

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HOUSE BILL 2324 – PRO-LIFE HEARTBEAT PROTECTION BILL**

Chairman Arlen Siegfried and Committee Members
House Federal and State Affairs Committee
Kansas House of Representatives

Hon. Chair and Committee Members,

I am Margaret Bideau, am a life-long Kansan and I teach 4th grade in Chanute, KS. My husband is Ed Bideau, State Representative from the 9th district, and is a co-sponsor of this bill. Thank you very much for serving the state of Kansas, and for considering my testimony in support of HB 2324,

I have always been a very strong Pro Life advocate, so I was very hopeful and encouraged when this bill was proposed. I was especially excited when my husband had the opportunity and privilege to add his name as a co-sponsor of this bill.

Since Thursday, when I learned this bill would receive a hearing, I have talked with many people to let them know about it. I have been profoundly moved to tears reading their letters. What struck me the most was that these people come from all walks of life. People that have a passion about saving unborn babies come from every religious denomination, age group, social and economic status, and I found that men feel just as strongly about this issue as women.

Each one of the letters I read told stories that were as unique and passionate as the individuals that wrote them. The tragic fact is, that just in our state of *Kansas*, there are around 9,000 thousand babies that are aborted every single year. I was so struck with the thought that all of these precious babies will never have the chance to be born, grow up as unique individuals, and someday have a chance to tell their *own* stories. Some day I truly believe we are all going to be held accountable for standing by in America and allowing abortions to end the lives of over 53 million babies, in only 40 years since Roe vs. Wade was decided back in 1973.

As a mother of three children, grandmother of four grandchildren, and a teacher who has had the privilege to help educate and nurture over a 900 children over 29 years in the teaching profession, I implore you to stand up for the unborn children of Kansas.

Please support HB2324, and please send the Pro Life Heartbeat Protection Bill to the full House for action.

Sincerely,

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