

Proponent Testimony

Value Them Both Constitutional Amendment, SCR 1613/HCR 5019

Joint Meeting of Senate Judiciary and House Federal & State Affairs Committees

January 21, 2020

My name is Sheryl Beard, MD. I am a family physician from Andover, KS, but work in Wichita as a primary care physician.

I support the Value Them Both Constitutional Amendment for reasons related to patient safety. I have serious concerns after the Kansas Supreme Court ruling last summer. Under this ruling, abortion is seen as a constitutional right, and currently jeopardizes the regulatory practices currently in place for those providing abortion services.

For example, the protections and regulations currently in place for the cleanliness of medical facilities (including abortion facilities) are there to keep patients safe. Abortion facilities should not be an exception to medical standards, and in the name of patient safety, those standards-established by law-should be kept in place.

As a physician for children, I would never recommend a procedure for a child without the consent of the parents. Abortion is no different. Children should not be allowed to undergo medical interventions without the consent of their parents. The current laws we have in place protect that, and I agree they should not be stripped.

For the health and safety of all patients, I support keeping our current laws in place. I support the Value Them Both Constitutional Amendment.

Thank you,
Sheryl Beard MD, FAAFP

1. Applicant Information

Full Name Sheryl Beard Degree(s) MD

Current Academic Rank Clinical Associate Professor

Current Academic Track Clinical

Primary Department Department of Family and Community Medicine

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2. Professional Development

A. Undergraduate and Graduate Education

Years (inclusive) Degree (course of study/major) Institution

1991-1995 BS University of Kansas, Lawrence, KS

1995-1999 MD University of Kansas School of Medicine - Wichita, Wichita, KS

B. Postgraduate Education

Years (inclusive) Degree Institution

1999-2002 Family Medicine Residency University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita, Family Medicine Residency at Via Christi Hospitals, Wichita, KS

C. Continuing Education (Taken by applicant, such as any CME, Interprofessional Development, Doctors as Educators, Leadership Development, etc.)

Year(s) Course Title Description

2009-2010 National Institute of Program Director Development Fellowship Academic fellowship sponsored by American Academy of Family Physicians, Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors

2012-2013 St. Paul VI Institute, Creighton Model Fertility Care and NaPro Technology Education Program 120 hours of instruction on fertility awareness-based methods of family planning and their medical applications and treatments

D. Academic and Professional Appointments and Activities

Month and Year Position Institution

2000-2002 Emergency Medicine Memorial Hospital, McPherson, KS

2002-2006	Active Duty, Staff Family Medicine Physician	United States Air Force, McConnell AFB, KS
2006- 2008	Emergency Room Physician	Kansas Medical Center, Andover, KS
2006-2008	Family Medicine Physician	Associates in Family Medicine, Wichita, KS
2008-2009	Associate Director	University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita Family Medicine Program at Via Christi (KUSM-W FMRVC), Wichita, KS
2008-2009	Clinical Instructor	KUSM-W
2009-2019	Senior Associate Program Director	KUSM-W FMRVC, Wichita, KS
2009-2018	Clinical Assistant Professor	KUSM-W
2018-present	Clinical Associate Professor	KUSM-W

E. Professional Registration/Licensure

Year(s)	Number	State
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Current	04-28929	Kansas
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F. Professional Certification(s)

Year(s)	Board
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7/2009-present	American Board of Family Medicine
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G. Professional Societies and Affiliations

Year(s)	Organization
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1995-present	Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP), Active Member
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1995-present	American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), Active Member
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2002-present	Medical Society of Sedgwick County (MSSC)
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2002-present	Kansas Medical Society
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2009-2019	AAFP: Association of Family Medicine Residency Directors (AFMRD), Associate Member
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2009-2019	AAFP: Society of Teachers of Family Medicine (STFM)
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2015-present	Catholic Medical Association (CMA)
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2016-present	Fertility Appreciation Collaborative to Teach the Science (FACTS), Active member
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2019	Christian Medical and Dental Association (CMDA), Active Member
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2019	American Association of Fertility Care Practitioners (AAFCCP), associate member
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2019	American Associate of Pro-Life OB GYNs-Family Medicine Section
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