



My name is Steve Brunk and I'm here representing the Family Policy Alliance of Kansas. We regularly communicate with thousands of individuals and families across our state.

Additionally, Family Policy Alliance works in conjunction with over 40 Policy Councils across the country to promote a state and nation where God is honored, religious freedom flourishes, families thrive, and life is cherished. **To that end, we are here today as a proponent of HB2319.**

HB2319 makes some minor adjustments to the Kansas Woman's Right-to-Know Act so that a woman can get basic, essential data needed to give true "informed consent" when she agrees to an abortion.

Current law requires that a woman have a signed 24-hour informed consent document with her the day of the abortion. The informed consent forms are available online, but they do not tell the woman which abortionist will be performing the procedure. Instead, the forms list the names of ALL possible abortionists employed. Furthermore, while the State Board of Healing Arts makes available minimal data on abortionists, most people are unaware of the Board and their data can be difficult to find.

HB2319 is a necessary update to existing informed consent law that protects women by increasing the availability of information and bringing critical transparency to the decision to undergo an abortion procedure. By passing this law, the legislature ensures that women know such valuable information as the name of the physician performing the major-medical procedure, year medical degree obtained, whether he/she has been disciplined by the Board of Healing Arts, if he/she carries malpractice insurance, whether he/she has local hospital privileges, whether he/she has LOST hospital privileges, and if he/she has Kansas residency.

The informed consent law rightly requires that a lot of information must be provided about the proposed abortion method and associated risks, the gestational age of the unborn child, various types of prenatal assistance available—including for challenging pregnancies, that the woman has the right to view an ultrasound or hear the heartbeat of her child, and other important information so that the woman can give true informed consent. But, the missing link is information about the actual abortionist who will be performing an invasive procedure on her. This is just as important.

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People research the doctors and specialists they entrust with performing invasive procedures on their bodies all the time. Women seeking abortions also have a right to know about the qualifications of the doctor performing that procedure.

This is a commonsense bill that increases knowledge, transparency and safety for Kansas women. While the topic of abortion has historically been controversial, we can all agree that while the procedure is legal, it should be safe. **HB2319** helps ensure it is so.

Thank you.

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