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Chairman Arlen Siegfreid and Committee Members House Federal and State Affairs Committee Kansas House of Representatives RE: HB 2324 – Pro-Life Heartbeat Protection Bill

Dear Hon. Chair and Committee Members,

My name is Craig Crawford and our family recently moved to Kansas from California. Even though I will not be able to appear in person before the committee for the hearing on HB 2324 I would like to submit my written testimony in support of the bill for consideration by the committee.

One thing my wife and I noticed after moving to Kansas is there seems to be a church on almost every corner in every town we drive through, which means many of the citizens of Kansas still take God's Word in the Bible seriously. Given this, it might be helpful to hear what God says in the Bible concerning this activity which is currently described and referred to as "abortion."

It should be noted the word "abortion" is not found in the Bible, however, the terms "passing sons and daughters through the fire" and "shedding innocent blood" are found, and both refer to the same act which is now being called "abortion."

So, what does God say in the Bible about abortion?

"And you shall not let *any* of your descendants *pass through the fire* to Molech" (Leviticus 18:21)

"Were your acts of harlotry a small matter, that you have slain MY children, (notice that God looks upon these little, slain babies as His!) and offered them up to them (to false gods, idols) by causing them to pass through the fire" (Ezekiel 16:20-21)

"By causing them (babies) to pass through the fire"... Back then, unwanted babies were "offered" to a false god Molech (a god of pleasure) by placing the baby onto the glowing red-hot arms of a small bronze statue which was placed in the fire. Though the technology now being used to kill "unwanted" babies is different, the intent is exactly the same. Instead of calling them "priests" we now call them "doctors," and instead of burning the babies alive (passing them "through the fire"), we cut them into little pieces while they're alive and call it "abortion." In the verse above we see God takes the killing of babies very seriously, yet, He gave them time to stop before bringing His judgment.

In the book of 2 Kings we even find God wanted the world to hear and remember what a political leader named Manasseh did which caused God to judge the people of Judah ...

"And he did evil in the sight of the LORD ... he made his son pass through the fire" (2 Kings 21:2,6)

"BECAUSE Manasseh king of Judah has done these abominations ... Therefore thus says the LORD God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing such calamity upon Jerusalem and Judah, that the ears of everyone who hears of it will tingle." (2 Kings 21:11,12)

"Moreover Manasseh shed very much *innocent blood*, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another" (2 Kings 21:16)

"Surely this came upon *Judah* at the command of the LORD to remove them out of His sight, for the sins of *Manasseh*, according to all that he had done, and also for the *innocent blood* that he had shed, *WHICH THE LORD WOULD NOT PARDON*."

(2 Kings 24:3-4)

"But they kept mocking the messengers of God, despising His words and scoffing at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord rose against His people, till there was **no remedy**."

(2 Chronicles 36:16)

As a note, the Bible *also* teaches that human life exists in the womb of a woman ... see Matthew 1:18, 20; Luke 1:31, 35, 36, 41, 44 and Psalm 139:13-18.

Thank you for taking the time to allow me to present a Biblical perspective on this issue, and I also thank the citizens of Kansas for still taking God's Word in the Bible seriously.

Please support HB 2324 and please send the Pro Life Heartbeat Protection Bill on to the full House for action.

Sincerely,

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