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Dear Concerned Legislators:

My name is LaVeta Adams and I am the Board Secretary of an adoption agency and women's resource center on Arkansas City, Kansas. We provide prenatal information, free pregnancy testing, guidance regarding abortion, and adoption guidance. I have been with this agency as a volunteer since 1997 and as a board member since 1999.

The testimony I would like to present today is in regards to House Bill 2503. In 1987 I had an abortion. It was by far my most horrible experience. I was raped by my first cousin. Several medical professionals told me that there was no chance for my baby to live a normal life and that it would have mental and or physical birth defects. I went through with the abortion in a abortion hospital. The doctor used instruments which had not been steralized properly which resulted in infections. I physically contracted a sexually transmitted disease from that procedure. I contracted trechinosis from the abortion procedure. Other complications included various infections such as mastritus, and I am facing the reality of being sterile from the procedure. The infections I had were so severe I faced having surgery. I was fortunate that my OB doctor was able to give me the right medications to keep me from having those surgeries. My husband and I have been married for eleven years and have never concieved. I have to live daily knowing that my decision may have caused me to never be able to have a child again. It has also affected my mental health as I will never forget the medical trauma I went through. The abortion and the complications resulting from the abortion were much worse for me than experiencing the rape. Unregualted abortion and abortion procedures do hurt women. I was one of those women who have been hurt from abortion. Please support House Bill 2503 and regulate abortion so other women don't have to go through the events I went through.

Thank you,
LaVeta Adams

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