

Senate Public Health and Welfare

SB 219

Proponent Testimony – Written Only

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

I strongly urge your support for SB 219. This bill will keep abortion clinics from purchasing insurance through the Healthcare Stabilization Fund. This is an inappropriate use of taxpayers money. Abortion is an industry. I found this short news article recently:

Rebecca Tong, co-executive director of the “Trust Women Clinic” of Oklahoma City, OK, found herself in a similar position. Oklahoma also had trigger laws on the books...Tong’s business was about to become illegal as well.

Just like CHOICES, the Trust Women clinic and the people behind it could not stand to give up their highly profitable abortion services. So, they acquired a second location just across the border in the abortion-legal state of Kansas. As with Illinois, Kansas has no shortage of existing abortion clinics. Trust Women did not want to miss out on the big bucks from killing kids, and business has never been better.

"We're seeing patients twice as many days as we had in the past," according to Tong, who says patient volume at the Kansas location has quadrupled.

Kansas has apparently become a ‘haven state’ in the Midwest for abortions. In 2020, KS annual number of abortions climbed by a staggering 9.1% for a total of 7,542 lives lost. (kdhe statistic) 52% of these abortions were not even performed on Kansans. These numbers are appalling, and will likely just get worse. Any support for this carnage is unconscionable.

In 2022, a national poll conducted by Harvard University and the Harris polling firm confirms that Americans essentially support the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade and want heartbeat laws that protect babies from abortions when their hearts begin beating.

The poll found 37% would ban abortion entirely with only rape and incest exceptions while another 49% support a heartbeat law banning abortions after 6 weeks. Meanwhile, 72% support banning abortions after 15 weeks — which was the Mississippi law the Supreme Court considered.

I have written before regarding the necessity of protecting the innocent as a foundation for a just society. I strongly believe that any aid to these clinics will result in further degradation of the legitimacy of our government. After all, the purpose of government is to protect inalienable rights, among these are *life*, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

It is for these reasons I would appreciate your support for SB 219.

Thank you,

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