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When I listened to the discussion in the Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee on Senate Bill 180, I didn't hear anything about women's rights, my rights. Did I miss something? Nope.

I would suggest that the senator who requested for introduction of SB. 180 own her true intentions. She is transphobic. She should just say so.

How long has she pursued her goal to make her transphobia legal in the state of Kansas? Quite a while, my friends and this bill is another attempt to do so and so thinly veiled as protecting my rights.

The senator from Wichita's name will be added to the list of white American women who are remembered for "using themselves as instruments of terror". That phrase borrowed from Charles Blow is so apt here because white women continuously throughout our history have gone after our most vulnerable populations. And, we see this now. Another chapter of hateful bigotry in the United States is being written here in Kansas.

The senator will be on the list with Carolyn Bryant Donham, the woman whose accusations led to the murder of Emmett Till.

She will be on the list with the young women who harassed Ruby Bridges for wanting an education.

She will be on the list with Anita Bryant who said, "Homosexuals cannot reproduce-so they must recruit ... and to freshen their ranks they must recruit the youth of America."

We are able to recognize the ability of white American men in our history to make policies that harm minority populations, but today is the day we will recognize that white women are right there with them in their ability to push for policies that harm vulnerable populations.

Who here is willing to be part of Senator Erickson's vile chapter on American bigotry? I hope the answer is a resounding, "no one". Thank you.