

January 16, 2020

**To the Members of the House Federal and State Affairs and Senate Judiciary Committees**

As a resident of Leawood, KS, I ask you to vote no on the constitutional amendment HCR 5019/SCR 1613 that denies the right to reproductive freedom in the Kansas Constitution.

**HCR 5019**

Amending the bill of rights of the constitution of the state of Kansas to reserve to the people the right to regulate abortion through their elected state representatives and senators.

**SCR 1613**

Constitutional amendment reserving the initiative and referendum powers to the people.

As a human being, I believe my body is my property, and my reproductive decisions should be left to my discretion. My discretion will take into account medical advice, family advice, my faith, and my personal choice. Decisions about my body should be mine, and not left to politicians.

The government is not currently funding abortion, so there is not financial burden on the state.

I have personal knowledge as to what removing the choice to have an abortion can entail. Women will be desperate, and there will be considerable mental and physical harm to women.

If these amendments are accepted, there will be more opportunity for politicians to enact additional abortion restrictions, as well as other involvement in personal reproductive matters.

This is a critical choice that should be allowed to each and every woman in the United States, and Kansas should stay true to its constitution, and provide this freedom to women.

Please do not vote in favor of these amendments.



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