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The Honorable Ron Ryckman  
Speaker of the House  
Kansas State Legislature  
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Dear Speaker Ryckman:

I write to express my strong support for the Value Them Both Amendment to the Kansas state constitution, and to thank you for your significant leadership on this issue.


I was dismayed last year when the Kansas Supreme Court determined that our state constitution protects the right to an abortion. I cannot imagine that this ruling is grounded in sound jurisprudence. The 1859 constitution was born from a struggle over whether a certain class of human beings were people or property, and it came down squarely on the side that all possessed equal rights, including the right to life. I deeply regret that, in a different yet related context, this debate continues 160 years later.

In just the past few years, we have seen taxpayer-funded Planned Parenthood caught seeking to traffic body parts of aborted children, and some states have considered allowing born survivors of abortion to die without proper care. Yet Kansans, through our state legislature, have continued to choose to value human life and support a life-affirming path with our laws. I appreciate your commitment to upholding the sanctity of life and your leadership in advancing this path. The Kansas Supreme Court's decision must not be allowed to block the progress made, and the Value Them Both Amendment will return to Kansans a direct say in how unborn children are treated under the state constitution.

When you have success in passing the amendment, I intend to be helpful in ensuring its passage on the ballot. I am confident that a majority of Kansans share our belief in the right to life for all Kansans, as explicitly declared in the constitution our State Supreme Court so wrongly interprets.

Mr. Speaker, as you work in Topeka, I will continue to champion the right to life in Washington. If you or your legislative colleagues ever need assistance, please let me know.

Sincerely,

  
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