



Kansans for Life

Affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee

Brownback signs Healthcare Rights of Conscience

Pro-life Kansas physicians and pharmacists will have less reason to fear retaliatory discharge due to the Healthcare Rights of Conscience Act signed into law by Gov. Sam Brownback on May 11. State Rep. Lance Kinzer (R-Olathe), chair of the House Judiciary committee, was the bill’s author and Sen. Garrett Love (R-Montezuma) was chief sponsor in the Senate.

Seven other states have similar conscience-protecting laws. Courts have consistently ruled that the so-called right to an abortion does not require that all medical professionals be forced to perform them.

Under the Healthcare Rights of Conscience Act, professionals will also **not be forced to refer for abortions**. The law also expands conscience protection to apply to all medical facilities, not just hospitals.

Kansans for Life targeted passage of the bill as a top priority especially since the current federal climate is showing increased hostility to religious liberty and is pushing healthcare to include abortion without exclusions.

Kansas law first extended the right to refuse to perform or participate in abortion in 1969, long before abortion-causing drugs were mainstream. Rep. Kinzer said the new law was intended to cover the abortion drug RU-486.



Gov. Sam Brownback Sen. Garrett Love Rep. Lance Kinzer

But adding to the moral confusion—especially for pharmacists—is the fact that **some drugs labeled “contraceptive,” like “ella,” are more chemically identical to drugs specifically designed to induce abortion**. Testimony supplied to the House Judiciary committee relayed that labels for oral contraceptives all include warning of a “post-fertilization” abortifacient effect.

This is why the bill’s language covers drugs and devices “reasonably believed” by the professional to cause abortion.

Rep. Kinzer explained, “If someone were fired or sued for refusing to provide a drug, he or she could then litigate whether there was a basis for believing the drug would cause an abortion.”

From the ella patient brochure:

How does ella work?

ella works mainly by delaying ovulation (the release of an egg from the ovary). It’s also possible that ella works by preventing attachment to the wall inside the uterus.²

KS Senate president derails pro-life bill with phony excuse

Despite Sen. Steve Morris’ (debatable) claim that he “will always fight for pro-life values,” he is using the University of Kansas Medical Center (KUMC) propaganda as a pretext for NOT advancing a pro-life bill.

Morris derailed Senate action on Hsub 313 (the Pro-Life Protections Act) and claimed that it was due to his concerns that it could negatively affect KUMC accreditation. This is a phony excuse.

As KFL has repeatedly explained, accreditation of KUMC is not in jeopardy. 1996 federal legislation (*the Coats amendment*) intentionally protects state medical schools from losing accreditation when banning actual abortion participation.

That federal protection was created after the independent accreditation agency for medical schools kowtowed to abortion trade groups to demand all graduate medical training include actual abortion practice.

Arizona in 2011 passed a similar ban on tax-funded abortion training for medical schools and their “flagship” medical school did not lose accreditation.

During the 2012 Kansas Legislative Session, Morris chose to lend his power to preserving KUMC’s abortion fervor under the phony excuse that accreditation is threatened. Morris may claim to be pro-life, but this spring he obstructed the Senate from consideration of sensible laws that pro-life Kansans want.

Judge says no abortion attorney payment

Kansas pro-lifers got good news from a federal court May 18th: two Kansas City-area **abortion clinics will have to pay their own attorney fees** of over \$220 thousand dollars without Kansas taxpayer reimbursement. Judge Carlos Marguia ruled the clinics had not “prevailed on the merits,” and thus **did not qualify for state reimbursement**.

Beyond ineligibility for reimbursement, the Attorney General claimed national and local abortion attorneys had **inflated billable hours** and wage rates to make a “windfall” off of Kansas taxpayers. The irony is evident: abortion advocates have been complaining that the defense of pro-life laws is a wasteful depletion of the treasury, and then their own attorneys try to rip-off that same treasury!

For more information, see the KFL Blog at kansansforlife.wordpress.com

What's in the mail at the KFL office?

At the KFL offices, we love hearing from our members all over the state. When you have a local pro-life event, please let us know by e-mail or the old-fashioned kind of mail, sent to any of our office locations (at right). We love to see photos of your events, too.

We recently received a note from Jan and Bob Highfill in Anthony, Kansas, who let us know they have chosen some companies that support Planned Parenthood to boycott, and they are letting these companies know they are choosing a competing brand instead. The Highfills say, “we are furious about being hoodwinked into supporting abortion.”

We also received a note from Kay Hills in Havana, Kansas, who appreciates our newsletter keeping her informed of which legislators and state and national office-holders she needs to call. “Your information really helps me.”

Another letter in our mailbox was from the Hoxie Knights of Columbus: “We recently had our 27th annual Right to Life Barbecue, and it was our largest one ever. ... we are able to help others that choose LIFE for their babies and one day eliminate abortion.”

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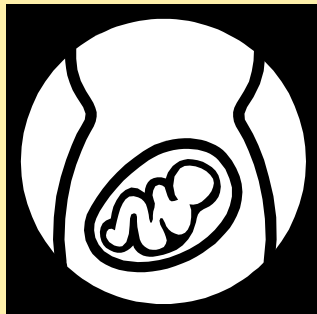
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Lucy has some ‘splainin’ to do!

By Mary Kay Culp, KFL Executive Director

No, not Lucy Ricardo, but little Lucy Jane Culp, my son and daughter-in-law’s first born baby who made her grand entrance 5 weeks early! Due June 25, Miss Lucy showed up May 16, but she weighed 5 lbs, 8 oz., the upper end for a “preemie.” She is doing just fine, but has been staying at the hotel “NICU” to fatten up a little and may go home this weekend. Grandmas and aunts all over town are dying to get our hands on her, but patience, patience.

It’s been fun watching my son. He is over the moon taking care of both his girls. It’s like after 31 years he just realized there are babies coming into the world. He got out his own baby books and pored over them. He wants to know everything there is to know about all the baby paraphernalia. He even asks for my advice!

Earlier when deciding which room to use as a nursery he said he thought it should be the bedroom furthest from theirs so they wouldn’t hear the baby cry. I said, “Son, you *want* to hear the baby cry.” He said, “Oh,” adding, “Mom, I don’t even know what I don’t know.”

That kind of says it all, and by the way, I don’t think either one of them are going to be more than a few inches from her cry anytime soon once they get her home—much less down the hall. Oh, the lessons of parenthood.

Lucy was in the womb only 34 weeks, but that was nothing compared to my friend Chris’ twin grandchildren, who were born at 25 weeks in April. One weighed 2 lbs., 2 oz. The other just 1 lb., 8 oz. Their path has been much harder than Lucy’s but they are finally rounding the corner and may come home in July.

All this has made me more cognizant than ever about the preciousness of unborn babies. Thank God we passed the Pain Capable Abortion Ban in Kansas last year, stopping virtually all abortions past 20 weeks. And thank God our opponents have dared not file a lawsuit.

Lucy was Lucy from the moment of fertilization, as were the twins. No one has any right to harm a hair on their heads. And we now know how much that harm hurts the babies.

Did you know that experts on fetal pain say that babies feel pain at much HIGHER levels when unborn than any time in their life? Why, one wonders, did God do that? Perhaps because he never envisioned “doctors” using sharp instruments to destroy them, that’s why!

There is even some evidence that babies feel pain at a much younger age than 20 weeks gestation, but the definitive evidence we can point to now shows there is no doubt that this is true at that stage and beyond, which is why that benchmark was chosen for the ban. But despite the scientific evidence, 15 Kansas state senators voted against the bill.

So what kind of ‘splainin’ would Lucy do if she could? I think she’d say, “Grandma, I came early to remind you and your friends to get off your keisters this summer and work to defeat those senators, plus those who voted against other pro-life

bills, or who cleverly voted right, after doing all they could in the background to stop the bill from coming to a vote!”

Now that Lucy’s message has been delivered, I’m gonna try to wrestle her from this guy’s arms. The rest of you check out the KFL political action website: voteprolife.net and get busy. I’ll catch up!



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2012
2:00 – 3:30 PM

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www.kscathconf.org/rally

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Maternity homes offer more than just a place to stay

There are several maternity homes in Kansas that provide support to pregnant mothers.

These homes provide a variety of services to women who need a supportive environment during their pregnancy. Some specialize in caring for women who have made an adoption plan; others help single parents get on their feet with continuing support after the baby is born; some homes do both.

All of these homes appreciate cash donations, as they are only partially supported by government funding. Donations of clothing, adult personal care supplies, infant care supplies, groceries, and other items are also appreciated. Please contact the maternity home you would like to support to ask what kinds of donations are needed.



One of the resident bedrooms at the Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home in Hays.

Thanks to the Women's Right to Know law in Kansas, all women seeking abortion are informed of agencies like these, which are waiting to help them. Over 3,600 women since 1997 have inquired about an abortion but then changed their minds after receiving this information.

Look up the state-sponsored website, www.womansrighttoknow.org and see for yourself one of the best WRTK websites in the U.S.

Kansas Maternity Homes

Bethlehem House

305 W. Towanda, El Dorado KS 67042
316-322-7233
www.bethlehemhouseeldorado.com

Circle of Love

1825 W. Maple, Wichita KS 67213
316-440-8928
www.circleoflovehome.org

Gerard House

c/o Via Christi Foundation
723 N. McLean, # 310, Wichita, 67203
316-832-0777
www.via-christi.org/GerardHouse

Grace Center

1220 Troup, Kansas City KS 66104
913-233-2944

Lighthouse (in KCMO)

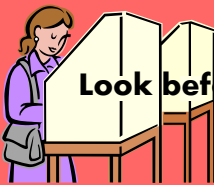
PO Box 22553, Kansas City MO 64113
816-361-2233
www.lighthouse.org

Mary Elizabeth Maternity Home

204 W. 7th St, Hays KS 67601
785-625-6800
www.maryelizabeth.net

Church Bulletin Ads and Inserts

Help women and men in your church who are hurting after an abortion. A selection of bulletin inserts, bookmarks, ads, and other resources are available at www.afterabortion.org



www.voteprolife.net



Hurting after abortion?

- hopeafterabortion.com
- silentnomoreawareness.org

For 24-hour pregnancy assistance, call:

1-800-848-LOVE



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KFL Blog

Pro-life news & commentary
Focused on Kansas
issues & people

kansansforlife.wordpress.com

Summer 2012 Events



sarah's hope foundation
Books for Life sale

June 2 & June 9, 2012

The **Books for Life** used book sale is a fundraiser for pro-life television ads in the Wichita area. Call Tony at 316-209-5029 to volunteer to help at the sale, or to make arrangements to donate books, videos, CDs, DVDs, and video games. Then shop at the sale from 7:30-4:30 on Saturday, June 2, or Saturday, June 9. Sale location: 35th Street & North St. Francis Street in Wichita — south side of red school building. To learn more about the TV ads, see www.sarahshope.com



Stars and Stripes for Life

Flag Day: Jun. 14, 2012

Save the date on your calendar now for a Thursday evening event celebrating the achievements of both our Educational Fund and our Political Action Committee. This event will be in Wichita, with a requested donation of \$100 per person to either the KFL PAC (not tax-deductible) or the KFL Educational Trust Fund (tax-deductible). For more information about this event, contact our PAC Coordinator, Melinda Craft, at the Wichita KFL office (687-5433) or by e-mail: kflpac@yahoo.com.

Rally for Religious Freedom

Friday, June 29, 2012
2:00-3:30 p.m.

South steps of the State
Capitol Building in Topeka



“The establishment of civil and religious liberty was the motive that induced me to the field of battle.”

—GEORGE WASHINGTON

For two centuries, the First Amendment has guaranteed religious freedom. Now, the president has ordered religious schools, hospitals, and charities to violate their consciences by paying for products they believe are immoral, including abortion-inducing drugs. This rally is being organized by the Catholic Bishops of Kansas; people of all faiths are encouraged to attend. See www.kscathconf.org/rally for information.

Summertime is County Fair Time!

Sedgwick County Fair

July 11-14, 2012

To volunteer to work at the KFL booth,
call the Wichita KFL office at (316) 687-5433.

Johnson County Fair

Aug. 6-11, 2012

To volunteer to work at the KFL booth,
call the Kansas City KFL office at (913) 642-5433.

Your County Fair*

See the yellow box at right ... we can send you everything you need to set up a pro-life booth at your county fair or other community event. Find out the dates of your event, then call Cheryl at 1-800-928-5433.

* It's easy to host a KFL booth at your county fair!

County fairs, community events, and church events are the main way we can interact with the public. By setting up a booth at your local event, you'll show your community that pro-lifers are just regular people—their friends and neighbors. A fair booth gives you an opportunity to identify like-minded citizens in your community, who can then become involved with your local pro-life activities and with Kansans for Life.

KFL can send you everything you need for your fair booth. Just find out the date for your local event and what you need to do to reserve a booth space. Then call Cheryl at the KFL office (1-800-928-LIFE) or e-mail her at kflcheryl@yahoo.com and she will help you decide what kinds of materials to offer at your booth. We have items for every age group—coloring books for preschoolers, “silly bands” for kids, bookmarks for teens, all kinds of educational materials for adults, and end-of-life care information for the elderly.

Help us have a pro-life presence at every county fair this year!