

Chairman Arlen Siegfroid and Committee Members
House Federal and State Affairs Committee
Kansas House of Representatives

Hon. Chair and Committee Members,

I am Karen Vallier, a parent of 3, a public school teacher and citizen in the town of Chanute , Kansas. As a young person growing up, I heard the rhetoric of the pro abortion community that the "tissue" of a pregnancy was just that - "tissue". My opinion on abortion, like many young people, was greatly affected by media and news. I frankly didn't know what to believe. My position on abortion, however, became very firm after undergoing a miscarriage. That "tissue" was my child and the heartbreak and loss that I felt was tremendous. I am unable to appear in person before the committee today for the hearing on HB 2324 but I would like to submit my written testimony in support of the bill for consideration by the committee.

I am a very strong Pro Life advocate and I urge the passage of this bill. This Bill would prohibit abortion after a detectable heartbeat of the unborn child is present and would end approximately 85% of the abortions occurring in Kansas. Since the bill has been drafted by attorneys with the American Center for Law and Justice and other attorneys with legal experience in the appellate courts, I feel that it has a good chance for withstanding a legal challenge, especially in the U.S. Supreme Court.

It seems a logical and **humane** notion that if a doctor can detect a heartbeat in an unborn child, then that child should be protected. A beating heart is very clear evidence that life is present and it is our responsibility to protect this life. The people of Kansas support heartbeat legislation and in a recent poll, a majority of Kansans agree that if a heartbeat is detected, a child is present. Please have the courage to buck the media and "squeaky wheels" that have kept the State of Kansas from saving the unborn children. We are the heartland of America and our laws should represent the values of it's people.

Please support HB 2324 and please send the Pro Life Heartbeat Protection Bill on the the full House for action.

Sincerely,

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