

Senate Public Health and Welfare

SB 219

Opponent Testimony

Feb 16, 2023

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

I strongly urge your opposition to SB 219. No abortion clinic should be allowed to purchase insurance through the Healthcare Stabilization Fund.

While the 2022 election rejected a ballot measure that would have allowed lawmakers to ban abortion in Kansas, this result does NOT approve taxpayer funding or subsidizing of abortion clinics.

58% of Americans oppose or strongly oppose using taxpayer dollars to support abortion. That includes a majority of Independents (65%) and 31% of Democrats. Abortions facilities and abortion procedures ought to be privately funded.

Tax-funded abortion facilities force taxpayers to support infrastructure whose mission and purpose they do not agree with.

I would appreciate your opposition to SB 219.

Sincerely,

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