



Testimony in Support of SB 297
Senate Public Health and Welfare Committee
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Chairwoman Gossage and Members of the Committee,

I am Jeanne Gawdun, Director of Government Relations with Kansans for Life.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 297.

As clearly defined in the bill, an “abortion” is the termination of a pregnancy knowing it will result in the death of the unborn child.

Unfortunately, the abortion industry has intentionally been spreading fear in women by equating treatment for miscarriages and life-threatening ectopic pregnancies with abortion.

While the current definition of abortion does not consider those situations to be abortions, SB 297 provides further clarification by explicitly excluding treatment of ectopic pregnancy and miscarriage management.

This definition will be consistent in all relevant abortion statutes.

Women in Kansas needing treatment for a miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy and their healthcare providers can be assured that, regardless of what the abortion industry may claim, such treatments are not considered an abortion.

I ask the committee to pass SB 297 out favorably.

Thank you and I will stand for questions.

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