

January 13, 2021

To the Members of the House Federal and State Affairs Committee,

I urge you to vote no on the constitutional amendment HCR 5003 that denies the right to reproductive freedom in the Kansas Constitution.

I firmly believe that there should be a constitutional right to abortion. The decision to have an abortion is literally a life-altering one--I don't just mean for the possible child, but for the person who will undergo drastic physical, hormonal, financial, social, etc. changes as a result of pregnancy and birth--and that kind of decision should be made by the person considering an abortion, not the elected members of the legislature of the state of Kansas. This amendment takes away rights from women in the Kansas Constitution. Even if we all don't agree on abortion, we should agree that it is a personal, private medical decision made by a person, their family, their faith, and their doctor.

Forcing a women to have a child that is a result of rape or incest is unimaginably cruel, especially when you factor in that there are very few safeguards in place to support women after the child is born.

It is unconscionable to deny women the right to make this very personal medical decision, as they along with their doctor are the only ones informed enough to make the decision that is in the best interest of the women.

Again, I urge you to vote no on the constitutional amendment HCR 5003 that denies the right to reproductive freedom in the Kansas Constitution.

Sincerely,

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