

**Proponent Testimony for The *Value Them Both* Constitutional Amendment for Life  
Joint Meeting of the Senate Judiciary and House Federal and State Affairs Committees**

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Dear Chairman Barker, Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Committees,

Unlimited abortion hurts women and children. It is not a Kansas Value. I urge you to support the Value Them Both Amendment to the Kansas Constitution. Kansas deserve a right to vote on this issue:

As a parent, it is my duty to ensure my daughter can turn to me for advice built from trust. The recent Kansas Supreme Court ruling in 2019 that claims abortion is a constitutional right undermines the relationship between parents and their children. With this new ruling, children as early as middle school can seek an abortion without parental consent. The conversation against such a scenario is essentially null due to it being considered unconstitutional.

Please approve the *Value Them Both* Constitutional Amendment. Give us and others in Kansas the right to make decisions on this contentious issue.

Thank you for this opportunity and for all your work for the people of Kansas.

Respectfully,

Kerry Mian, Medical Student