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I submit my written only testimony in strong support of HB2324 that has become known as Heartbeat legislation.

I know there has been a continuing debate among the pro-life community as to the pros and cons of moving forward with Heartbeat legislation. I must firmly come down on the side of extending protection to those who, because of their size and inability to survive outside the womb (aren't we all dependent on our life support system which differs among the many levels of our life span-food and shelter when we are too young to provide for ourselves to dependency on the earth's atmosphere to life support systems at the end of our life?) have been denied coverage under Kansas law protecting the unborn.

These children are too little, too fragile so become throwaway fatalities that must go through the most horrendous pain of being destroyed within their mother's womb. Must you, as legislators remain mute and continue to allow this great travesty against the greater moral law of our Christian heritage?

I want to congratulate this committee on passing out HB2253 which defines life beginning at conception, so I must ask, if life begins at conception is it beyond our right, as a state, to move vigorously to defend that life at the point of a unborn child's heartbeat being detected?

I deeply respect the opinion of the many pro-life legislators that are members of this committee, but my final question to you: as strong pro-life proponents, do you have another way to protect these innocents that are unable to voice their own defense for the right to live their life? Fear of what might happen in the our court system is not going to protect these children, only strong fearless leadership will restore the right to life these unborn children are given by our Creator.

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