

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

I am asking you to vote no on the constitutional amendment HCR5019/SCR1613 that denies the right to reproductive freedom in the Kansas Constitution.

My best friend is 73, a few years older than me. She had a high school friend who had an abortion, which was illegal at that time, and it cost her life. As a mother I can't imagine her family thought that was the best outcome and would have welcomed a safe legal option for their daughter. I am lucky in that by the time I was 18, contraception and abortion was available to me. As a woman who has born 3 children I will tell you that pregnancy and birth of a child is not an easy thing. It is a serious medical situation and many women lose their lives from complications of pregnancy.

Let's not, as citizens of Kansas, interfere with the personal autonomy of anyone. Government should not take away rights from women. We should agree that it is a personal, private medical decision made by a woman, her family, HER faith, and her doctor.

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