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Private citizen

HB 2062

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Chairman Warren and Members of the Committee, I want to thank you for taking the time to truly hear me and my thoughts on HB 2062 today. My name is Heather Woloscsuk and I am a voter in Wyandotte COUNTY/Kansas City Kansas. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote NO on HB 2062

I was born and raised in Kansas. I have put down roots in my adult life, buying a home, building a career. Throughout my life I have faced many challenges, such as childhood abuse, neglect, being placed in foster care, adoption, the death of my sister, just to name a few. Life was already difficult for me, and I knew that parenthood was not a decision to be made flippantly. So when I turned 18 in 2013, I started seeking sterilization. For years I was told many different excuses by many different doctors. "You might change your mind" "You are so young" "what if you get married and your husband wants children" not only were these statements untrue for me, they were also harmful to my mental health. Little did I know how long it would be until my voice was heard. I met my now husband in 2014, and by 2016 we were engaged. I am thankful to have found a man who loves me, and someone who had a child from a previous relationship. I love being a step mom but being a mother, carrying a pregnancy, the act of actually having a child, it was never something I wanted. And in the summer of August 2017 I became pregnant. I was able to call my local planned parenthood and make an appointment for the following week. I got an abortion on August 10, 2017. Not only was it uncomfortable physically, it was emotionally painful as well. My hormones caused emotional disturbances and I again was making appointments with more doctors to beg someone to listen to me and believe me when I said I didn't want to birth a child. It would be almost 3 years before anyone listen to me. Opposing bill HB 2062 will solidify Kansas as a state to be proud of, a state that stands with each human being to make their healthcare decisions with their healthcare providers, not the government.

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, for Kansas voices to be heard.