Opponent Testimony – January 21, 2020

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

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. Abortion is a very personal decision and one that should be left to the woman who is making that decision, not our legislators.

This amendment takes away rights from women in the Kansas Constitution. Even if we all don't agree on abortion, we should agree that it is a personal, private medical decision made by a woman, her family, her faith, and her doctor. There is already a ban on taxpayer-funded abortion.

This amendment opens the door to even more abortion restrictions and proponents see it as a first step to ban all abortion in Kansas. Please don't give them that first step!

Sincerely, Ann Michael Overland Park, KS 66213