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The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) supports HB 431. The Missouri Catholic Conference supports legislation that supports a culture of life and defends against attacks on human life and dignity. Our Catholic faith informs us that we are made in the image of God and that our human bodies share in the dignity of this image. (Catechism of the Catholic Church ¶ 364) As such, the Church teaches us that the bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity and that the burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy. (CCC ¶ 2300) HB 43 would establish new procedures for the disposition of fetal remains after an abortion. The remains of all deceased human being should be treated with dignity and respect and not disposed of as "medical waste", regardless of the cause of death. In addition, the grisly practice of hoarding fetal remains from abortions should be outlawed in the state. The MCC supports HB 431 and asks this committee to vote this bill, "Do Pass."



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Human remains no matter how they are obtained whether from a natural death or an abortion deserve to be treated with dignity and not treated as medical waste. I've read recently that some abortion providers are starting to give women the option to view the remains of her aborted unborn child. Whether or not she views the child's remains, mothers should be given the option to have her child buried or cremated in a dignified manner. This in no way interferes with anyone's access to their constitutional rights.



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As an abortion wounded woman not having been given the opportunity to decide how my babies remains were dealt with have always made me wonder what happened to them. Over the years I have heard of doctors hoarding the body parts in their freezers and it just made me cringe to think that someone would treat a human in such a manner. Also, when I heard of remains being found in trash cans as well I was disgusted. For the sanity of the woman, she needs to be a part of this decision. She needs to understand that with an abortion many things come along afterwards. The emotional and psychological pain that is very common. I wish I had knowledge of what happened to my aborted fetus. I wish more requirements were put into place before a woman could make the decision of abortion. We would probably have less wounded women.



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**Abortion is abhorrent to me and my family. It is not too much to ask that the remains of these children be treated with respect and not dumped or sold as medical waste or for research. Please pass this bill out of committee and to the full House.**



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HB 431 would enact several provisions that, in the words of proposed section 188.049 in the bill, would: "Preserve long-established legal and cultural traditions on the proper disposition of human remains as a sign of respect for and a duty owed to the deceased ... and maintain the dignity of patients and the medical profession, including by distinguishing human remains from and treating human remains differently than medical waste so as to counteract the coarsening and dehumanizing effects of abortion practice" The bill would:• Ban the hoarding of aborted human remains. This will end abuses that have occurred around the nation –most recently in Illinois – when after the death of abortionist Dr. Ulrich Klopfer, the remains of 2,411 aborted babies were found in his garage and the trunk of his car. Dr. Kermit Gosnell’s “House of Horrors” abortion clinic in West Philadelphia is another example.• Require that remains of aborted babies be buried or cremated, not disposed of as common waste.• As part of the informed consent process, require that before an abortion is performed on a woman, the woman must first decide on the final disposition of the remains of her unborn child.• After the abortion, require that the remains must either be transferred to a licensed funeral establishment for burial or cremation, or be returned to the woman for final disposition.• With certain exceptions, make it unlawful to donate fetal organs or tissue resulting from an abortion to anyone for medical, scientific, experimental, therapeutic or other use.• Prohibit prepayment for an abortion until at least 72 hours after informed consent has been given.HB 431 is constitutional. The U.S. Supreme Court in 2019 in *Box v. Planned Parenthood of Indiana and Kentucky, Inc.*, 139 S.Ct. 1780, upheld an Indiana law similar to this measure, which required either burial or cremation after an abortion. The Court – in reversing a federal appeals court decision – “acknowledged that a State has a ‘legitimate interest in proper disposal of fetal remains’” and that lower courts “erred in failing to recognize that interest as a permissible basis for Indiana’s disposition law.”The Court has also endorsed laws requiring informed consent prior to an abortion. In 1976 in *Planned Parenthood of Central Mo. v. Danforth*, 428 U.S. 52, the Court upheld Missouri’s informed consent law, because “[t]he decision to abort, indeed, is an important, and often a stressful one, and it is desirable and imperative that it be made with full knowledge of its nature and consequences.” In 1992 in *Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa. v. Casey*, 505 U.S. 833, the Court upheld Pennsylvania’s law, stating: “[I]nformed choice need not be defined in such narrow terms that all considerations of the effect on the fetus are made irrelevant. ... [W]e permit a State to further its legitimate goal of protecting the life of the unborn by enacting legislation aimed at ensuring a decision that is mature and informed, even when in so doing the State expresses a preference for childbirth over abortion.”For all these reasons, we urge this committee to vote “do pass” in favor of HB 431.



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Because all life is a gift from God and has dignity, it is only right that a child who has suffered a tragic death due to abortion should have a dignified burial. As a civilized people, Missourians should not tolerate disposal of the bodies of babies as if they were trash and not possessors of living souls. They should also not tolerate hoarding and ghastly fascination with deceased babies who were not allowed to enjoy the gift of life. And they most certainly cannot tolerate buying and/or selling body parts of babies who have met a horrific death by abortion.





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I urge the committee to vote NO on HB 431. This bill stigmatizes patients who seek access to critical health care. I work daily with people across the rural parts of Missouri that are directly affected by lack of abortion access, and I see the challenges they face. In the Bootheel, and other places across Missouri, we know the maternal and infant mortality rates are skyrocketing. Meanwhile, we as constituents have to stand idly by as we watch politicians choose to prioritize cutting access to abortion services instead of supporting efforts to expand health care access in our state during a pandemic that has cost hundreds of thousands of lives. Is this the state we are proud of? This bill highlights the political agenda that's been set forth to hold onto power by stoking fears and spreading misinformation in our communities. If you truly have the best interests of Missourians at heart, you will vote NO on this bill.



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The only thing that has changed since I wrote this letter is the bill number, my address and it is 2 years later. I wrote a similar letter 30 years ago and 40 years ago. I could testify every single day of my life. It's the same problem that we have always had: men don't take responsibility for their actions, their sex life, their children. It's a power play. They like to say things that make them feel like they are being benevolent to the "unborn", but they don't help the children. They put it under the pretense of religion as if that gives anyone the right to dictate how anyone besides them should live. Some politicians believe that the government is too big, has too much power, the exception is when it comes to dictating our bedrooms, our wombs and what is between our legs. I appreciate Planned Parenthood for providing my college aged daughter the health care she needed. She had seen other doctors about an illness that they misdiagnosed. Planned Parenthood's physician was able to diagnose and give her a prescription. Thank you Planned Parenthood for being there for so many women for so many health needs. Thank you because too many times Planned Parenthood was all that was available. Angela White 214 S Prince Ln Springfield, MO 65802 An open letter to Senator Libla: Sir: I ask that you please NOT support HB 126. Abortion has been upheld in Roe v Wade. It should be a non-issue now except for the individual and private, personal decision between a woman and her healthcare professional. Our state has many issues that need to be addressed that concern all citizens such as: our failing roads and bridges; funding for equitable education; mental health services; common sense gun control legislation and others. Pregnancy whether planned or not is caused by men. In the event of an unplanned pregnancy men have always had the right to choose. Choosing to walk away is all too common. However, the responsibility of medical care for herself and that of raising a child all too often falls on the shoulders of women and the mercy of social services and charity. In order to prevent unplanned pregnancy, responsibility should fall on the appropriate shoulders of men. Since our State and Federal Legislatures have deemed private issues to be within the scope of their jurisdiction, I propose that all males are to have vasectomies before reaching puberty. Vasectomies are simple, inexpensive, do not affect hormones, or cause cancer and are reversible. When a male is willing and able to commit to financially, emotionally and mentally supporting a child, then they can have them reversed. I'd even support tax dollars to ensure that males no longer cause unplanned pregnancy. Every child should be wanted, loved and adequately cared for to grow up to become a well-adjusted, healthy adult. In fact our abortion rates have declined due to the availability of birth control and education, but it is not enough to protect women. Regardless of legality, women will still have abortions, but only wealthy women will be able to have safe abortions. Pro-life legislators are not concerned about life; it's about power and control. Legislature needs to address the Pro-Life issues of common sense gun control, adequately funding equitable education, affordable healthcare, clean air and water, and Peace. Again, I ask that you do not support this or any bill that restricts women's healthcare. Respectfully, Angela White 314 E Neat St Poplar Bluff, MO 63901 573 429 4974 --Tell me; I may

**forget. Show me; I may remember. Involve me; I will understand.**



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The state government shouldn't make anyone wait 72 hours for a medical procedure. It's disingenuous for the government to believe they know better than the patient requesting the medical procedure. I'm tired of big government inserting itself into this domain which involves private decisions between private parties for entirely legal services.



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**As a physician and women's health specialist I strongly oppose HB 431. This law would put undue burden on patients who are seeking legitimate medical care, and ignores the fact that not all patients have religious or spiritual practices. This law does nothing to improve the health and safety of Missourians, rather is just another attempt to disrupt medical decisions that should be left to the patients and their physician.**



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The words and phrasing of HB 431 are such that they intend to discriminate against women and pregnant people who seek abortions for a variety of reasons. Waiting 72 hours between abortion consultation and procedure is not feasible for those in low-income brackets, who may not have transportation to the few facilities that are available to provide these services in our state. Furthermore, forcing someone by law to pay for burial or cremation of unwanted fetal tissues is unconscionable. The burial or cremation of aborted materials should be the choice of the abortee, not a law that requires it to be done. Often times, these women and people with uteruses cannot afford these costs. Other times, the aborted materials may be viable for stem cell research, and this bill would deny that option to people who wish not to bury or cremate, but to assist in scientific breakthroughs. Please reconsider this bill and the wording therein, to allow for more options for those who need them. Thank you.



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I write this testimony AGAINST HB431 on behalf of myself and my patients. I do not represent my employer. I am a board-certified Obstetrician and Gynecologist who has been taking care of Missourians and people from who come to me for care from all over the Midwest and the South for over a decade in locations around the St. Louis metropolitan area.HB431 is another unconstitutional bill that imposes additional targeted regulations of abortion provision (TRAP) without any benefit to the people who need abortion care, the citizens or the State of Missouri. It will not stand as a result of nearly 50 years of judicial precedent and a recent federal district court decision striking down a similar piece of legislation form Texas. It will cost our state to defend and is a futile waste of taxpayer money. The consequences of legislation such as this are hard to overstate, but will include adding additional cost to the provision of routine healthcare, confusion and jeopardy for providers not to mention the potential emotional toll on patients who are seeking care. As with all the TRAP laws that our legislature has passed, this does not make any Missourian healthier, does not make abortion care safer and will continue to erode the autonomy, agency and capacity of women in our state.During my 20 years in medicine, public health and academics, I have seen that when state legislatures embrace and invest in evidence-based, common sense healthcare policies and practices they can improve the wellbeing of their citizens. Passing unconstitutional legislation such as this is not only irresponsible, but it also distracts from efforts to promote and protect the health of Missourians. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you wish to discuss how we can work together to improve the health of our state or if you have questions or concerns.



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**I oppose this proposed legislation. Women seeking abortions do not need the government to step in and tell them how to dispose of their fetus when they are already in a stressful emotional state. Have you run out of ways to control women's bodies that you must now control dead cells?**





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**My name is Heidi Andress, RN, BSN. I would like to submit my statement to the Missouri House of Representatives on HB 431 on behalf of female patients across our state. My perspective is that of a concerned nurse with 11 years experience and a current student of family nurse practitioner. Forcing women to provide cremation or burial for fetal remains will hinder women from seeking abortion due to the financial obligation of paying for this additional service, which is due at the time of the abortion. Additionally, forcing women to provide burial or cremation for fetal remains can be trauma inducing due to the sensitive nature of fetal demise. Lastly, this bill does not differentiate between induced abortions, spontaneous abortions, or pregnancies caused by rape. It would place the burden of burial or cremation solely on the woman, regardless of sexual assault or medical complication. Please protect women's right to seek medical care for abortion and do not pass HB 431. Thank you.**



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The state does not need to interfere with pregnant people's decisions. Nor should inflammatory verbiage and baseless declarations be made to influence the citizens for personal vendettas. None of the decisions a pregnant person makes with their health care provider should be up to debate by politicians.



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Targeted Restriction of Abortion Providers (TRAP) Law SB 101 - Sen. Koenig (R-15, St. Louis County) HB 431 - Rep. Kelly (R-141, Mountain Grove) Like other anti-abortion bills, these are designed by politicians to spread misinformation, distort the truth, and shame pregnant people and doctors. We need to respect each person's ability to make the deeply personal decision to have an abortion and allow them to make this decision in accordance with their family, faith, and doctor. It is not our place to judge what any person should do. This restriction is another attempt by anti-abortion politicians to deceive and shame patients and end abortion in Missouri. This bill is part of a national effort to stigmatize abortion patients, harass health care providers, and ultimately to end access to abortion altogether. Politicians in Missouri have wasted taxpayers' time and money trying to restrict and ultimately ban safe, legal abortion over the past several years. These bills are more of the same, and they do nothing to improve the lives or health of Missourians. This government mandate callously forces all patients to determine how fetal tissue is disposed of before they are allowed to have an abortion. These bills shame abortion patients by imposing a funeral ritual on them after a safe, legal medical procedure, and after the tissue has been sent to pathology. Politicians have no business imposing their beliefs on patients and interfering with their health care. Let's take a step back: These bills are written by politicians, not doctors. These bills do nothing to help or protect patients. Instead, they would make it more difficult for doctors to provide abortion and would single out and mislead patients who are seeking that care. This bill will invite litigation and could cost the state thousands of dollars to defend. A federal district court recently blocked a similar Texas law because it, "imposes intrusive and heavy burdens" upon a patient's right to choose an abortion. We deserve elected leaders who will focus on improving Missourians' health outcomes— not shaming patients. Missouri has the nation's 7th highest rate of maternal mortality, and a Black women are three to four times more likely than white women to die from pregnancy-related complications. This attack on patients and doctors will do nothing to improve the health of pregnant and birthing people in Missouri.



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House Children and Families Committee HB431 Position: Against April 7, 2021 My name is Dr. Mae Winchester and I am a board-certified obstetrician-gynecologist and living in Kansas City, Missouri. Because of my subspecialty of maternal fetal medicine, or high-risk pregnancy, I often see tragic cases where patients choose to end a wanted pregnancy. You cannot imagine the difficulty of this decision. Often my patients have life-threatening medical conditions like active cancer, or severe hypertensive disorders of pregnancy that have already caused maternal stroke. Sometimes it is the fetus with a severe condition that grants a short life of pain, and the parents make the decision to end suffering. I cannot fathom forcing my patients to decide how fetal tissue is disposed of before they are allowed to have an abortion. It has absolutely no role in their medical care and to impose this upon them wrong. They should be able to come to these decisions on their own time, perhaps when their life is no longer in danger from the pregnancy itself. Instead of focusing on this obscure issue of imposing a funeral ritual after a safe, legal, medical procedure, we should focus on how to improve the lives of mothers and their children by funding the Medicaid expansion we so desperately need. I encourage you to vote no on HB431, and to focus your efforts on initiatives we already know will improve the lives of Missourians. Mae Winchester, MD



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April 14th, 2021 House Committee on Children and Families HB 431—Creates barriers to accessing abortion and shames people for their healthcare decisions Chairwoman Coleman, Vice-Chairwoman Bailey, members of the committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in opposition of HB 431. NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri works to protect and expand every Missourians’s right to choose if, when, how and with whom to start and grow their family and to parent in safety and dignity. Moreover, we work to ensure reproductive justice for all Missourians, advocating to reduce health disparities based on race, income-level, insurance coverage status, and other factors. HB 431 is designed by politicians to spread misinformation, distort the truth, shame pregnant people, and criminalize healthcare providers. In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and while Missourians wait on legislators to execute the will of the people who passed Medicaid Expansion in August 2020, this bill reveals once again that our representation in Jefferson City is more concerned with policing our bodies and personal decisions than with protecting our communities during an ongoing global health crisis. The dangerous misinformation perpetuated in this bill dehumanizes Missourians who seek abortion services by infantilizing their decision-making abilities and stigmatizing their freedom to make informed choices about their bodies, lives and futures. This bill shames people choosing abortion by imposing a funeral ritual on them after a legal medical procedure. Politicians should not be interfering with individual’s healthcare decisions or access, nor imposing their personal beliefs on others. People who get abortions deserve respect and support, not to be shamed or patronized. This legislation would also have a disproportionate impact on people already hardest hit in this pandemic; people of low-income, people in rural areas, Black people and people of color, and young people, creating insurmountable obstacles to accessing needed care. People of low income are less likely to have adequate access to contraception and more likely to experience unintended pregnancy and abortion. This bill purposefully increases the cost of an abortion for reasons unrelated to the provision of qualified medical care, pushing access to healthcare further out of reach for those of low-income. All Missourians have a right to access quality healthcare and all Missouri doctors have a right to practice good-faith medicine without criminalization. This bill will cause lasting harm in Missouri. NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri, representing more than 70,000 Missourians across the state, opposes the advancement of this bill, and urges you to vote NO today.



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**Medical procedures, including abortion, are decided between a patient and their medical practitioner. By limiting a medical practitioner's ability to do their job, this bill is essentially attempting to undermine the healthcare profession and downgrading women to mere breeding vessels.**





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**On record in opposition. We will get the Chairwoman a written testimony.**



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**This looked like a pretty good bill until the portion about restricting the use of fetal tissue.**



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April 7, 2021  
 The Honorable Mary Elizabeth Coleman  
 Chair, House Children and Families  
 Committee  
 Jefferson City, MO  
 Re: Opposition to HB 431 and HB 852  
 Dear Chair Coleman and Members of the Committee:  
 On behalf of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM), I write to oppose HB 431 and HB 852, bills that amount to a thinly veiled attempt to disrupt and, ultimately, eradicate access to a safe, medically accepted and legal procedure and do nothing to improve the lives or health of Missourians. These ill-conceived bills, part of a national effort to stigmatize abortion patients, burden healthcare providers, and ultimately end access to legal abortion altogether, could have a direct and negative impact on patients undergoing treatment for infertility. ASRM is a multidisciplinary organization of nearly 8,000 professionals dedicated to the advancement of science and practice of reproductive medicine. Distinguished members of ASRM include obstetricians and gynecologists, urologists, reproductive endocrinologists, embryologists, mental health professionals and others. Infertility, recognized by the American Medical Association and the World Health Organization as a disease that impacts as many as 7.3 million couples in the United States can, untreated, upend the dream of building a family. Policymakers may not understand the complexities and the inefficiencies inherent in human reproduction. Medical professionals and lab personnel working in concert to treat infertility patients know these complexities all too well. Treatments of infertility are highly specialized and individualized. At a time when the strains on our national and state health care systems have, perhaps, never been clearer, it makes no policy sense to add additional barriers to quality care. Missouri should not be legislating new barriers to care in the midst of a global pandemic that has cost hundreds of thousands of American lives. If, in fact, Missouri is interested in delving into the complex reality of providing oversight for medical research and therapies involving human reproductive tissues, we, as experts, stand ready to inform a deliberative, medically necessary and evidence-based effort. In the interim, we urge you to oppose HB 431 and HB 852, each of which does nothing to protect or help patients and which singles out and irresponsibly politicizes and stigmatizes a safe, proven medical procedure. Please do not hesitate to contact Becca O'Connor, Director of Government Affairs, with any questions: boconnor@asrm.org 617.270.4465. Sincerely, Hugh Taylor, M.D. President



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Members of the Committee, My name is Sara Schmidt and I am a constituent in Missouri. I'm writing to ask you to vote against HB 431, a bill that would impose religious beliefs upon citizens of Missouri who undergo a medical procedure. As you know, the first amendment provides us with freedom of religion, making this bill unconstitutional. Doctors, not politicians, should decide what information a patient needs for medical services. Abortion is a medical procedure. It's a life-saving one. Did you know that over 800 people die from pregnancy a day? That doesn't even begin to cover those who, like me, were left with conditions, illnesses, injuries or diseases that lasted months, years or even a lifetime after a pregnancy. Politicians should not be able to shame people for medical procedures. In fact, they have no business in ANY medical procedure. That's what physicians are for. Pregnancy is not as simple as many politicians make it out to be. I almost died during my pregnancy. My infant nearly died. I had multiple complications afterward that required months of treatment, multiple surgeries and they still affect me to this day. I was informed that if I get pregnant again, the same thing is likely to happen and we may not be as lucky. For women like me, abortion is a life-saving procedure, especially if we are denied tubal ligation and birth control due to health or insurance reasons. Conditions like mine also pop up overnight. There was no warning until it was almost too late. Politicians say they want the government out of people's lives. You want to deregulate everything from guns to business to everything in between. So stop regulating the uterus. It's absolutely none of your business. If you truly wish to stop abortions, focus on comprehensive sex education, free birth control, universal healthcare and other actual solutions that work in nations all over the world. All you do when you restrict abortion is make it less safe for those who need it and endanger more lives. Vote no on HB 431.



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HB 431 does nothing to help or protect patients in a state with a sky-high maternal mortality rate, and it's a waste of Missouri taxpayer dollars when a federal district court recently blocked a similar Texas law because it, "imposes intrusive and heavy burdens" upon a patient's right to choose an abortion. I expect my legislators to spend their taxpayer-funded time wisely and focus on bills that would actively help Missourians and improve their lives. HB 431 does not help or improve lives.



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While visiting my parents in New Jersey from my home in St. Louis county, I discovered I was 6 weeks pregnant. My husband had left to work in Canada for his employer, McDonnell Douglas for a period of a couple of months. I had decided to stay with my parents because I was caring for our 2 young children of 19 months and 7 months. Taking care of them was overwhelming because we had no family in St. Louis. The pregnancy was a complete surprise since our two children were planned and I was using proven contraception, an IUD, to prevent another pregnancy. When the pregnancy was confirmed, I needed health care. After some research we learned that abortion services were legal and available in New York through my old pediatrician. On the day of my procedure, my mother took care of my boys and my mother-in-law, took me to the city and brought me back to my parents' house. My decision was based on my inability to care for 3 children so close in age halfway across the country from any family, my desire for a career which I had just begun to formalize and my sense that my life and my needs were most important. Taking care of myself should not be shameful. My body was not intended to only be a vessel for childbirth. My life is mine to be lived as I see fit. It is wrong to stigmatize and harass women who want to have the healthcare needed to live their lives on their own terms. My sons grew up in a loving family in St. Louis County. They are college educated and doing well in their careers. They are now married young men with families of their own. We have six beautiful, wanted grandchildren all living nearby. The proposed bill, HB431, does not even pretend to have anything to do with women's health or safety. It only makes it more difficult for women and providers. There is no other reason for submitting it. I never regretted my decision to raise 2 wanted children and no more. I oppose any legislation that signals out abortion for any unnecessary restrictions. A woman should be able to control how many children she chooses to raise. That is what the Supreme Court ruled in 1973.



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House Committee on Children and Families  
Chairman Representative Mary Elizabeth Coleman  
Vice-Chairman Representative Dottie Bailey  
April 7, 2021  
Dear Representatives of the Committee: Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony. My name is Stephen Eisele, the Executive Director of PROMO, Missouri's statewide lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) advocacy organization. On behalf of our organization, I am expressing our opposition to HB 431. Founded in 1986, PROMO, was built to center the privacy rights of Missourians and our community's efforts to combat the stigma surrounding our community. Thankfully, just as our organization has evolved over 35 years, so too has our understanding of the limits of government's reach. We believe that HB 431 is government overreach and places unnecessary and unconstitutional burdens on the rights of Missouri individuals and families to make the decisions about their reproductive care in accordance with their family, faith, and doctor. The restrictions outlined in HB 431 are an attempt to deceive and shame patients. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions. Sincerely, Stephen Eisele, MBA  
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This bill treats people who wish not to be pregnant maliciously and punitively. Erroneously referring to aborted tissue as a “child”, and people who may or may not already have children presumptuously as “mothers” is manipulative and deceitful. The prohibition on utilizing fetal tissue to advance medical science is shortsighted. The cruelty of HB 431 is just astonishing, and I urge the committee to vote NO on advancing this bill.