

HB 2749
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Chairman Landwehr and Members of the Committee, thank you sincerely for giving me time to share my thoughts on HB 2749 with you today.

My name is Kate Healy and I am a voter in Sedgwick County. I am writing today to encourage the committee to vote no on HB 2749.

This bill places a burden on medical providers, as well as people who need abortions and reproductive care. This bill asks for a biannual data submission as a gesture of political aggression, rather than medical need. This bill would contradict the Kansas Supreme Court ruling of 2019, which states that any regulation on abortion must pass strict scrutiny. This bill does not specifically benefit patient outcomes, nor is it medically necessary.

If passed, this legislation which seeks to gather information (because it does so invasively) will lead to greater concealment from patients, and disillusionment among our medical providers. Patients may feel pushed into an emotional and physical corner, and the trust between your constituents and our institutions will further degrade. Medical providers who may feel called to help people, but are also hurried along by regulation, will have to insert loaded questions into discussions which are already so difficult for all involved.

The fact that this bill would require disclosure of immigration status and financial assistance is not only medically inappropriate, it clarifies how plainly this bill seeks to flatten patients into statistics. Questions of this nature force patients to give legislators simplistic ways to judge them, as a monolith of people, rather than individuals with very complicated lives.

Once again, I thank you all for hearing my thoughts on this bill. More than ever we need legislation that incentivizes our higher nature, rather than our appetite for control. I encourage you all to vote no, on the passage of HB 2749. Thank you."