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Sen. Kellie Warren, Chair

Opponent Testimony, Written

HB2062– Providing for child support orders for unborn children from the date of conception

Chair Warren and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony on HB2062 as amended.

Mainstream OPPOSES HB2062 and other attempts to further establish fetal personhood in Kansas.

This proposal is another attempt to restrict access to safe and legal reproductive health care. **HB2062 exerts a narrow religious belief that life begins upon inception and would impose this definition upon all Kansans – a violation of religious freedom as guaranteed by the First Amendment.**

Instead of dedicating more state general funds (the fiscal note for this bill modestly estimated \$573,087 per year would be diverted from the state general fund to pay for the costs associated with this bill), we encourage the committee to pursue opportunities to improve maternal health and reproductive health care services for Kansans.

Kansas voters have already spoken that they support the constitutional right to reproductive health care. Creating more strict definitions and establishing fetal personhood is an attempt to undermine the Kansans' right to legal and safe abortions.

For these reasons, Mainstream opposes HB2062. We urge you to reject this effort to undermine Kansans' constitutional rights to abortion and religious freedom.

Thank you,

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