

March 9, 2015

House Federal and State Affairs Committee
300 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66612

Dear Chairman and Committee Members:

When I first got pregnant in 1979, I was elated. I was 28 years old and went to the doctor regularly, cared for my health meticulously and looked forward to being a mom.

Six months into my pregnancy, I found out that I had a molar pregnancy, which is an abnormal, nonviable growth of the fetus. I went from elated to devastated; I knew I wouldn't be able to carry to term. I underwent a series of D&Cs to ensure my health and my ability to have children in the future. This medical procedure saved my life and saved my future. It enabled me to have a healthy son a couple years later.

I am here today testifying in strong opposition to SB 95 because no politician should have the right to determine what is best for my health, my family and my future. This was my decision to make, and I trusted my doctor to do what was best to preserve my health.

I come from a family of passionate and engaged Republicans, all of whom share a vision of individual liberty and choice. Our laws assure us all individual freedom. SB 95 would encroach on this freedom in unprecedented ways and place women's reproductive health care in the hands of a tyrannical minority. This minority will never know what it is like to face a life-threatening pregnancy.

For myself, my family, and the thousands of Kansas women who have been in the same position as me, I urge you to vote against SB 95.

Sincerely,
Ann E. Garvey