

Chairman and Members of the committee, my name is Brittany Jones. I am an attorney, and I am the Director of Advocacy for Family Policy Alliance of Kansas. Family Policy Alliance advocates for policies that strengthen families and religious freedom in state capitols across the country, and federally. We ally with over 40 state-based organizations, of which Family Policy Alliance of Kansas is one, to achieve a vision of a nation where families thrive, life is cherished, and religious freedom flourishes. Thank you for the opportunity to share with you how SCR 1606 reaffirms that Kansas is a state where all life is valuable and worth protecting. Kansas public schools.

Legislative action says a lot about who we are as a state and who we want to be. While we can't control the actions of other states – we can speak into actions of other states that we believe have implications for our society as a whole. That is what the Kansas Senate has already done and now the Kansas House should follow suit.

There are several key inconsistencies between New York's new law and Kansas' legal protections for our unborn citizens.

Kansas believes that those who harm pregnant mothers and their children should be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law. The New York law takes away key tools from prosecutors that allow the state to prosecute an attacker based on the killing or harming of the unborn child. In fact, this law has already been used as an excuse for dismissing a charge against a man accused of murdering a pregnant woman in New York.

Kansans believe that a baby who survives a botched abortion should receive the same medical care that any other child would receive. Yet, New York removed the means of enforcing these protections in their state and left the decision whether to protect life up to the whim of a court or abortionists.

In general New York has shown a disregard for life that is inconsistent with the values and beliefs of many Kansans. They celebrated the passage of this law by turning the Freedom Tower pink. The sad irony is that 911 Memorial located in the shadow of the Tower celebrates and commemorates 10 unborn lives who perished in the September 11th Terrorist Attacks.

Kansas is a state that celebrates and cherishes life. We are consistently ranked as one of

the top prolife states in the nation. We believe that all life is worthy of protection.

New York values are not Kansas values. I strongly urge you to pass S.C.R 1606 out of committee favorably.

Thank you,

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