

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. We urge you to support support the Value Them Both Amendment to the Kansas Constitution. Kansas deserve a right to vote on this issue:

We believe that each person has an inherent human dignity which cannot be given or taken away by any human institution. This principle, as expressed by our right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, is what our nation was founded on. If this dignity is disregarded, then our freedom is being violated and this cannot be allowed to happen.

Here at Benedictine College, we are a community of faith and scholarship. This amendment gives us occasion to pause and reflect on that first word, community. What is a community and what does that mean? Whenever individuals are united in self giving love there is community. Just as Benedictine is a community, Kansas is a community and Kansans must engage in relationships of self giving love.

The act of abortion violates the most sacred relationship of self giving love in existence, that of a mother and her child. This violates the freedom and dignity of both the child and its mother, and hurts everyone involved.

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,

The Students of Benedictine College.