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To: Honorable Representative Arlen H. Siegfried, Chairman, and
Other distinguished members of the House Fed and State Affairs Committee

Subject: Written Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 2324-Pro-life Heartbeat Protection

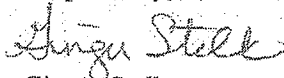
My name is Ginger Stelk and I live in Manhattan, KS. I have 4 wonderful children, and I lost one child several years ago due to a miscarriage. I tell you this because even though I never saw that child in person, or held this baby in our arms, this baby had life just the same as our other children. And our loss of this baby brought grief as it would have any other child. We had plans, dreams, and hopes for this baby.

I am a very strong Pro Life advocate and I am in support of the Heartbeat Protection Bill. As I have been raising my children to learn responsibility and citizenship, we have had to wade the waters of terrifying territory and try to explain why bad things happen to people sometimes. Our nation weeps every time there is a school shooting because innocent children should not have to pay for wrong choices an individual makes. But what is the distinction between these children and unborn children growing in the womb? Would they choose to pay for the choice of an individual to end their life? Our message to our children becomes very unclear and muddled as we try to explain the wrong of a school shooting and yet somehow try to explain that our nation supports an adult ending the life of an unborn baby. This bill has the potential to no longer allow our people to contradict themselves when it comes to the value of a human life. 85% of unborn babies in Kansas can be rescued! If we had a chance to rescue all of those children from the school shootings, we would! Please consider the impact of this bill.

Please feel free to contact me.

I humbly request that you quickly move HB 2324 to the floor of the House, favorable for passage.

Respectfully,


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