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RE: Kansas House Bill 2319

As a medical provider who has worked in the state of Kansas for over 30 years, I would like to encourage you to vote against House Bill 2319. This bill would add numerous disclosure requirements to Kansas law-which already forces abortion providers to give a litany of biased and non-medical information to patients. The bill also represents interference in the doctor- patient relationship at its worst. Rather than helping achieve true informed consent, which is based on mutual respect and trust, this bill could actually engender *distrust* between abortion providers and patients by forcing providers to give patients biased and misleading information intended to cause fear and insecurity about a safe medical procedure.

Abortion providers are not currently required to have admitting privileges at a local hospital in Kansas. Yet this bill would require providers to disclose whether they have such privileges- potentially suggesting that privileges are required, contrary to state law, and insinuating that hospital privileges enhance patient safety. If the proposed state-mandated disclosures truly served the interest of Kansas patients, *every* physician in the state of Kansas would be required to disclose information about their clinical privileges status to *every* patient. That the Kansas legislature is only targeting abortion providers with these requirements lays bare their true motives: to single out abortion providers for different treatment, to stigmatize abortion providers and patients, and to engender distrust in the doctor-patient relationship when (and only when) the doctor provides abortion services.

This bill clearly singles out abortion providers for differential treatment. This is unfair and most likely will not stand the test of the courts. Therefore, I encourage you to vote against House Bill 2319 in order to protect patients and doctors in the State of Kansas.

Sincerely,



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