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Testimony to the Senate Committee Public Health and Welfare

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BILL NUMBER: SB 5 prohibiting the prescribing of medications intended to induce an abortion via telemedicine; restricting the power of the governor during a state of emergency to alter such abortion prohibitions;

PROPONENT, OPPONENT, or NEUTRAL: Opponent

ORAL or WRITTEN ONLY TESTIMONY: [choose one]

Dear Chair & members of the committee,

I am writing to voice my opposition to bill SB 180. In August 2022, the voters of Kansas overwhelmingly pushed back on the legislature's attempt to ban abortion in Kansas by defeating the amendment, and the legislators' attempt FAILED. Kansas already has some restrictions, but the constitutional right to have an abortion, which is favored by a majority of Kansans, is in place. Give it a rest—no one is forcing anyone to have an abortion! The decision belongs with the woman and her doctor.

Telemedicine prescriptions are fine for all kinds of conditions, and those that induce abortion should not be singled out. Different religions define the start of life, so religion should not be dictating that for the government, as we have separation of church and state! The aim of this bill is solely to restrict access to abortion services; therefore, it should NOT be passed out of committee.

Please vote NO on bill SB 5.

Yours truly,

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