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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 Drew Ney and I am a voter in Johnson County. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2062

This bill, under the guise of support for pregnant people, is yet another deceptive attempt to undermine reproductive freedoms in this state. The ultimate goal of this bill is to lay the groundwork for fetal "personhood" which will inevitably lead to abortion rights being restricted, if not, eliminated. This also jeopardizes access to fertility treatments, such as IVF, that many, including my wife and I, rely on in order to start their families.

My wife, Kelsey, and I had been trying to conceive for the past five years. When we found out that we would not be able to conceive naturally, we underwent fertility treatments, and eventually began IVF. We are, thankfully, expecting our first baby boy this April, but the process to get to this point was arduous, as this was our third IVF transfer. The previous two IVF attempts resulted in miscarriage, with the second being an ectopic pregnancy. The pregnancy was able to be passed on its own, though the doctor had scheduled an abortion in case this was not possible. While this was devastating, and I cannot imagine the pain Kelsey experienced while losing the pregnancy, we at least had some solace in knowing that we had access to an abortion, had it been necessary. Otherwise, Kelsey's life would have been in grave danger. I am thankful and proud to live in state where reproductive freedoms are respected, and the lives of pregnant people are valued. We have already seen lives lost in other states where abortion rights have been stripped away. I do not want to see this happen in my home state.

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