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KS Legislation
300 W. 10th ave.
Topeka, KS 66612

Chairman, Vice Chairman, Ranking Member and Members of congress:

I am opposed to the constitutional amendment HR 5019 for several reasons.

The law is written to overrule the mother if the physician feels that the baby is worth more. This negates the Mother's decision, and, in fact, give the physician the ability to overrule the mother with regards to her OWN safety (and life).

I do not understand what you are doing.

Are you saying the mother's life is worth less?

Are you saying the mother's judgement is just not as good as her physicians?

Are you saying the mother is "not in her right mind"?

Are you saying that women, as a sex, cannot judge their own healthcare?

Why are you allowing the physician to have a say in the mothers wishes? I do not see any legislation proposed to allow the physician to overrule the father. Why are you trying to legislating morality?

I realize there are differing opinions on the basic concept of when life begins. This is a discussion. Legislating control over any person body, by any other person, is simply unacceptable.

If you'd like to prevent abortion – offer birth control. No pregnancies, no reason for abortion. ^_(\u0322)_/^-

It really is that simple.

And, in the matter of federal funding – you already know there is no federal funding for abortion. The reason for this amendment seems simple – women can't be trusted to make their own decisions.

As 51% of the population will tell you – you are wrong. Women are in the military, in office, run corporations, have families, donate and volunteer, run marathons, climb mountains – literally everything a man can do. What you are saying is that women are 'less'.

I also want to address the timing of August vs November for this ballot measure. For some reason, the Kansas Legislation doesn't want to put the constitutional amendment on the ballot in November but prefers August. Really? Is it because August turnout is typically lower than November? Is it because you realize the turnout for November will be much larger due to Trump?

You are taking the option away from so many people who can't or don't turn out – you are decreasing the Kansans voices. It appears you don't want a fair and across the board representation of who is for/against the bill if you are willing to put it on the August ballot. Is it that you realize if the ballot measure, if left until November, will not pass?

It is imperative you vote **NO** on HR 5019 unless you are willing to send women to be second-class citizens, needing protection from *themselves*.

And, if you really feel this way, we will run for office and vote you out. Right after we defeat this bill.

It is my body.

It is my choice.

I give my power over to NO ONE.

Sincerely,

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