



Proponent Testimony-HB 2729

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Chairman Kessler and Members of the Committee,

I am Jeanne Gawdun, Director of Government Relations with Kansans for Life. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 2729.

The Woman's Right to Know Act (WRTK) was first passed in 1997 and has been amended several times over the years to ensure that pregnant women are given the most up to date information on fetal development, abortion methods, risks and alternatives, and the various resources available to assist them. These updates include letting a woman know that she has the right to see the ultrasound of her baby or hear his heartbeat if she so desires, about the option of abortion pill reversal should she change her mind and no longer want to complete her chemical abortion, and where to go for assistance if she is facing a medically challenging pregnancy.

HB 2729 amends the WRTK Act by requiring the Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE) to draft and provide the disclosure forms and allows them to be sent to women electronically, or as a hard copy. This is an important update that will enable a woman to view the forms on her phone or computer, save the documents for future reference or share them with people she trusts. The hard copy option is still available to help women who may not have easy access to computers.

The abortionists who are suing the WRTK Act spent a great deal of time at the recent trial complaining about how burdensome "the form" was and should welcome this amendment. Requiring the KDHE to create an official disclosure form eliminates the need for them to come up with their own versions, as they will just need to give a woman the uniform, state-provided document. Compliance simply rests on the fact that the abortionist either did or did not give her the official document.

As legislators have learned through women's testimony in support of the WRTK Act and its subsequent updates, many women who seek abortions are in vulnerable situations and deserve to have information that is clear and reliable. A standardized KDHE form ensures that every woman receives the same information in a consistent format, about such things as the fact that she can withdraw her consent, that the father of her child has a responsibility to pay child support, and that assistance is available for prenatal care, childbirth and parenting.

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From the very beginning, the WRTK Act was designed to protect every woman's right to fully informed consent when considering abortion. The amendments in HB 2729 provide that she receives all the information she is entitled to regardless of which abortion facility she visits or the abortionist's views on whether she should receive the information. These changes strengthen the law, make it easier to comply with and harder to evade.

Kansans for Life respectfully asks that the committee find HB 2729 favorable for passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

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