

**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 the right to vote on this issue:

As long as abortion has been debated, people have argued over how far into a pregnancy an abortion should be allowed, even up to seconds before the baby would have been born. Many milestones have been suggested for assessing when the fetus should be considered a baby, such as first heartbeat, when brain activity begins, when the fetus can feel pain, when the fetus can move, etc. It is obvious that we are far from a consensus, and so it would be dangerous to leave the abortion industry unregulated by granting abortion as a "natural right." Abortions could be permitted on any arbitrary whim, and such a serious issue should not be treated so lightly. Please allow the people of Kansas to vote on this amendment and make our values known.

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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