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House Committee on Health and Human Services  
Rep. Brenda Landwehr, Chair

Opponent Testimony, Written  
HB2749– Requiring medical care facilities and providers to report the reasons for each abortion performed at such facility or by such provider to the secretary of health and environment.

Chair Landwehr and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide opponent testimony on HB2749.

Mainstream OPPOSES HB2749. This proposal is another attempt to undermine a person’s right to safely access health care by creating a barrier through unnecessary reporting. Kansas voters have already spoken that they support the constitutional right to reproductive health care. Creating unnecessary barriers for both those seeking abortions and the providers who serve them is an overreach of the Kansas legislature to undermine this right.

The legislature is imposing a set of narrow assumptions regarding the reasons why a woman would need to access an abortion and mandating a set of data points that are disconnected from the reality of the need for reproductive health care. The proposed questions to be asked of a woman seeking this care are invasive and unnecessary, and this data doesn’t provide any benefit to the individual patient’s care or medical outcomes. As such, it is in violation of the Kansas Supreme Court’s 2019 ruling requiring that any regulations on abortion be held to the strict scrutiny of benefiting patient outcomes or being medically appropriate.

For these reasons, Mainstream opposes HB2749. We urge you to reject this proposal to negatively impact a woman’s access to health care, threaten their right to privacy, and needlessly jeopardize the safety of individuals seeking life-saving care.

Thank you,

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