



Written PROPONENT TESTIMONY for bill SB5: AN ACT prohibiting the prescribing of drugs intended to cause an abortion using telemedicine and restricting the governor's power during a state of emergency to alter such prohibitions.

To: Senate Committee on Public Health Chair Senator Gossage and members of the Committee

From: Bridgit Smith, Executive Director for Insight Women's Center

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Chairperson Gossage and members of the Committee,

My name is Bridgit Smith, the Executive Director for Insight Women's Center in Lawrence, KS. Thank you for the opportunity to provide written testimony as a PROPONENT to bill SB5.


Insight Women's Center in Lawrence, KS, holds a safe space and provides limited medical services and support to women (and men) making pregnancy decisions. We want to capitalize on the opportunities to meet women and families right where they are, offering hope and quality services to them free of judgment and charge. We desire to empower them with the truth about their pregnancy (including all three pregnancy options) and their God-given personhood/identity and point them toward abundant life.


As the abortion laws have changed throughout our State and Nation, I've had a foreboding that more women's lives would be in jeopardy and forever changed because of new practices allowed. One such approach is allowing telemedicine appointments for women to receive abortion pills.

Although our center does not refer or perform abortions, within the last month, we have provided services to two clients who had taken the abortion pill prescribed to them through telemedicine. One of those clients told me she had scheduled a telemedicine appointment online with a doctor from the UK. That doctor then sent the prescription to a pharmacy in India, and three weeks later, this young woman received those pills through the mail. I believe we all can agree there is nothing safe about this method. So much could go wrong that could cause death or long-term health problems for these young women.

Because of what we see in our center and the stories these women tell, I firmly believe telemedicine to prescribe abortion pills is harmful to women and their children. Therefore, I kindly encourage you to say yes to SB5.

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