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Dear House and Senate Members,

Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support of the Value Them Both Amendment which would allow the citizens of Kansas to restore over 150 years of Kansas consensus that values the lives of both women and children.

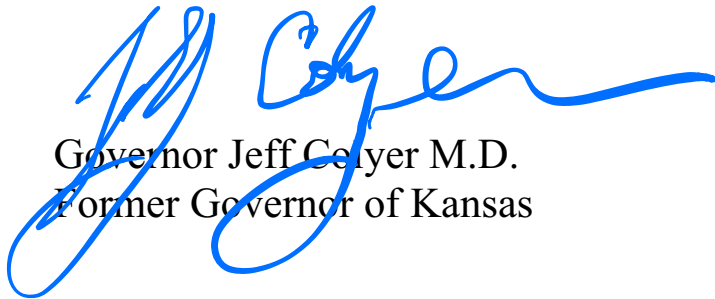
The Kansas Supreme Court decision eliminates the legal underpinnings of the basic consensus on life without allowing the People or their elected representatives to make this decision. This ruling will lead to taxpayer funded abortions, third trimester dismemberment procedures and the severance of parental rights on their children. As a physician, I am greatly concerned this ruling eliminates regulation for even basic things such as sterility. This is one of the most important decisions facing Kansas in our lifetimes, and allowing the People of Kansas to decide is at the core of our democracy.

This amendment would actually place the words “Kansans value both women and children” in our constitution. This is an important statement of equality. It makes clear that the normal legislative process is central.

As a physician, I fight for what’s best for mothers and their babies. I have worked in more than two-dozen warzones around the world. And, believe me, many people in those countries look to America as a beacon of hope and conscience. This amendment will make that light brighter.

Kansas has a unique place in American life. We were born in the flames of the Civil War. Basic human equality and dignity has been central to Kansas from the very beginning. Today, we are once again the conscience of America. The time for action is now, to pass the Value Them Both Amendment, and let the People of Kansas decide.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Colyer", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Governor Jeff Colyer M.D.
Former Governor of Kansas