

FROM THE DESK OF

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Rep. John Barker, Chair, Federal and State Affairs  
Rep. Francis Averkamp, Vice Chair  
Rep. Louis Ruiz, Ranking Member  
Members

**RE: HCR 5019**

Dear Mr. Chair, Vice Chair, Ranking Member and Members,

I write with urgency – distressed that my government would so surreptitiously undertake a massive alteration to our constitutional rights with such intemperate haste. I oppose HCR 5019 because it moves the decision making from the realm of the patient, her physician, family and clergy to the Legislature. It is not a political decision.

Kansas has decades of history that respected the autonomy of women and accorded them suffrage. Without personal autonomy, which is at the very heart of human dignity, we cannot exercise self-determination or control our destinies. Putting politics above women's health is unconscionable and goes against our proud history.

Sincerely yours,



Leslie D. Mark