

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
HOUSE BILL 2324 – PRO-LIFE HEARTBEAT PROTECTION BILL**

Chairman Arlen Siegfried and Committee Members
House Federal and State Affairs Committee
Kansas House of Representatives
RE: HB 2324 – Pro-Life Heartbeat Protection Bill

Hon. Chair and Committee Members,

Hello, I am Janalin Hood- a Catholic pro life advocate, a wife, a mother, and blogger and am here to testify in support of the House Bill 2324. My husband Victor and I live in Chanute Kansas where I stay home with our children. I am here today to testify as a member of a generation that has not known anything but abortion on demand.

A mother's womb has become the most dangerous place for a baby today. More than one child an hour loses its life to abortion here in Kansas. We have lost one third of a generation since 1973, and Kansas has the rank of #8 in the nationⁱ for number of abortions performed.

Although I stand before you and have no first hand experience with abortion or the abortion industry I can tell you how abortion has shaped myself and many in my generation who have had no 'choice' since the imposing legislation of Roe vs Wade. We have seen the atrocities that have been committed to our unborn. We see the pain abortion causes mothers. We see the regret clinic workers have when they leave the industry and speak about their previous work. We see the invaluable human life that exists in each child and we are choosing to be silent no more.

Unborn babies at six weeks have measurable brain waves. At eight weeks the stomach, liver, and kidneys are functioning, and fingerprints have formed. At nine weeks gestation, the unborn child can feel pain.ⁱⁱ There is no logical reason to allow unrestricted abortion on demand to continue in our state of Kansas. I feel very strongly that if a heartbeat can be detected we should value and protect the life of the child.

Abortion is our country's holocaust. We cannot turn our back to these children that have no voice any longer. We sit pleasantly in our homes and businesses doing as we please as these children are losing their lives in ways which would be considered inhumane to an animal. A storyⁱⁱⁱ that brings this to life is one of an elderly man whom lived in Germany during the time of the Nazi holocaust. Each week the train full of Jews would pass by during their church services and the cries coming from the train were miserable. The churchgoers felt sorry for the tormented people but felt as they could do nothing about it... so each time they heard the train rumble past they would sing their hymns a little louder in order to cover the tormenting screams.

In fighting for the right to life, we are fighting for Kansas as well as America. When we save our children we save our nation. Let us not be the ones to remain silent, and just "sing a little louder." These children need our help now. Let us stand together and take a step for the children of Kansas, setting the precedent for our country, by supporting the Heartbeat Protection Bill.

Sincerely,
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- i http://www.abort73.com/abortion_facts/states/kansas/
- ii <http://wholeworldinhishands.com/world/abortion-statistics.html>
- iii http://hh76.org/details.aspx?prod_id=4270