

January 17, 2020

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

I ask you to vote no on HCR 5019 that denies the right to reproductive freedom in the Kansas Constitution. There already exists legislation banning public funds being used for abortion. This feels like government overreach taking away a woman's rights under our state constitution.

All Kansans, all Kansas women, have the right to make the very personal and sometimes difficult decisions regarding personal healthcare. When I am in conference with my health professionals about any issue, I do not believe the government gets a seat at the table.

If public opinion on the matter is to be measured by vote, why is this amendment being placed on the ballot during the primary election which has historically lower voter turnout? It would make more sense to place it on a ballot with high turnout to get the most voices to weigh in on the matter.

Sincerely,

Teresa M. Kelly