



# Kansans for Life

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## Kansas Senate passes two pro-life bills Adult stem cell research center and ban on “wrongful birth” suits now move to the House for consideration

Pro-life legislation is broader than just abortion limitations, as the pro-life Kansas Senate demonstrated by passing two measures on Feb. 28: SB 199, establishing an adult stem cell clearinghouse and therapy center, and SB 142, enhancing civil litigation rights for the unborn.

By a 33-7 vote, the Senate approved creating a novel and globally important Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center at the University of Kansas (KU). Before the vote was taken, Senate President, Susan Wagle (R-Wichita) provided a ringing endorsement.

“I am pleased to see this legislation, endorsed completely by KU. My son, Paul, relapsed in 2006 from leukemia after two and a half years of chemotherapy. We tested family members and could not find a match for bone marrow.

“We called Gov. Sam Brownback, who was U.S. Senator at the time, because he had worked for years to promote stem cell research. The governor connected us with a New York doctor doing research trials who had established a cord blood bank. We found a match with a baby in NY and Paul got the [resulting stem cell] treatment in Texas.

*When you vote for this bill, you are planting a seed...this is about cures, saving lives and new research. I ask you all to vote for it.”*

The bill’s prime sponsor, Sen. Mary Pilcher-Cook (R-Shawnee) asked her fellow Senators to consider that, “everyone has some kind of disease in family that has caused tragedy, our family has

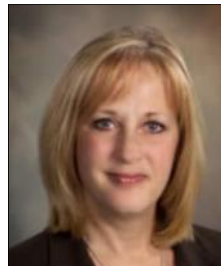
Huntington’s Disease. Kansas needs to be in the forefront to help people.”

Kansas City ethicist at Rockhurst University, Dr. John Morris, had testified in support of the center as a deterrent to the alarming phenomenon of “stem cell tourism” in which suffering Americans are lured abroad—largely via internet—for unproven stem cell applications by unqualified personnel. The proposed center will be located in the Kansas City metro area, and will:

- treat patients,
- process and multiply stem cells,
- create a global database,
- network physicians and scientists, and
- initiate educational outreach.



Senate President  
Susan Wagle



Senator  
Mary Pilcher-Cook

In other action that same day, the Senate passed SB 142, “Civil Rights for the Unborn” by a vote of 34-5-1. SB 142 will ban any so-called “wrongful birth and wrongful life” lawsuits claiming that the child, in essence, is a “damage”. Nine other states statutorily bar wrongful birth suits and ten statutorily bar wrongful life suits.

SB 142 also addresses civil suits brought on behalf of the wrongful death of an unborn child, so that they can be filed on behalf of a child throughout gestation, not just after viability. The unborn child in Kansas since 2007 has enjoyed such protection under criminal law, as the second victim when a pregnant woman is a victim of crime.

Both SB 199 and SB 142 now move to the House for consideration. For updates go to [www.kfl.org](http://www.kfl.org) and sign up for our e-mail updates.

### How to contact your state legislators

**E-mail alert system:** from time to time, as bills come up and legislator contact is especially important, we will send legislative alerts via e-mail. Please help us add to our e-mail alert constituent list by recommending to your pro-life friends that they sign up at [www.kfl.org](http://www.kfl.org).

**Legislative hotline:** To leave a message for your state senator and representative now through mid-May (they are off most of April), call the KANSAS LEGISLATIVE HOTLINE any time at: 1-800-432-3924.

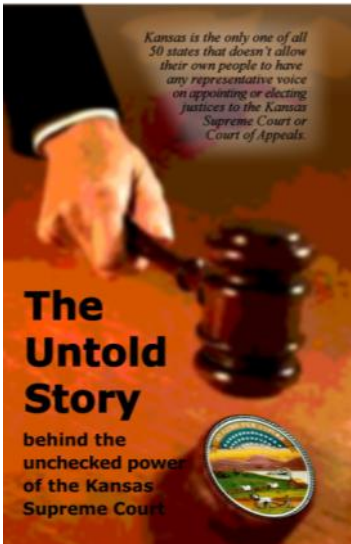
**State website:** to identify your elected representatives yourself, and get direct phone numbers to their offices, go to [www.kslegislature.org](http://www.kslegislature.org).

### “Personhood” and “Heartbeat” Legislation

KFL does **not** recommend "personhood" or "heartbeat" bills as a strategy at this time. There are good, **pro-life** reasons for this policy. Our explanations plus comprehensive position papers on the bills listed above are available upon request and are posted at [www.kfl.org](http://www.kfl.org).

## Kansas' secretive justice nomination

Did you know that Kansas has the most secretive and least democratic way of selecting judges for our high courts? Yes, nominees come from the secret vote of a lawyer-dominated committee! Kansas is the only one of all 50 states that doesn't allow their own people to have a representative voice on appointing or electing justices to the KS Supreme Court or Court of Appeals.



Kansans for Life has published a booklet, "The Untold Story Behind the Unchecked Power of the Kansas Supreme Court." This book describes the events which led to the destruction of the "original system"—which was the direct election of justices by the voters of Kansas—and the enactment of the "current system"—the Supreme Court Nominating Commission. Once people understand that the voters have been taken out of the judicial selection process, they'll understand why the Supreme Court no longer cares what the people of the Kansas think.

Our Founders carefully devised the method of executive appointment and Senate confirmation for federal judges. Kansas needs to follow this method for judge selection to the Kansas Court of Appeals. Currently the Kansas Legislature is working on a bill which would allow the governor to select nominees and the Kansas Senate to confirm them. This is a pro-life priority because all of our pro-life bills end up in the courts.

To get your free copy of "The Untold Story", call our office today: 1-800-928-5433 or e-mail [prolifeanna@yahoo.com](mailto:prolifeanna@yahoo.com)

## Recommended reading online

At this time, while the way judges are appointed in Kansas is under debate, we recommend you re-read a May 2012 article by Jack Cashill, describing just how biased a judge can be. See [www.cashill.com](http://www.cashill.com), click on "Cashill articles by title," then "How Sebelius Judge Saved Planned Parenthood."

## Pro-life lesson plans ready for grades K-8 For Christian schools, home schools, and Sunday School classes

Hot off the press are Kansans for Life's FREE pro-life lesson plans for kids K-8<sup>th</sup> grade! With these all-new pro-life lesson plans, children will learn early that because we're made in God's image, our lives are valuable! Each grade contains 10-12 age-appropriate lessons, filled with 30-45 minutes of fun activities, discussions, a Bible verse, and prayer. Younger grades cover topics such as creation and fetal development, while higher grades include abortion, chastity, euthanasia, and embryonic stem cell research.

Contact the KFL office today to get your free pro-life lesson plans: 1-800-928-5433 or [prolifeanna@yahoo.com](mailto:prolifeanna@yahoo.com)



For more information on the NRLC Convention, see [www.stoptheabortionagenda.com](http://www.stoptheabortionagenda.com) — Register online, or print and mail your conference registration.

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# Majority of Wichita Planning Commission refuses re-zoning request

By David Gittrich, KFL Development Director

On Thursday, Feb. 21, KFL appeared at a Wichita–Sedgwick County Planning Commission meeting. We presented the names of 14,126 citizens of Sedgwick County, and we asked the Planning Commission to reconsider the zoning for the property at 5107 E. Kellogg. This used to be George Tiller’s abortion clinic and is now under the ownership of “Trust Women,” which is preparing to open and commit abortions up to 14 weeks in pregnancy.

We argued that an abortion clinic causes problems with safety, welfare, and peace in a largely residential neighborhood.

Julie Burkhart, representing the abortion clinic, argued that it was zoned properly and they did not want the Planning Commission to change that zoning.

At first there were several votes whether to even hear the request. The votes were tied 5 to 5 until they finally decided to at least listen to our request instead of outright denying the request of 14,126 citizens.

After the presentations, the discussion ensued and even though our presentation was on safety issues, the discussion returned again and again to how volatile the issue of abortion could be.

In the end, the Planning Commission decided to reject our request and not consider or even have hearings on our request for a zoning change.

I should note the Bob Aldrich, a member of the Planning Commission, made some excellent points and suggested that an “overlay” be considered for the property. An overlay is zoning talk for placing certain restrictions on a zoned property. Mr. Aldrich pointed out that the Zoning Commission does it all the time and it appeared to be warranted in this case. Mr. Aldrich made excellent points that appeared to fall on deaf ears.

Mr. David Dennis also made some excellent points concerning the right to protest and the right to assembly and that safeguards should be considered when so many people are exercising their Constitutional rights.

On the other hand, Mr. M.S. Mitchell was opposed to everything from the start. Every motion made in opposition to our request came from Mr. Mitchell.

## These are the points I took away from the meeting:

It makes no difference to the Planning Commission that 14,126 people wanted them to take a look at the zoning. The majority of the Planning Commission is not interested in public input and couldn’t care less what the public has to say about an issue.

The Planning Commission was fully aware that protests may take place, and that the protests in the past cost the City of Wichita hundreds of thousands of dollars—but they did not care. Of course, if the City incurs these expenses in the future, I think the City should send the bill to the Planning Commission who could have done something to prevent them, but failed to do so.

The same could be said for the safety of citizens exercising their right to protest. If anyone is injured, be sure to include the Planning Commission on any lawsuit because they appear to be accepting responsibility for any accidents taking place in that neighborhood.

Finally, even though our presentation was about safety, many on the Planning Commission were concerned about other issues including the issue of abortion. Our concerns were only addressed by the few; the rest had their minds made up and did not care to listen to any public input.

## Boycott Planned Parenthood

Planned Parenthood received \$538 MILLION of your tax dollars, and performed 333,964 abortions in one year alone.

Unfortunately many big companies and non-profits give money to Planned Parenthood. Maybe they don’t know that Planned Parenthood is the largest performer and provider of abortion in the United States.

Life Decisions International keeps track of these companies and organizations that give money to Planned Parenthood. LDI provides the list to their members in a publication called, “**The Boycott List**”. KFL is a member so we can offer you the additional copies of **The Boycott List** for only **\$5.00** which will cover the list and the postage. (Normally, in order to get the list, you must be a member of **Life Decisions International** which costs \$42.95 per year. Once you are a member, you can order additional copies of the List for \$3.75. The lists are copyrighted and they do not allow anyone to make copies of the list.)

**If you would like a copy of the Life Decisions International Boycott List, send an e-mail to [kflcheryl@yahoo.com](mailto:kflcheryl@yahoo.com) and we will send you a copy for \$5.00.** We will order the new lists mid-March and they should arrive in early April. You will be billed when the boycott lists are mailed to you. Reserve yours by e-mailing [kflcheryl@yahoo.com](mailto:kflcheryl@yahoo.com) **Include your mailing address, city, and zip code.**



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# Spring 2013 Events

## St. Patrick's Day Parade in Wichita



March 16, 2013

Bring your family and friends to walk with us in the annual Delano District St. Patrick's Day parade. We want to be more visible in the community and what better way than this annual parade? The parade starts at noon. Please meet at 11:30 a.m. by the KFL float (the big birthday cake). Look for KFL Event signs. The parade route is Douglas Ave from Arkansas River to Walnut Street. This is a family-friendly activity so bring the kids and strollers/wagons if needed. Wear your KFL shirt; check with the KFL office for a very few limited edition green KFL shirts. (316) 687-5433 or kflwichita@gmail.com.

## Local Elections



April 2, 2013

The first Tuesday of April is a date frequently set for local elections including city councils, local school boards, and mayors. Check with your local election office now to find out what will be included on your local ballot. The KFL-PAC will be making endorsements in Sedgwick County and in the Kansas City area, and in other areas depending on what information they have on the candidates there. The KFL-PAC will not be able to make endorsements for all local races, but any endorsements that are made will be posted at [www.voteprlife.net](http://www.voteprlife.net)

# Summer 2013 Events

## Summer is fair booth season!

The summer and fall are a busy time for county fairs, community and church events, craft shows, and more. Keep your eyes open for local events where KFL could set up a booth.

### It is easy to host a KFL booth at your local event!

Find out your event date, the cost / guidelines for having a booth or information table, and then give us a call at **1-800-928-LIFE**. We can provide the materials you need for either a booth staffed by volunteers, or an unmanned booth. And if you want to look for volunteers to sit at the booth, we can even help you out with a list of KFL members in your area.

### Booth volunteers needed for larger fairs:

If you would like to volunteer at booths in the Kansas City, Topeka, or Wichita areas please contact the KFL office in that city. To volunteer for the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson, contact the Wichita office.



*A September 2012 pro-life booth at a Kansas City area Hispanic Fiesta.*



## Baby Bottle Project

In the midst of a secular society that tries to tear families apart, driving a wedge between mothers and fathers, and seeing babies as a curse, not a blessing, we see babies as a gift from God and a sign of the love between a man and woman in marriage. The Baby Bottle Project is simple—give a baby bottle to every family leaving your church on Mothers' Day (we will supply the baby bottles). The family is asked to place their change in the baby bottle and return it to the church on Fathers' Day.

**What is accomplished?** There is a real connection between Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. Babies are seen as a gift to the family. It gives the pastor the opportunity to talk about what God intends for men, women, and children. The money raised goes toward the educational efforts of KFL, which is trying to re-establish a sanctity of life ethic in our culture. If you are interested in doing this at your church, call 1-800-928-LIFE.

## KFL T-Shirts

These T-Shirts are just \$10 plus \$5 for postage = a total of \$15.

The blue T-Shirt is available in men's sizes: L, XL, and 2XL.

The pink T-Shirt is available in women's size: S, L, XL, and 2XL.

Order by mail, by sending \$15 to KFL, 2501 E. Central, Wichita KS

67214. Be sure to tell us what size and color you would like, and the address where you want us to send the shirt. Or stop by the Wichita KFL office and pick up your shirt for \$10 (no postage cost).

