

Chairwoman Landwehr and Members of the committee, my name is Brittany Jones. I am an attorney, and I am the Director of Advocacy for Family Policy Alliance of Kansas. Family Policy Alliance advocates for policies that strengthen families and religious freedom in state capitols across the country, and federally. We ally with over 40 state-based organizations, of which Family Policy Alliance of Kansas is one. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you our reasons for supporting H.B. 2274.

When undergoing any medical procedure or taking a new medicine, the medical community provides the patient with all risks, likelihood of success, and possibilities. **Why is abortion the exception?** H.B. 2274 will close this information gap in one of the fastest growing abortion methods – the abortion pill. H.B. 2274 simply requires that information be available to a woman should she change her mind about completing a chemical abortion.

Over half of abortions performed in Kansas are done using the abortion pill.<sup>1</sup> This is a relatively new method of abortion that has increased in popularity over the 19 years that it has been approved in the United States.

Doctors and other medical professionals provide women with incredible amounts of information to keep their baby well. In fact, women are typically overwhelmed with information. Yet, in this one instance, opponents of H.B. 2274 seek to *limit* the information women receive about their options. Should a woman seeking an abortion be treated so differently from other pregnant woman when it comes to medical choices and information?

Twenty-nine states, including Kansas, have abortion-specific informed consent laws that allow women to know about the risks and alternatives to abortion. H.B. 2274 will simply add information to pre-existing informed consent laws about this new method. With the large percentage of women who are now choosing a chemical abortion, they deserve access to the full spectrum of information.

Five other states, Arkansas, Utah, Arizona, Idaho and South Dakota currently have laws similar to H.B. 2274 in place to enhance the information available to women. North Dakota, Kentucky, North Carolina, Nebraska, and Oklahoma are considering similar

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<sup>1</sup> KANSAS DEP'T OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT, ABORTIONS IN KANSAS, 2017at 3 (2018).

legislation this year.

Anytime any medical procedure is performed, the patient is given a host of possibilities. It is true that the abortion reversal method may not work on every single woman who changes her mind about an abortion, but every woman still deserves to know all her options. H.B. 2274 is a necessary and logical enhancement to Kansas' informed consent laws and aligns with standard practices in the medical field.

We encourage you to join other states in ensuring women have access to critical information as they make important medical decisions by voting for H.B. 2274.

Sincerely,

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