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HB 2749

“Requiring medical care facilities and providers to report the reasons for each abortion performed at such facility or by such provider to the secretary of health and environment.”

Opponent Testimony

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Committee On Health and Human Services

Greetings Chair Brenda Landwehr, and esteemed Chairpersons. My name is Jonathan Smith, I live in the southeast area of Topeka, Ks and I will be encouraging you *not* to pass HB 2749 disfavorably.

The CDC's data over the past 6 years shows an increasing level of maternal mortality in regards to live births in the United States ([Maternal Mortality Rates in the United States, 2021 \(cdc.gov\)](https://www.cdc.gov/maternal-mortality/rates-in-the-us-2021)). As well as about 38 million americans, or about 11.5% of the entire country living in poverty, these are two of *dozens* of reasons that a woman may need to receive abortion related healthcare ([U.S. Poverty Statistics and Facts \(Updated for 2024\) \(debt.org\)](https://www.debt.org/poverty-statistics-and-facts/)) .

If you were to read the bill, abortion statistics are *already* tracked in the United States. This would create an unusual amount of additional, pervasive information to be tracked upon U.S. citizens, without any provided gain for their safety, security, or comfort in care. This is purely a bureaucratic bill, to make the medical industry more inundated with political bureaucracy sludge.

So once more, I urge you *not* to pass this bill. It will provide no additional care at the consumer level, and only serve to cause doctor's more paperwork to fill out, in a time where doctor's already complain that they aren't able to spend enough one on one time with patients because of paperwork and time communicating with insurance companies.

Thank you for your time,
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