

**Rep. Sharice Davids' Motion to Recommit – 01.18.2024**

Mr. Speaker,

When Roe v. Wade was overturned, people were scared.

They feared for the future of their rights and ability to make deeply personal decisions about their own bodies.

I've heard from many people who are concerned that their children and grandchildren might grow up with less rights than they did.

In August of 2022, Kansans made their voices overwhelmingly clear: politics and politicians have no place in the middle of health care decisions.

Those decisions are between a person and their doctor, alone.

However, despite the resounding messages delivered in Kansas and other states, extremists persist in their relentless efforts to deprive Americans of their fundamental right to choose.

And sadly, that's where we find ourselves today — where certain Members of this body are attempting to push legislation that would directly limit access to the full range of reproductive health care.

This bill blatantly misleads the American people, diverting funds meant for food, rent, and childcare to certain harmful facilities that purposely provide disinformation to people seeking access to care.

I won't stand for it, and neither will Kansans.

We should be expanding access to health care, including reproductive health care, rather than masking misinformation behind dishonest policies that actually endanger a person's health.

But even further — we should be upfront with the American people. Isn't that the bare minimum?

Let me be clear: the right to choose is fundamental -- Working to strip that right should never be the priority, but especially days before a possible government shutdown that would have devastating impacts for hardworking Kansans.

I implore my colleagues from both sides of the aisle to stand with me in delivering a powerful message that tells the American people: "your ability to decide what is best for your body, your family, and your future is inherently yours, now and always."

For this reason, at the appropriate time I'll offer a motion to recommit this bill back to committee.

If the House rules permitted, I would have offered the motion with an important amendment that would ensure that taxpayer dollars cannot be allocated to "pregnancy centers" that provide medically inaccurate information or put the health of a woman at risk.

I ask unanimous consent to insert into the record the text of this amendment and hope my colleagues will join me in voting for the motion to recommit.

I yield back.