

## To the House Transportation Committee In Support of HB 2678

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Choose Life License Plate House Transportation Committee Barbara Saldivar, CWA of Kansas State Director P.O. Box 8331 Topeka, KS 66608

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Thank you, Mr. Chairman Proehl and Committee, for hearing my testimony. My name is Barbara Saldivar. I am the State Director of Concerned Women for America of Kansas. Concerned Women for America is the largest public policy women's organization in the nation.

In 2002, a "Choose Life" license bill similar to this one passed the House and the Senate, but Governor Graves vetoed it. A total of 32 states have now passed "Choose Life" license plate bills. It's time for Kansas to do the same.

The most important gift one can give is life. "Choose Life" plates can help people who are considering abortion choose life for their child. Teresa (not her real name) arrived at a pregnancy center in Tampa, Florida and told her story to a counselor. She was en route to have an abortion and saw several "Choose Life" license plates on the 10-mile drive. When she arrived at the abortion clinic, she told Judy, the counselor out front, "You are a sign and seal that what I was about to do is wrong." She drove off knowing her future was going to be rough but she felt assured that God was going to use her in His plan.

Kansas currently has an array of plates available for organizations such as Agriculture in the Classroom, Kansas Horse Council, Pet-Friendly, Street Rod, Masonic Lodge, and more. It's time to have a "Choose Life" license plate available.

On the merit of reminding and encouraging people to choose life, Concerned Women for America of Kansas asks this committee to pass HB 2678.