

**House Federal and State Affairs Committee
Kansas Senate Judiciary Committee**

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Testimony Opposing HCR 5019

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Dear Chairman Barker, Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in opposition to HCR 5109.

Hello, my name is Danyale Hankerson and I live in Wichita, Kansas. I am an advocate for maintaining the right to choose in our community for numerous reasons. There are several reasons women get abortions. These are my reasons.

First, my decision to have an abortion was because I already have two kids (a boy and girl) and I am simply done with having kids. Secondly, the dad and I both agreed that we didn't want another child and we both weren't ready. Thirdly, I am not financially stable to bring another child into the world. Yes, I know that there are organizations that offer assistance but who wants to be another statistic-- an African American woman living off the state.

Most importantly, it was simply my right to choose.

Trust Women has helped me out tremendously over the years and I'm sure it is the same for other women.

I'm not shy to say I've had multiple procedures done either. I know you're thinking "why not just get birth control?" Well truth is, I've been on birth control and also experienced complications. So voting to have essential health care banned, would force women to have babies they know they cannot take care of. There is no alternative to abortion other than allowing it to be safe and legal. Adoption is not an alternative-- in 2019, there was 9,700 children in the system of Kansas Foster Case System. Why would I want to give the child up for adoption just for it to be abused and mistreated and better yet, not selected for adoption? I choose to stop the process of abuse before it started. I urge you to vote no HCR 5109.

Thank you,
Danyale Hankerson