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Oral Testimony in support of  
HCR5004

Chairman Barker, Vice-Chairman Awerkamp, Ranking Minority Member Ruiz and members of the committee. I stand before you today to offer testimony in support of HCR5004, Nine years ago during the 2011 session I offered this legislation. I am thankful it is finally getting a hearing.

On the eight day of this legislative session (January 24th) several legislators stood before the house members in honor of Dr Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King would have been 90 this year had he not been senselessly murdered. Several of Dr. Kings quotes were shared that day.

“There comes a time when one must take a position that is neither safe, nor politic, nor popular, but he/she must take it because conscience tells him/her it is right.”

“Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.”

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Dr. King gave his life for his people and America is a better place because of his work. I can't help but wonder what he would have said about abortion.

While I have a pretty good idea how Dr. King would have felt, I will not speculate. Instead I will share what his niece, Evangelist Alveda King, said on her birthday

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**Alveda King: Today, on My Birthday, I'm Praying for God to End Scourge of Abortion**

**Yesterday, we celebrated MLK's birthday. Several candidates announced a presidential bid yesterday. Most, if not all, of those candidates are pro-abortion. Today is my birthday.**

Today is also the anniversary of the horribly bad Roe v. Wade legislation which become law in 1973.

I'm not marching for life today. We did that last Friday at the annual March for Life, where I was blessed to do the closing prayer. However, I am praying and blogging.

Don't be fooled, y'all. Abortion is "a pig in a poke." [Means something that is bought or accepted without knowing its value or seeing it first; it's an old fashioned saying from a 68-year-old woman. Indulge me.]

Today, on my birthday, I'm praying for God to end the scourge of crimes against humanity, with abortion at the top of the list. Today, I'm not judging anyone. I'm just praying. Why? Because I'm post-abortive, repentant and redeemed.

I can't help wondering how long we will have to deal with the dichotomy of killing innocent babies in the womb, and often maiming their mothers in the process, and calling it good.

Meanwhile, we are fighting over a wall.

Actually, building a security wall to assist in protecting American citizens as well as serving innocent immigrants seeking a better life is a good idea. That wall is a practicality.

On the other hand, tearing down the walls of hatred and bigotry in our hearts – that's also a good idea. After all, we are not separate races; we are not color blind. We are one blood, one human race (Acts 17:26).

While I was on Fox News yesterday, some candidates reportedly cited MLK as inspiration for running for president in 2020. They seem to have forgotten that MLK was a prophet and Bible preacher. To use his name and then promote abortion – as some if not all of those candidates do – and other crimes against humanity, is contradictory.

During this season, I often share LET FREEDOM RING. It's a song I wrote in 1973, the year *Roe v. Wade* emerged to wreak havoc, resulting in the deaths of over 60 million babies in the ensuing years.

Today is my birthday, y'all. Pray with me that God will let justice run down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream (Amos 5:24). LET FREEDOM RING.

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I hope today as you listen to the testimony in support of HCR5004 you will be compelled to ending the cycle of death we have in Kansas and find it in you heart to pass this legislation to the full house for consideration.