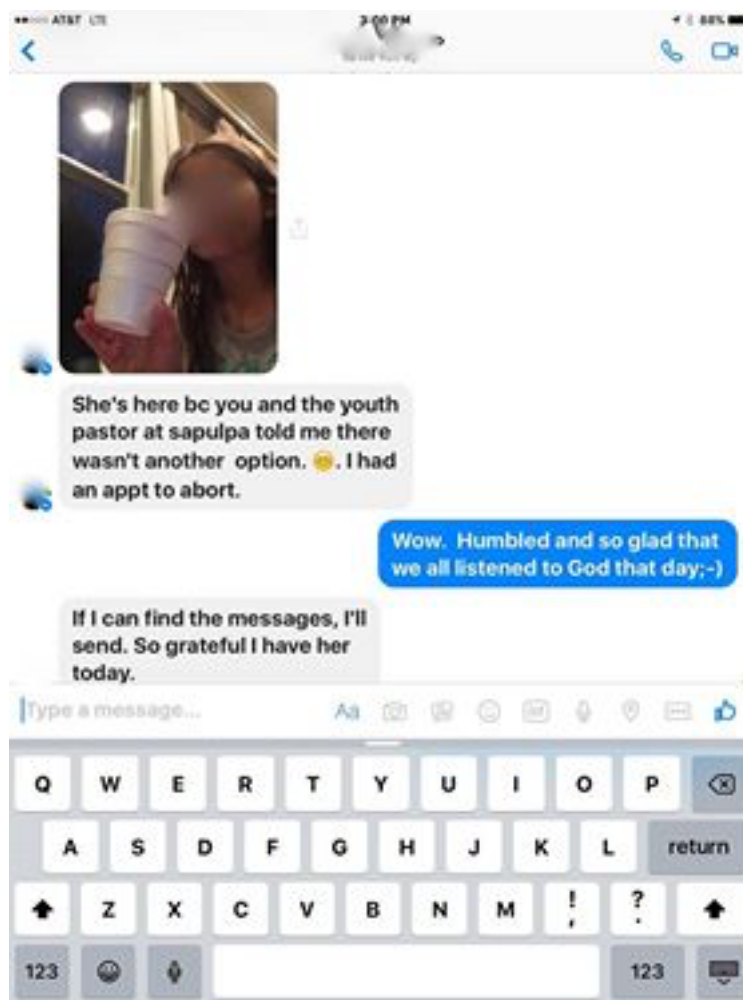


Mr. Chairman Proehl and Committee,

Thank you for considering my testimony on the issue of HB2678.

My name is Doyle Pryor, I am the senior pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Topeka, Kansas. I am writing to register my support for HB2678 because of the personal experience with numerous young ladies I have pastored, some who have chosen to make the unfortunate decision for abortion and some whose lives have been changed because they made the decision to visit a crisis pregnancy center and choose to allow their baby to live.

Jennae was one of those people who was on her way to an abortion clinic to have an abortion and called me. I knew from previous conversations that Jennae was already suffering with depression that she states came from a choice to abort a baby some years earlier. I asked Jennae to instead visit a crisis pregnancy center in our city first and talk to one of the aids there. She did. Her daughter is now ten years old and I received this social media message from Jennae...



I could also tell you numerous other stories of women whose lives were devastated because they didn't know that another option was available. The reason I am so supportive of this bill is because after 30 years of pastoring I have never had one person come back to me regretting giving life to their baby. Dozens however have come to me with their life in pieces asking how they could ever forgive themselves for what they did.

I am grateful to have a God who does forgive and heal, but if we can help women to know there are options that would prevent years of regret, and a offer them a real choice then I pray that when you vote on this bill you would pass it out favorably from your committee.

Thank you Chairman Proehl and Committee for your time and consideration it is a honor to have my humble words considered by you.

Thank you,

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