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Chairman Landwehr and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for taking time to read through my testimony and consider my opinion on the bill. I am writing in opposition to HB2749 as it stigmatizes and shames people who choose abortion.

To begin, I have lived in Kansas my entire life, and am proud of that fact. One of the proudest days that I have experienced as a Kansan was on August 2nd, 2022, when Kansans across the entire state voted to secure abortion rights. I feel that this bill will diminish the results of that election and stigmatize abortion in a way that goes against Kansas voters.

I, and many other young people like me, believe that the decision to have an abortion should be made solely by the pregnant person. I don't believe that anyone has a right to know that very private and personal decision. Making patients answer invasive personal questions while they navigate an incredibly difficult time is cruel. There are many reasons as to why someone needs an abortion, and making them say it aloud to a stranger will not make it easier on the patient or the doctor. I find this a violation of privacy and as a way to guilt patients for getting potentially life saving care.

Along this same note, this bill would not increase patient wellbeing. It would just add more of a burden onto doctors that have to fill out the biannual reports. Overall making it more difficult to provide care to Kansans in a timely manner.

Stated above, I am a proud Kansan who wants to stay here. In order to do that, I need to feel like all health options are open to me in a time of need. If abortion access in Kansas is lessened and stigmatized, I would reconsider where I want to settle in the future.

Please oppose HB2749 to support a woman's right to choose without stigma.

Thank you for your time,
Campbell McNorton