

HB 2749  
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Chairman Landwehr and Members of the Committee, thank you for allowing me to share my thoughts on HB 2749 with you today. My name is Dr Elizabeth Wickstrom, a registered voter in Prairie Village. I am writing today to urge the committee to vote NO on HB 2749

I have read the entire proposed text of this bill and find it to be burdensome for clinicians and of no medical benefit to any patient. Most importantly, however, it is blatantly intrusive into the most private, difficult decisions my high risk obstetric patients face. It magnifies the stigma and adversarial attitudes these patients already face during their darkest hour. There is no scientific reason to collect this arbitrary information and report it to the state. I will remind you again that the citizens of Kansas, your constituents, voted NOT to amend our state constitution which protects our civil rights to privacy and bodily autonomy. Repeated proposed bills such as this one, sponsored in this case on behalf of a private, unelected organization with the aim of curtailing those rights, fly in the face of the will of the people.

Once more, I am grateful for the opportunity to present my thoughts as a maternal fetal medicine specialist. I encourage all of you to vote AGAINST HB 2749.