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Good morning Mr. Chairman & members of the committee,

I'm here today in support of the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Ban.

This last Thanksgiving, Caley and I became Mom & Dad to our daughter Abigail. We just had her 2 month check-up on Friday and it was one of our hardest moments watching her have to get a couple shots. She was 24 inches long and weighed 12 pounds. But we have cared for her long before she was born. One of the moments that we will always remember was when we went in for our first sonogram. It was at the end of session last year in May. We were at around 11 weeks. At this appointment, our doctor said she had never seen a baby moving as much as Abby, as Abby was doing cartwheels & moving all over. We then had another sonogram at 19 weeks. At this point, we found out that our little baby was a girl. In both of these sonograms, we saw our little girl. She had arms, legs, fingers, toes, and a beating heart. Those pictures & videos are very special to us.

And while I have always worked to protect the most defenseless among us, those moments really hit me as I realized that unborn babies that are her age in those pictures are having their arms & legs ripped off in order to kill them. This is incredibly gruesome and that's why many of my constituents and Kansans from around the state have been shocked when they have realized that this practice is currently happening in our state and are demanding that it be stopped.

United States Supreme Court Justice Kennedy described dismemberment abortion noting that, "The fetus, in many cases, dies just as a human adult or child would: it bleeds to death as it is torn, limb from limb."

Thank you for your consideration and support of this important piece of legislation.

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