

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

Joint Senate Judiciary and House Federal and State Committee

Pro-Life Medical Students of Kansas City, Kansas

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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.

Our moral foundation is the reason we are pursuing careers in medicine. Remaining true to that ethical framework will help us to be the best doctors that we can. We hope to be able to continue this in further training, and in our eventual practice.

Numerous medical trainees have been protected by Kansas conscience law which prevents medical trainees from being required, as a condition of their training, to participate in abortion. This law was passed after careful deliberation of Kansas' elected officials, democratically acting on the strongly expressed wishes of their constituents—only to be reevaluated now by eight unelected judges.

This law protected not only the consciences of the provider trainees, but also their future patients, by safeguarding trainee's integrity at a time when they are under tremendous pressure. How many of you would be comfortable, given today's health care market, to be under treatment of a physician who is not accustomed to listening to his/her conscience?

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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