



**Testimony in Support of SB 219**  
**Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee**  
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Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Senate Bill 219. My name is Jeanne Gawdun and I am the Director of Government Relations with Kansans for Life (KFL).

KFL and our statewide membership have long supported measures to ensure Kansans are not directly or indirectly subsidizing the abortion industry through public funds. In 2013 the legislature approved HB 2253 which prohibits the use of state taxpayer dollars from directly paying for abortions. The measure was approved with broad bi-partisan support.

Senate Bill 219 furthers the intentions of the 2013 legislation by ensuring public resources are not being utilized to the benefit of abortion providers. If SB 219 is ultimately adopted into law, abortion clinics will still have the ability to pursue liability protections through non-public sources.

I thank the committee again for allowing me to submit testimony and would be happy to provide additional information at the committee's request.

Thank you for your consideration.

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