

January 29, 2025
Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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BILL NUMBER: HB 2062 Providing for Child Support Orders from the Date of Conception

PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written Only

Chair Humphries & members of the committee,

Thank you for time today. I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2062.

On the surface, this bill would allow pregnant women to claim child support for medical and pregnancy-related expenses, starting any time after the date of conception. However, it is merely a thinly-veiled attempt to pass a fetal personhood law, which would allow the state to regulate pregnant women. "Fetal personhood" laws treat embryos and fetuses the same as living children, and put their rights above the rights of pregnant women. The result could be coerced medical interventions or unnecessary risk to the pregnant woman's life.

This bill would limit healthcare access and options for pregnant women. When fetus "rights" are elevated above the health and rights of a pregnant woman, healthcare professionals and settings may withhold life-saving medical care.

The unintended consequences of fetal personhood mean that naturally occurring miscarriages could be criminalized, further traumatizing women who have already suffered the loss of a wanted pregnancy.

Kansas voters have repeatedly voted in support of reproductive rights and the right to make their own private medical decisions, including the right to choose. Please vote no on HB 2062.

Thank you,

Julie Rios
Shawnee

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Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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The state cannot bestow legal rights onto a fetus or embryo without subjugating the rights of the pregnant woman.

If fetal personhood is recognized, pregnant women and other pregnant people will lose control over decisions related to their pregnancies and be forced to accept medical interventions against their will.

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Please vote No!

Jennifer Sander

Tonganoxie

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Chair Humphries & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2062. Thank you for taking time to read and consider my opposition as well as the others who submit testimony. Kansas voters made our opinions on restricting women's access to healthcare, including abortion, crystal clear in August of 2022. HB 2062 would limit healthcare access and options for pregnant women.

This bill is a poorly veiled attempt to advance the idea of fetal personhood. If this bill were to pass and fetal personhood is recognized, pregnant women will lose control over decisions related to their pregnancies. Forcing pregnant women and their partners to accept medical interventions against their will is wrong and hurtful to Kansas families. Health decisions are often some of the toughest we make throughout our lives. They should be made by families and their doctors with the best current medical information. Not by lawmakers in a conference room who can't possibly consider or have the medical training to comprehend all possible risks and outcomes.

Kansas voters have repeatedly voted in support of reproductive rights and the right to make their own private medical decisions, including the right to choose. Please vote no on HB 2062.

DeAnna Schulz

Lenexa, KS

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Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: written only

Chair Humphries & members of the committee, I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2062.

Please vote no on HB 2062. This bill would decrease OB services in the state. When state legislatures restrict medical professionals' ability to perform healthcare, many medical professionals flee the state, resulting in the closure of delivery rooms and OB services.

As a Kansas citizen of 24 years, I implore you to vote no on bill HB 2062.

Thank you for your time.

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Josie Shipley
Olathe, KS

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Chair Humphries & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2062. This bill is a blatant attempt to sneak the concept of “fetal personhood” into state law, putting embryos’ rights above the rights of pregnant women. It would limit OB services and the bill goes against what the voters of Kansas have communicated loud and clear.

When I was pregnant with my first child, the OB had some concern that the pregnancy was ectopic. I was sent to the ER in fears for my life. I was thrilled to be pregnant and eager to start my family. However, this bill starts us down a slippery slope legislators and embryos decide what is best, rather than women and their medical providers. Move away from these efforts to protect embryos and protect the women, men, and children of Kansas. Think about schools and health care.

The state cannot bestow legal rights onto a fetus or embryo without subjugating the rights of pregnant woman. Trust women. Trust your mother, sister, friend, spouse. Kansas voters have repeatedly voted in support of reproductive rights and the rights to **MAKE THEIR OWN PRIVATE MEDICAL DECISIONS**, including the right to choose. Please vote no on HB 2062

Sarah Shouse, PhD
Prairie Village, KS

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Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2062.

This Bill HB 2062 is a thinly veiled attempt to pass a fetal personhood law and therefore attacks reproductive rights and regulates pregnant women.

Please vote NO on HB 2062!

Tyler Snell

Topeka, KS

January 29, 2025

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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It is simply impossible for the state to bestow legal rights onto a fetus or embryo without subjugating the rights of the pregnant woman. MY rights as a full fledged human being will be subjugated to a clump of cells. My existing children could end up losing their mother if the worst happened and I needed medical care I could no longer access. My existing husband would be widowed. These outcomes are completely unnecessary and preventable if we keep politicians out of our doctors' offices.

I am furious that we have to keep having this fight when Kansans overwhelmingly voted to protect the right to bodily autonomy in 2022. Please listen to your constituents and vote NO on this absurd bill.

Emily Steinwart
Overland Park, KS

January 28, 2025

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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TITLE: Kansas Citizen

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Chair Humphries & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2062. One of my children was conceived via IVF, and it is my belief that this bill puts access to IVF at risk by declaring embryos as “persons” when they are not, in fact a person. My son is an amazing 11 year old boy, who plays sports, is on the honor roll, goes to church, is a kind friend, and adds value to this world. Bill HB 2062 minimizes and patronizes the female citizens of Kansas with risk to regulate a woman and her reproductive choices, which Kansas voters have repeatedly voiced their opinion that women should be in charge of their bodies and reproductive choices. This bill is a thinly veiled attempt at “fetal personhood” and goes against what Kansas citizens have voted to uphold. It would put the rights of an embryo or fetus above the rights and health of a woman. It would allow the state to regulate women, potentially criminalizing women for having a miscarriage. Reproductive choices should continue to remain between a woman, her partner, her religion, and her doctor.

In closing, I ask that you vote no on bill HB 2062.

Alison Stephen

Kansas Citizen

Tonganoxie, KS

LOUD LIGHT CIVIC ACTION

Melissa Stiehler
Loud Light Civic Action
Written Opponent Testimony of HB 2062
For the House Judiciary Committee

January 29, 2025

Chair Humphries and members of the Committee,

Thank you so much for the opportunity to provide testimony today. My name is Melissa Stiehler, and I serve as Advocacy Director of Loud Light Civic Action, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that supports and builds the civic engagement and leadership of young people in Kansas. We represent over 12,000 Kansans, including supporters in every House and Senate district across the state. With respect to the Kansas Constitutional Right to personal autonomy and the will of the people of Kansas, Loud Light Civic Action strongly opposes HB 2062.

If this bill is actually about child support, then it is redundant:

As cited in proponent testimony on a previous version of this same bill, SB 425, Brittany Jones of Kansas Family Voice says, "...this bill does not mandate any method or modify the courts procedures regarding this in any way. **The court is still allowed to use its discretion in making these determinations.**" If the courts are already using their discretion in establishing paternity and pregnancy expenses regarding child support, then what is the purpose of this bill other than to establish fetal personhood into Kansas law?

The primary impact of this bill would be establishing dangerous legal statute:

Fetal personhood laws are about establishing legal precedent that a fetus has more rights than a pregnant person. In the case of HB 2062, this would establish legal personhood from the moment of conception, long before viability, during the zygote phase of development. This bill also redefines abortion in a much more extreme way than in other Kansas law, as an elective procedure unless it is to prevent death. Similar language in other states have caused serious issues in maternal healthcare, because the risk of death is not always certain and because there are other serious medical risks in pregnancy that may not result in death. HB 2062 is not about the wellbeing of a pregnant person; it is a tactic being used to try to break down our constitutional protections.

This bill ignores the will of the people of Kansas:

Many members of the legislature concern themselves with the sexual and reproductive health of the citizens of the state. Loud Light Civic Action also values Kansans well being. In this spirit, we remind the legislature of one of the most important lessons on consent: no means no. The people of Kansas spoke loud and clear when they rejected the legislature's constitutional amendment to remove the right to an abortion. We again ask the legislature to respect the will of the people and take no for an answer.

I strongly urge members of this committee to put our free state values into action by opposing HB 2062. Thank you all for your time and I hope you take my testimony into consideration.

January 29, 2025

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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TITLE: Kansas Citizen

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Chair Humphries & members of the committee,
I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2062 and ask that you vote no on HB2062

I know so many women who medically had to have "abortions". This bill is destructive for women and will cause more deaths than any amount of fetuses aborted. A woman should have the right to decide with their doctor and loved one's. This bill would decrease the OB services in Kansas. When stat legislatures restrict medical professionals' ability to perform healthcare, many medical professionals flee the state resulting in the closure of delivery rooms and OB services, further putting Kansas women at more risk for maternal deaths and other complications.

This also jeopardized IVF, family-planning services including contraception access. Statistically, we have made progress decreasing teen pregnancies and maternal deaths. Why do we want to reverse that trend? If a pregnant woman must undergo chemotherapy for cancer treatment, she could in theory be told to dangerously delay care until she gives birth so she isn't charged with harming the fetus.

Kansas votes have overwhelmingly voted to support reproductive rights and the right to make their own private medical decisions, including the right to choose. PLEASE vote no on HB 2062.

Janice Taylor
Stilwell, KS

January 29, 2025

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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As a mother of two wonderful children, but also a woman who has experienced complications and supported friends who have experienced pregnancy-related health complications, it concerns me that this bill could criminalize naturally-occurring miscarriages, jeopardize IVF services, and restrict medical professionals’ ability to perform health care.

A mother should be able to make choices regarding her own body and that of her child. A doctor should be able to practice medicine without fear of criminalization. Kansas deserves strong medicine and exceptional health care. This bill would hinder those things.

Kansas voters have repeatedly voted in support of reproductive rights and the right to make their own private medical decisions. Please vote no on HB 2062.

Thank you for your time.

Emily Thibodeaux,
Overland Park resident

January 29, 2025

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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TITLE: Reverend

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ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written

Chair Humphries & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2062.

The state of Kansas voters have chosen to keep abortion access in this state, and this bill is trying to negate the will of the voters by declaring fetal personhood under the guise of fetal child support. It is adequate to pursue child support after the birth of the child, and not try to run around the rights of the woman carrying the fetus.

The pregnant person must retain the right to continue or terminate the pregnancy as fits with her beliefs, resources, circumstances around conception, and health. This decision is between her and her doctor alone, and any attempt to circumvent this is against the will of us, Kansas voters!

Furthermore, this bill additionally puts woman and fetus at risk if the sperm donor does not want to pay child support! Are you aware that women are already at a high risk of being murdered during pregnancy? If you truly respect the will of Kansas voters, as well as the bodily autonomy of women, you must oppose this bill!

As a pastor, I respect that God has given us each free will to make our own choices, and I do not support any government or other institution having the ability to take away that free will!

Again, in order to respect Kansas voters, and women's bodily autonomy, I ask that you vote no on bill HB 2062!

Rev Amie Vanderford
Independence, Kansas

January 29, 2025

Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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In other states, law enforcement and prosecutors have used these laws to police pregnant women’s conduct, treating fetuses legally the same as children.

Kansas voters have repeatedly voted in support of reproductive rights, as one of the first states to do so, and the right to make their own private medical decisions, including the right to choose. Voters have made their voices clear and their opinions known. Please vote no on HB 2062.

Lisa Veglahn

Prairie Village, KS

Jan. 28, 2025

Letter to House Judiciary Committee re: defining personhood from moment of fertilization

I am writing in opposition to HB 2062, which states "the term "unborn child" means a living individual organism of the species homo sapiens, in utero, at any stage of gestation from fertilization to birth."

This bill is written from the perspective of providing child support, but in fact could be used to criminalize any difficulties with carrying or delivering the child in birth which rests upon the health and life of the mother.

The legal complications alone make this bill contrary to common sense and in concept could be used to judge between the priorities of life and health of the mother vs. life and health of her unborn child.

We are straying from the concept of receiving the "breath of life" and viability of life, to a point at which it is difficult to even determine the exact moment of fertilization, traveling of the zygote down the fallopian tube and implantation of the blastocyst into the uterine wall, which are all necessary for the healthy development of a fetus. What if the woman has a tubal pregnancy? What would be the ruling on a procedure to save her life vs. the life of her unborn child? At what point does a physician make the ruling?

Would it not be better to leave these decisions in the hands of the medical community, to operate and consult without fear of reprisal or retribution?

It would be far better for legislators to stay out of the doctor's office and operating room vs. interfere with these myriad of medical decisions. Let's support our OB-GYN physicians as they care for women in the most crucial times of their lives, that of conceiving and giving birth in the most healthy, protected and supportive ways possible.

Sincerely,
Kelly Wall,
Lawrence, Kansas



January 29, 2025

Opponent Written Only Testimony: HB 2062
House Committee on Judiciary

Chairwoman Humphries and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for allowing us to present our opposition to HB 2062. Trust Women Foundation is a Kansas-based health care provider dedicated to ensuring access to abortion care and comprehensive reproductive and sexual health services for our communities.

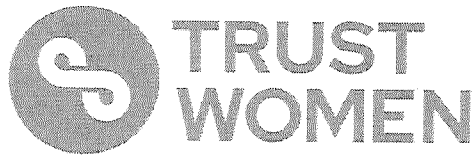
We firmly oppose HB 2062, which proposes child support from the date of conception. This bill would expand state bureaucracy through pregnancy surveillance, establish dangerous fetal personhood laws, and impose a confusing and poorly reasoned mandate on already strained state agencies. It also seeks to redefine abortions more strictly than current state definitions, which are constitutionally protected and affirmed by Kansas voters in August 2022.

The bill suggests financial support from conception but lacks clarity on how the state would establish or verify the date of conception. Questions arise, such as how the state plans to determine the date of conception and how many applications for zygote support a pregnant person can submit annually. With 1 in 4 pregnancies ending in miscarriage, a single person might be eligible multiple times in a year, potentially leading to different paternity results for each pregnancy. This could result in significant government overreach and extensive pregnancy surveillance.

HB 2062 relies on a prenatal medical infrastructure that is insufficient for most Kansans. According to the [March of Dimes 2023 report](#)ⁱ, nearly 20% of babies in Kansas are born to women in rural areas, yet only 10% of maternity care providers practice in these regions. To meet even the minimal reporting requirements of HB 2062, a pregnant person in rural Kansas might need to travel over an hour to reach a larger hospital system, creating an unequal burden on those in rural counties compared to their urban counterparts.

Those seeking child support under this law may find themselves visiting anti-abortion centers (crisis pregnancy centers) to estimate the "date of conception." However, many staff at these centers are not medically trained, and none in Kansas are regulated by the KDHE. The reliability of medical information from unlicensed vendors in paternity suits is questionable, and guidelines are needed to ensure the accuracy of information used to enforce this law.

Establishing fetal personhood is a long-standing tactic of anti-abortion extremists, using "personhood" as a weapon against pregnant individuals. According to [The Marshall Project](#), at least 22 cases in the year following Dobbs involved fetal or infant demise and allegations regarding women's conduct during pregnancy, leading to laws that jail women for miscarriages or substance use, reflecting a broad misunderstanding of pregnancy.ⁱⁱ



We also oppose the radical redefinition of abortion proposed by this bill. Defining nearly all abortions in Kansas as "elective" creates two legal definitions of abortion. This new definition excludes almost all abortions except those to save the mother's life, with the cruel exception that saving a mother's life does not include threats from mental health issues. This means the bill creates a benefit inaccessible to those who may need support during pregnancy but have had an abortion. Pregnant individuals needing support must comply with the state's draconian rules or face consequences. We must do better for our fellow Kansans.

Instead of anti-abortion laws disguised as pregnancy support, we should focus on genuinely supporting pregnant individuals by:

- Mandating robust family leave policies for public and private sector employees
- Increasing the state minimum wage so more families can afford medical care
- Supporting efforts for free public daycare to help families with young children
- Expanding Medicaid

We don't need new laws to stop abortions; people will always seek them. We need stronger legislative support to create a better world for children, healthier communities, and a compassionate state that offers more opportunities for families than punishments.

Thank you again for the opportunity to express our concerns about HB 2062.

Respectfully,

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Trust Women Foundation

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¹ <https://www.marchofdimes.org/peristats/assets/s3/reports/mcd/Maternity-Care-Report-Kansas.pdf>

² <https://www.themarshallproject.org/2024/10/31/stillbirth-oklahoma-arkansas-women-investigated>

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Kim Wilburn

Merriam Resident 66203

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Testimony to the House Committee on Judiciary

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PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: written

Chair Humphries & members of the committee, I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2062. This bill hurts children and families by criminalizing naturally occurring miscarriages thus dissuading pregnant women from seeking medical care to save their life and future fertility. It also jeopardizes IVF services that very much want children.

Kansas voters have repeatedly voted in support of reproductive rights and the right to make their own private medical decisions, including the right to choose. Please vote no on HB 2062.

Sincerely,

Allison Williams, RN

Kansas Citizen

Leawood

January 29, 2025

RE: HR 2062 Providing for Child Support Orders from the Date of Conception

Stance: Opponent

Written Only Testimony

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The state cannot bestow legal rights onto a fetus or embryo without subjugating the rights of pregnant woman.

Fetal personhood laws could also have impact on contraception access given that some members of the anti-abortion movement argue that UIDs and emergency contraception can prevent implantation of a fertilized egg and violate fetal personhood.

Kansas voters have repeatedly voted in support of reproductive rights and the rights to make their own private medical decisions, including the right to choose. Please vote no on HB 2062!

Robin Williams

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I am furious that we must keep having this fight when Kansans overwhelmingly voted to protect the right to bodily autonomy in 2022. Please listen to your constituents and vote NO on this absurd and unnecessary bill.

Kayla Works
Overland Park, KS

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Mallory Wright

Kansas Citizen

Lawrence, KS

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ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: Written only

Chair Humphries & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2062.

Bestowing legal rights upon a fetus will end up causing immense harm to women, many of whom may be pregnant by choice and having a life-threatening miscarriage (aka spontaneous abortion) or undergoing life-saving cancer treatment. Passing this bill will destroy families and cause the children that many pregnant women already have to be traumatized, growing up in a world without their mother, because they will never understand why she had to die. Trust women and doctors to make these difficult medical decisions, because it was already stated loud and clear on August 2, 2022 that Kansans do not support government invasion into women's reproductive health.

If you care about American families, then you will vote NO on bill HB 2062.

Mrs. Lauren Wyatt

Mother by choice, Mother for choice

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WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY

Chair Humphries & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill HB 2062.

This bill would put the rights of an embryo or fetus above the rights of the pregnant woman and would further impinge on reproductive rights of Kansas women. Furthermore, the impact could limit or jeopardize the legality of IVF and contraception. This would result in criminalizing miscarriages and coerced medical interventions.

The people of Kansas spoke clearly on women's reproductive rights in 2022.

To represent the wishes of those of us in the state of Kansas, please vote no.

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