive health care to patients with four health center locations in Kansas. PPGPV submits this testimony in opposition to House Bill 2729. This bill amends the “Women’s Right to Know Act” (“WRTKA”), requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (“KDHE”) to provide certain forms and notices to physicians. HB 2729 amends the WRTKA, but does not fix the constitutional problems inherent to the law.

The WRTKA first passed in 1997 and has since been amended several times by the Legislature. Less than a year after Kansans voted overwhelmingly to protect abortion rights in the state constitution, the Kansas Legislature passed an amended WRTKA with abortion regulations that blatantly went against the will of the people. Among these regulations were arbitrarily imposed bureaucratic requirements that forced providers to lie to their patients about abortion. Abortion restrictions and regulations in the WRTKA have been challenged and preliminarily blocked in state court pending a final ruling.

This bill is motivated by the unsubstantiated, medically inaccurate belief that abortion is dangerous. Studies show women in the U.S. experience major complications less than one percent of the time.<sup>1</sup> In those rare cases when complications do occur, they are similar to those that may occur from miscarriage, which ob-gyns and other health care professionals treat every day. The risk of complication or mortality from abortion is less than that from common procedures like wisdom tooth removal, cancer-screening colonoscopy, and many types of plastic surgery.<sup>2</sup> Abortion is safe and common, and like all medical procedures, providers adhere to strict rules governing the practice of medicine.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.kff.org/womens-health-policy/key-facts-on-abortion-in-the-united-states/?entry=table-of-contents-what-does-research-show-about-the-safety-of-abortions>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.acog.org/advocacy/abortion-is-essential/come-prepared/abortion-access-fact-sheet>



The informed consent process is an important component of medical care, with physicians providing patients with accurate, necessary, and relevant information that will assist patients in identifying the best course of action for their medical care.<sup>3</sup> The ability of patients and providers to have open, truthful conversations about care is a cornerstone of informed consent and the patient-provider relationship more broadly. HB 2729 leaves in place unconstitutional requirements that abortion patients receive inaccurate, state-mandated misinformation prior to receiving care. Arbitrary, medically unfounded requirements like those in the WRTKA delay access to time-sensitive care and threaten the patient-provider relationship.

The unconstitutional restrictions left in place by HB 2729 shame and stigmatize people seeking abortion care as a means of making abortion inaccessible. This is despite broad public support for abortion access in Kansas. In August 2022, Kansans voted overwhelmingly to protect abortion access.<sup>4</sup> Furthermore, according to the most recent Kansas Speaks Survey from Fort Hays State University, 65% of Kansans say patients—not politicians—should decide on abortion.<sup>5</sup>

HB 2729 would thwart the will of Kansans by leaving in place unconstitutional requirements that impose arbitrary restrictions on abortion care. Kansans deserve access to comprehensive medical care that is free from arbitrary, state-mandated requirements based on anti-abortion misinformation.

PPGPV strongly urges the Committee to oppose HB 2729.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.acog.org/clinical/clinical-guidance/committee-opinion/articles/2021/02/informed-consent-and-shared-decision-making-in-obstetrics-and-gynecology>

<sup>4</sup> <https://www.npr.org/sections/2022-live-primary-election-race-results/2022/08/02/1115317596/kansas-voters-abortion-legal-reject-constitutional-amendment>

<sup>5</sup> [https://www.fhsu.edu/docking/Kansas-Speaks/2025-kansas-speaks-report\\_final-10-27-20251.pdf](https://www.fhsu.edu/docking/Kansas-Speaks/2025-kansas-speaks-report_final-10-27-20251.pdf)