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HB 2062

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Chairman Warren and Members of the Committee, thank you so much for giving me time to share my thoughts on HB 2062 with you today. My name is Kelsey Ney and I am a voter in Johnson County/Overland Park. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2062

For the past 5 years I have dedicated my life to getting pregnant. I learned that I am not able to conceive without utilizing IVF. Two years ago I got pregnant from my second IVF transfer and I was so elated. All I wanted was to have a baby with the love of my life, my husband. A few weeks into that pregnancy I found out that things were not progressing how the doctor expected them to and most likely something was wrong. Those few weeks were deeply painful because I went into the doctor multiple times a week for blood tests to figure out what was going on. The pregnancy was not ending and the hormone levels did not make sense. Finally, I had a sonogram where they discovered that I had an ectopic pregnancy. This ectopic pregnancy was devastating news. I kept holding onto hope that something would change and I would be able to carry this pregnancy to term. When the doctor found out that I had an ectopic pregnancy he became extremely worried for my health. The doctor cautioned me that this could be fatal if we did not monitor it closely. From there the doctor had me coming in everyday for days to monitor my ectopic pregnancy and see if it would pass without intervention. The doctor scheduled me for an abortion if the ectopic pregnancy did not end in a natural pregnancy loss. I was terrified and grief stricken. The ectopic pregnancy ended up passing as a natural pregnancy loss and I was in unimaginable pain while the pregnancy I had dreamt of ended in the bathroom in my home. The thought that I might not have the right to life saving medical treatment in my darkest hour terrified me. My family lives in Oklahoma where it was already illegal to get an abortion. I felt so grateful to live in Kansas and know that my life was valued and I could get life saving medical care if needed. Blocking the passage of HB 2062 is the graceful thing to do for women like myself who suffer from ectopic pregnancies and also must use IVF to get pregnant. I implore you to think of me and vote against HB 2062. Thank you.

Once again, I thank you all for hearing my story and thoughts on this bill, and I encourage you all to vote no of the passage of HB 2062. Thank you.

