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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

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 is a blatant attempt to sneak the concept of “fetal personhood” into state law. “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. 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. This bill could criminalize naturally-occurring miscarriages, thus dissuading pregnant women from seeking medical care to save their life and future fertility. It jeopardizes IVF services for families that very much want children and it limits family-planning services, including contraception access.

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.

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