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Subject: Reject David Toland as Kansas Secretary of Commerce

Dear Kansas State Senators:

Recent information has come to light about David Toland, Governor Kelly's nominee to lead the Kansas Department of Commerce, that has given our organization reason to oppose his confirmation.

While Governor Laura Kelly has long been a supporter of late-term abortion, it is shocking to find that her potential Commerce Secretary has ties to the "Dr. George Tiller Foundation." Tiller was the nation's most notorious abortionist, performing third-trimester abortions in Kansas for two decades.

Mr. Toland has served as Executive Director of "Thrive Allen County," which lists the Tiller Foundation as "Partner" on its website: <http://thriveallencounty.org/partners/>. "Thrive" received a \$10,000 grant from the foundation in 2018, the maximum any organization can receive.

It is unconscionable that anyone wishing to sit in the Governor's Cabinet would be part of honoring the legacy of an individual who took so many innocent lives, half of which were Kansas lives. George Tiller's lasting legacy rests on the fact that he made Kansas the late-term abortion destination of the United States.

Abortion, especially the late-term and partial-birth abortions that George Tiller performed, and gave thousands of dollars to politically protect, is not the kind of commerce Kansans approve of, and Mr. Toland should not be confirmed the Secretary of Commerce.