



Kansans for Life

Affiliate of the National Right to Life Committee

First in nation: Kansas dismemberment abortion ban Sen. Garrett Love sponsors 'game-changing' legislation

On Wed. Jan 14, at a press conference at the Capitol, Kansans for Life introduced the "Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act" with bill sponsor, Sen. Garrett Love (R-Montezuma).

This is the next "game-changing" move in our successful attack on legal abortion. This measure will ban dismemberment of a living unborn

child which is the method used for virtually all second trimester abortions in Kansas.

Our legislation, provided by the National Right to Life Committee, does not ask the

courts to overturn *Roe*, which is what some other flawed approaches essentially aim to do.

Instead, this ban will ask the courts to apply the same rationale used in the U.S. Supreme Court's 2007 *Gonzales v. Carhart* ruling, which upheld the **ban on a method** of abortion—the Partial-Birth method. In that ruling, the Justices cited the compelling interests states have in:

- protecting the integrity of the medical profession, and
- fostering respect for life by protecting the

unborn child.

Our legislation bans any abortion that destroys a live unborn child by **the use of "clamps, grasping forceps, tongs, scissors or similar instruments...to slice, crush, and /or grasp a portion of the unborn child's body to cut or rip it off."**

This legislation does not ban "suction" abortion. Although all abortions are unacceptable, we are using the very best legal minds to craft laws that can save lives under the current Supreme Court regime, as well as convert the public to work to end all abortions.

Dismemberment cruelty recognized
In the 2007 *Gonzales* decision, Justice Anthony Kennedy described the gruesome nature of

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"I am honored to sponsor this ground-breaking legislation to protect unborn children from brutal death by dismemberment abortion."

Senator Garrett Love

Medical board AGAIN revokes abortionist Neuhaus' license

On January 9, the Kansas Board of Healing Arts issued a final order of license revocation for abortionist Kris Neuhaus, calling her **"incapable of successful rehabilitation."** Kansans for Life applauds the resolve of the Board in protecting the public from her.

Neuhaus' license had been revoked in 2012 for her failure to follow both standard of care and record-keeping protocols when providing the legally-required "second independent medical opinion" that enabled 11 teens in 2003 to obtain third-trimester abortions at the Wichita abortion clinic of George Tiller.

Neuhaus challenged that revocation in state district court. While upholding the Board's findings that Neuhaus repeatedly failed to document patient histories properly, Judge Franklin Theis vacated the standard of care charge and sent the matter back to the Board for a "do-over" on Dec. 11.

The Board upheld using the sanction of revocation for record-keeping misconduct, because this was Neuhaus' "third strike" in this arena.

She had been involved in two prior disciplinary actions from the Board between 1999-

2001 and as part of retaining her medical license then, she had legally PROMISED to correct her admitted record-keeping failures in the future.

Creating and maintaining proper medical records is not a trivial matter. The Board asserted that "the interest of the patient is paramount...Failure to properly document denies the patient of the opportunity to receive proper follow up care and treatment."



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Latinos for Life gives thanks

We're so thankful for countless Hispanic volunteers who've participated in Latinos for Life (L4L) in 2014, and we look forward to continued outreach in 2015!

Thanks to Ana Trujillo-Corimanya, Aidee Egger, Raquel Campos, Anna Myers, Angelica Lopez, Jim Rodriguez, and Neli Lencina who helped us with **pro-life presentations** at Latino conferences in Dodge City, Liberal, Kansas City, Topeka, and Wichita.

Thanks to Hispanic volunteers who participated in our **pro-life literature distribution** outside of public high schools in Wichita.

Thanks to the dozens of volunteers who manned our **booths at several Mexican Festivals** throughout the year.

Thanks to the Hispanic volunteers who **distributed Spanish voter's guides** all around the state.

Thanks to Spanish radio stations who gave us discounts or free time to run **pro-life radio spots**.

Thanks to so many Hispanics who donated **hours of volunteer time** in the KFL office.

Thanks to all of you who donated to make these outreaches possible! **Most of all, thanks to God for giving us these opportunities!**



L4L volunteers are working hard to reach the Spanish-speaking community with the pro-life message.

If you would like to receive Latinos for Life newsletters in Spanish, e-mail: contacto@latinos4life.com

To set up a pro-life presentation — in English or Spanish — for your church, youth group, school, men's or women's group, parent group, senior citizens' group, or any organization, e-mail:

kfl@kfl.org

Or call the KFL office at:
316-687-5433

Kansas City Regional KFL Update:

Guest Speaker on Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center; KC Officers elected for 2015.

By Karin Capron, KC Regional KFL

The Kansas City Regional Affiliate of Kansans for Life met on December 16 to hear a guest speaker and elect officers.

KFL Executive Director, Mary Kay Culp, summarized pro-life successes in the 2014 elections.

Dr. Dana Winegarner, chairman of the advisory committee for The Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center (a center for *non-embryonic* stem cell research), was the guest speaker for the evening.

The Midwest Stem Cell Therapy Center (MSCTC) was initially funded by the state of Kansas in June 2013, and is housed at the Kansas University Medical Center (KUMC). Using the initial state funding, the MSCTC facility was designed and constructed within the Lied Research Building at KUMC.

Dr. Winegarner spoke about the research being done at the MSCTC. Use of bone marrow for stem cells has been approved. Cord blood and many other non-embryonic cells are potentially useful for many therapies but more research and trials are needed, including trials in other countries. Stem cell treatments for cancer and heart disease seem promising already. But much more research and standardization of procedures need to be done, all of which require coordination—the goal of MSCTC. Regulations need to be established for good manufacturing practices, alliances must be formed between researchers, hospitals, universities, corporations, and government institutions. Of course all research requires funding, another goal of MSCTC.

Following our speaker, members voted for the following year's officers: President Gary Grimes, Vice President Nancy Beverage, Secretary Fran Fouchee, Treasurer Melanie Bacon.

For current information on stem cell research, Dr. Winegarner recommends:

www.stemcellresearch.org



Help us ban dismemberment abortions!

By Mary Kay Culp, KFL Executive Director

I think after three visits to the Emergency Room in the last three months, I've finally recovered from all the work we did in the elections. Of course, it may have nothing to do with the elections, but even if it's true, I don't care. Our success has opened the door to something wonderful: the chance to ban dismemberment abortions in Kansas. Or, as our affiliate, the National Right to Life Committee said in their Jan. 14th press release:

"In a game-changing move for the landscape of abortion policy in the United States, National Right to Life announced the right to life movement's 2015 legislative agenda with today's introduction in **Kansas** of the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act."

The problem with me is my heart. On Oct. 24th it was beating 197 times a minute. On Nov. 12, 47 times, and on Dec. 16th, back to the 190's!

When it's too fast they administer a medicine I.V. that stops my heart for a second and converts it back to normal: 72. The last E.R. doc told me to see an electro-physiologist cardiologist. I'm going Jan. 27th. Evidently, many who have this condition are fixed by an "ablation" procedure that cauterizes the troubled area of the heart. More serious cases need pacemakers.

We at KFL could use a pacemaker right now. Working on the life issues is intense, but we can't stop because we know too much. For instance we know that in 2013 in Kansas, state records show over 578 dismemberment abortions in the second trimester. Not babies killed by drugs and removed by dismemberment, but dismemberment as the means of destroying the living unborn child--for any reason or no reason at all.

We can only move as fast as the system lets us, but unbeknownst to many, we got renewed hope when the Supreme Court upheld the ban on the partial-birth abortion in 2007, after abortionists sued the 2003 federal law.

Make no mistake, under this Court and its precedents, Roe still rules as far as the **right** to have an abortion. But in upholding the ban of partial-birth abortions, the Court allowed, for the first time, a **method** of abortion to be banned. Hence our decision to introduce this dismemberment method ban --making Kansas among the first in the nation to do so.

Also known as D&E's (dilation and evacuations), dismemberment abortions were described by **Justice Kennedy**, (known as the swing vote on the Court) thusly:

"(The) doctor inserts grasping forceps through the woman's cervix and into the uterus to grab a living fetus...(who) in many cases, dies just as a human adult or child would: It bleeds to death as it is torn apart limb by limb."

State statistics show 578 second-trimester unborn babies were killed in Kansas in 2013 by being ripped limb by limb in dismemberment abortions.

With your help we can end dismemberment abortions!

No matter how well-meaning attempts may be to ban or limit the right to abortions by "**personhood**" or "**heartbeat**" bills, **it's clear that it's not going to work with this Court. Such attempts have already been struck down by lower courts.**

For several years now in Kansas, advocates for "Personhood" and "Heartbeat" have bristled against our successful incremental approach. "Personhood" would ban all abortions with no life of the mother exception. The "Heartbeat" bill would ban abortions past the time in pregnancy when a heartbeat can be detected. Though supporters wanted the benchmark to be around 6 or 7 weeks, when the bill was run in Ohio, the legislature decided upon 10 weeks gestation as the point after which no abortion could be done. Still it failed, and it has failed elsewhere.

KFL opposes this strategy, believing that now is not the right time for such endeavors to succeed.

In addition, such initiatives could in fact be dangerous should they pass and reach the U.S. Supreme Court. Justice Ginsberg awaits an opportunity to change the basis of the 'right' to an abortion from personal privacy to one based on gender-based equal protection. That is frightening, as it could invalidate so

many good pro-life laws on the books, for decades. Similar dangers lurk at our own state Supreme Court.

We too would like to see abortions banned all-together, but we have to be smart about it!

In 2011, we passed a ban on post-20 week abortions based on the proven pain capability of the child. It has not been sued so the law is in effect. This has closed the chapter when Kansas was infamously known as the late-term abortion capital. A dismemberment ban would stop many second-trimester abortions.

And, if a fetal pain bill is sued and upheld, the principle it established would legitimize bans based on fetal pain earlier in pregnancy, should future research prove it. Indeed, some fetal pain experts say unborn children can feel pain at 13 weeks; one says as early as 7 weeks. Current research also shows that unborn children have a higher pain sensitivity than at any other time in their entire life. This is because they have a higher proportion of pain sensors, and no pain "dampeners", until much closer to full-term birth. Who knows the possibilities!

One reason a dismemberment ban may also be successful on many levels is that in the past, the Court weighed the pain of women being pregnant when they didn't want to be, against the rights of an entity the Court referred to as "potential" life. But the quote above by Justice Kennedy doesn't mention "potential" anything. It compares the unborn child's death to an adult's. With him as the fifth pro-life vote in a dismemberment case, it could well go our way.

Your involvement is crucial to our success banning dismemberment abortions. Leave a message for your state representative and senator at the KS legislative hotline soon at 800-432-3924 saying: Please pass the Unborn Child Dismemberment Abortion Ban without amendments." Also sign up for our Email Alert List on the enclosed card or by clicking JOIN at kfl.org.

Finally, Justice Kennedy also said dismemberment abortions are "laden with the power to devalue human life..."

You should see the faces in the E.R. where they value life, when they give me that heart stopping drug. They watch the monitor intently and when my heart beats again, they exhale, smile and say, "OK, you're good."

Nobody says that in an abortion clinic. They just kill, turn, and walk away.

Apply now for summer 2015 National Right to Life Academy

By Andrew Bair, Academy Graduate

Far too often, young people in the pro-life movement are referred to as “future pro-life leaders.” While that statement is undeniably true, it omits the current impact young people are having across the country. Young people are not just the future, we are the present!

Young people are stepping up to share the pro-life message at their high schools, college campuses and through social media.

Equipping young leaders with the skills and knowledge to carry the pro-life movement into the future is critical for long-term success. For this reason, National Right to Life created an innovative program for college students called the National Right to Life Academy.

The National Right to Life Academy empowers young pro-life leaders through a dynamic five-week summer course held at National Right to Life headquarters in Washington.

Students are challenged not only in learning the arguments but also effective communication skills and grassroots organizing. Topics covered include abortion, euthanasia, stem cell research, healthcare, legislative strategy, history of the pro-life movement, medical ethics, development of the unborn and lobbying.

Through the National Right to Life Academy, students also have the opportunity to earn 3 college credits, which may be transferred to their university.

Since its inception in 2007, the National Right to Life Academy has graduated nearly 75 students. Many of these graduates are currently making a difference through state or local right-to-life groups, college pro-life clubs or pregnancy resource centers.

Devyn Nelson, a 2010 graduate and current Executive Director for North Dakota Right to Life, noted, “The National Right to Life Academy served me well in preparing me for

this position. Not only did the Academy give me a thorough understanding of all the life issues, it helped me become comfortable and confident in speaking the truth about the life issues in public.”

Speaking as a graduate myself, I can testify that nothing has had a greater impact on my pro-life advocacy than the National Right to Life Academy. The program gave me the tools and knowledge to take my deeply held pro-life convictions and put them to work to make a real difference. Even now as I work full-time in the right-to-life movement and blog for LifeNews, I continue to draw upon the lessons learned at the Academy.



For more information, see:

www.nrlc.org/academy

Dismemberment ban

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dismemberment abortions in terms that make **clear that it would be extremely painful:** “[F]riction causes the fetus to tear apart. For example, a leg might be ripped off the fetus...”

Justice Kennedy (who is considered the “swing vote” in abortion issues) further described this dismemberment procedure as one “laden with the power to devalue human life,” and as brutal as partial-birth abortions which are no longer legal in the United States. “The fetus, in many cases, dies just as a human adult or child would: It bleeds to death as it is torn limb from limb.”

The new legislation was created to garner the support of 5 of the 9 Su-



preme Court Justices, but beyond that, the measure will have a tremendous educational effect on the general public, women considering abortion, and the younger generation.

Far too often, the same public that does not tolerate animal cruelty, thinks hazily about abortion as merely removing a blob of tissue. With the discussion about this legislation, and its passage, the public will be forced to look at

what actually happens in dismemberment abortions—the brutal and unacceptable tearing apart of tiny human beings, limb by limb.

Please use your social networks to educate family and friends about the Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act, and encourage your legislators to fast-track the legislation to Gov. Sam Brownback for his signature.

Neuhaus revoked AGAIN

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The Board particularly cited the **youth, inexperience and vulnerability of the 11 patients, “who may have had a unique need for follow up** because [Neuhaus] testified that some exhibited suicidal ideation or other indicators of mental illness or psychiatric problems.”

The Board found that Neuhaus:

- intentionally, willfully and knowingly committed multiple violations of the Kansas Healing Arts Act;
- “has not learned from prior disciplinary

actions [and] fails to express contrition or otherwise acknowledge the wrongful nature of her conduct”;

- feels “justified in her actions and showed no signs of remorse”.

Neuhaus’ attorney, Bob Eye, had pressed that Neuhaus had already suffered a sufficient penalty of not having had her Kansas medical license for the past years during litigation. However, the Board disagreed, and cited continued revocation and court costs were warranted under their sanctioning guidelines.

In the earlier revocation, the state lost the \$93,000.00 in court costs charged to Neuhaus which Judge Theis dismissed. Neuhaus has fifteen days to file a new appeal.

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