

HOUSE FEDERAL AND STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

BILL NUMBER: HCR 5019

Support

Oppose \_\_\_\_\_

Neutral \_\_\_\_\_

Testimony Will Be: Oral \_\_\_\_\_

Written Only

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Dear Chairman and members of the House Federal & State Affairs Committee,

I am speaking in favor of this proposed amendment HCR 5019, and on behalf of a class of human beings whose inalienable rights are not being protected.

The Supreme Court Ruling that declared abortion a Kansas state constitutional right, on its own terms, cannot be right. In appealing to the inalienable rights of all human beings, they have plainly rejected the logical conclusion of their own premise in reaching this decision. They correctly stated that, "All men are possessed of equal and inalienable natural rights, among which are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

I agree, but to acknowledge all human beings have inalienable rights is to recognize that all human beings have these rights as soon as they begin to exist, which is prior to birth. It follows that all human beings, which necessarily includes the subset class of unborn human beings, have the right to life independent of what any government or court claims, yet the Kansas Supreme Court failed to protect any rights of these human beings and directly contradict their own stated premises.

Even if we were to recognize the right to bodily autonomy as inalienable, its quintessential expression cannot be the enforced poisoning or dismembering of another human being's body to the point of death. If enforced poisoning or dismemberment of another living human being without any due process is not an example of a violation of the right to bodily autonomy, it is difficult to see how anything can be.

If all human beings have inalienable rights as the Supreme Court claimed, unborn human beings have inalienable rights. If human beings do not have inalienable rights, the right to bodily autonomy is not an inalienable right. Either way, the reasoning of the court cannot be accepted because it is inherently flawed. Therefore, this amendment should be passed to return things to the state they were before this incorrect ruling was made. Thank you for your time.