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Testimony in Support of HB 2293

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Chairman Schultz and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for holding this hearing and for your attention to this important issue.

The Kansas Catholic Conference strongly supports HB 2293. We do not believe that the destruction of unborn children should be treated as a “benefit” of state employment. Abortion, put simply, is not health care. It is the antithesis of health care in that it does not preserve life, but rather destroys it. We are confident that it would come as an unwelcome shock to many Kansans that state employees are able to obtain abortions “tax free” as a part of their benefits package. This amounts to taxpayer subsidization of abortion, which is opposed by large majorities of Kansans and Americans.

The state should not pretend that abortion is just another service on the health care menu. It is a uniquely divisive issue and, from our perspective, a transcendent evil. The state government should not be complicit in its procurement.

At a time when the state is starved for revenue and is cutting benefits for some of the neediest and most vulnerable Kansans, it is particularly distasteful that abortion continues to be subsidized by the taxpayers. Please rectify this situation by supporting HB 2293.

Thank you for your consideration.

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