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Chairperson Pilcher-Cook & members of the committee:

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

Two months ago, Caley and I became Mom and Dad to our daughter Abigail. But we 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 and 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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