

Proponent Testimony for The *Value Them Both* Constitutional Amendment for Life

Joint Senate Judiciary and House Federal and State Committee

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Dear Chairman Barker, Chairman Wilborn and Members of the Joint Committee

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. Kansans deserve a right to vote on this issue:

The laws passed in Kansas regulating abortion over the past decades reflect the values of a large majority of Kansans on both sides of the debate. These abortion regulations have put into place basic protections for women and their babies. They are very reasonable and include basic protections such as informed consent; making sure abortion clinics are safe places for women; parental consent for minor girls; and banning the most inhumane abortion procedures used in later term abortions.

The people of Kansas need to have their right restored to pass any needed abortion regulations through their elected representatives. Please let the people vote on this amendment.

In addition, we personally do not want our tax dollars going to pay for abortions.

We know from experience in our own family the pain and loss that comes from unregulated abortion. We also have seen and felt this same pain and loss in others that we know.

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,

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