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In Opposition
Testimony: Written Only

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

I am writing to voice my opposition to HCR 5019, which amends the state constitution.

As a woman, a mother, a lawyer, and a citizen of this state and country, I strongly oppose HCR 5019, in particular, its attempt to circumvent the holding of the Supreme Court of Kansas, which properly held that access to abortion is a constitutionally protected right. I find it particularly interesting that Republican members of the legislature, who consistently oppose the intrusion of government into private affairs, take the position that the state legislature should regulate a woman's decision, made with a medical provider, about what to do with her own body. HCR 5019 is a shameful, illegal, last-ditch effort to circumvent a woman's constitutional right to privacy. I also strongly oppose the procedure (or lack thereof) taken by those in the legislature who have fast-tracked this bill in the hopes that they can avoid the scrutiny of perhaps the very people who most need their voices and privacy protected.

Thank you for your consideration,

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