

Kansans for Life

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U.S. Senate orders Planned Parenthood investigation

Last gasp: Obama's new Title X rule targets Kansas and other states that defunded PP

U.S. Senate Judiciary Chair Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) announced Dec. 13 he has referred several Planned Parenthood affiliates and fetal tissue procurement organizations to the FBI and the U.S. Department of Justice for a criminal investigation.

While Congress pursues criminal prosecution of Planned Parenthood, the Obama Health & Human services division (HHS) just finalized a rule Dec. 14 that essentially **negates all actions by states which divert Title X federal "reproductive services" money** from Planned Parenthood to bona fide health centers.

Grassley's announcement followed the release of a lengthy report by the Judiciary Committee's majority staff, analyzing more than 20,000 pages of documents obtained from the tissue procurement companies and Planned Parenthood. The report alleges since 2010 three companies — Advanced Bioscience Resources, Inc.; StemExpress, LLC; and Novogenix Laboratories, LLC — have paid Planned Parenthood for aborted fetal body parts, which they then sold to respective customers "at substantially higher prices than their documented costs."



President-elect Donald Trump (l) has promised to defund PP and nominated pro-life Congressman, Dr. Tom Price, to head HHS

The report also states the companies **sold some specimens for hundreds of dollars each**, and could not provide "meaningful" justification for the prices when contacted by the committee.

In the public comment period prior to adopting the new HHS rule, Kansans for Life members joined in a petition objecting to HHS preventing states from using any additional criteria to award Title X money. In Kansas, Title X money is prioritized to full service public clinics — a condition the new HHS rule rejects. Kansas had already won the direct court challenge from Planned Parenthood to our prioritization, and the recurring budget proposal was made into statute this year.

This new HHS rule that guarantees Title X money always goes to Planned Parenthood can be reversed under President-elect Donald Trump, who has nominated a thoroughly pro-life congressman/physician, Tom Price (R-GA)

to lead HHS. Dr. Price has a 100% pro-life voting record and co-sponsored major pro-life legislation, including healthcare reforms that would dismantle Obamacare's disastrous rationing mechanisms.

Kansas 2017 Legislature missing familiar pro-life faces

The upcoming 2017 legislative session in Topeka will open with our staunchly pro-life Governor and reduced pro-life majorities in the House and Senate. **50 veteran pro-lifers are not returning.**

23 pro-life lawmakers are retiring this year: 16 pro-life state reps and 7 senators. Add to that the 21 pro-life reps and 6 pro-life senators who did not win re-election. That's a challenging loss of the experience and "institutional knowledge" of nearly one-third of both chambers.

Kansas has passed great pro-life laws although it has been admittedly discouraging to have some of them jammed up in court. And soon, the Kansas Supreme Court will be ruling on the abortion attorneys' proposed state right to abortion— with more extreme consequences than what we were given in *Roe v. Wade*.

But at this juncture, we want to express our appreciation to the exiting lawmakers who stood up for the unborn under former Gov. Sebelius and then became the first in the nation to pass the **Unborn Child Protection from Dismemberment Abortion Act**. They deserve our gratitude—please send them a note of thanks! Contact information for outgoing Senators and Representatives is still listed on the website for the Kansas Legislature (kslegislature.org) as they are still in office until early January when the new legislators take office.

Exiting Senators:

Steve Abrams, Tom Arpke, Terry Bruce, Les Donovan, Mitch Holmes, Jeff King, Forrest Knox, Garrett Love, Jeff Melcher, Michael O'Donnell, Ralph Ostmeier, Larry Powell, and Greg Smith.

Exiting House Reps:

Steve Anthimides, Tony Barton, Sue Boldra, John Bradford, Rob Bruchman, Will Carpenter, John Edmonds, John Ewy, Mario Goico, Ramon Gonzalez, Amanda Grosserode, Dennis Hedke, Lane Hemsley, Jerry Henry, Brett Hildabrand, Becky Hutchins, Mark Hutton, Dick Jones, Mark Kahrs, Kasha Kelley, Jerry Lunn, Charles Macheers, Peggy Mast, Craig McPherson, Ray Merrick, Tom Moxley, Connie O'Brien, Jan Pauls, Virgil Peck, Marty Read, Marc Rhoades, John Rubin, Ron Ryckman, Sr., Joe Scapa, Sharon Schwartz, Chuck Smith, and James Todd.



KFL's lobbyist, Jeanne Gawdun, thanks Speaker Pro-Tem Peggy Mast (right) for 20 years of service and pro-life leadership.

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Terri Hewitt ♦ Charles & Susan Lyon ♦ Lee & Rose Schmidt

Amy & Michael Swickard ♦ Joe & Cinda Vining

Jerry & Linda Weigel ♦ Bibiana Zweig

Pure & Simple Health Education

Parent Packets

Part of educating teens is helping parents! Pure & Simple recently completed "Talk about *The Talk*," a helpful educational packet for parents.

For a donation of any amount Pure and Simple will provide you with the new educational packet that includes helpful information on a variety of subjects, including tips about having "the talk," web safety and filters for various devices, health crisis of pornography, and more!

For a donation of \$10 or more you can get the *Talk about The Talk* parent packet PLUS your choice of *The Wonder of Me*, *Fertility Appreciation for Parents & Adolescents* (by Ruth Taylor, M.D., M.P.H. and Ann Nerbun, R.N., M.S.N.) or *Our Power to Love, God's Gift of Our Sexuality* (by Ruth Taylor, M.D., M.P.H., Ann Nerbun, R.N., M.S.N., and Rev. Richard M. Hogan, Ph.D.).

Contact us for a presentation for your school or youth group

Pure & Simple is here to support parents and children through school/church curricula, one time presentations, reference materials and resources. Please contact our office and we will be happy to get you what you need!

Help us send our materials to crisis pregnancy centers

We have been getting a lot of requests for curricula samples in recent months from crisis pregnancy centers across the nation. It is very exciting to have word spread across states and to groups we are thrilled to assist! Shipping can be pricey! Anyone interested in helping offset this cost please contact us at 316-688-0840.

Subscribe to our e-newsletter

Pure & Simple has revamped its E-Newsletter and will be sending it out approximately twice a month. We have simplified our format but the content is still solid information, useful tips, and reassuring help! Sign up today at <http://www.abstainpureandsimple.org/contact-us/>



AMA considers changing position on physician-assisted suicide: Sign our petition today!



For decades, the American Medical Association (AMA) has taken a position opposing assisted suicide. There is now an effort underway within the AMA to abandon its position opposing assisted suicide and take a neutral stance.

Medical professionals should focus on providing care and comfort to patients — not becoming a source of lethal drugs. Would you want your doctor to have the power to suggest suicide to you rather than focusing on keeping you comfortable until your natural death?

It is a well-established fact that depression leads many people to seek suicide. Depression is treatable, yet in the states where physician-assisted suicide has been legalized, almost no patients asking for assisted suicide are referred for mental health screening.

Read more at www.kfl.org, under "Issues" and then "Assisted Suicide."

To sign our petition, go to www.kfl.org and click the red and blue button that says "Sign the Petition!"





Analyzing what happened in Kansas in November

By Mary Kay Culp, KFL Executive Director

Every football team that experiences a loss—especially a team used to winning—has a meeting afterwards to size up what happened. Losing one game in no way means they don't plan to win the next one.

Kansas pro-lifers are at that point after state elections this year, in which:

- 27 veteran pro-lifers failed in the primary and general elections, and
- our judicial campaign to unseat four of the state Supreme Court justices, and four of the state Court of Appeals judges came up short. All eight judges kept their jobs, but by narrow margins.

First, veteran pro-lifers attribute their losses to an influx of new first-time voters, and non GOP voters who switched to vote GOP to alter the primaries. And nearly every race seemed affected by an incessant news media drumbeat against Gov. Brownback for budget deficits.

Secondly, but very important to analyze is our intense, grass-roots judicial education campaign. While failing to oust any activist judge, it was always a David-and-Goliath endeavor. We continued the trend of significantly reducing blind public support for retaining the judges in our top courts. That is a big success.

We need to celebrate (and vow to build on the fact) that we lowered the retention rate for the activist judges from former rates of 76-84% support down to 55%. If they had gotten under 50% they would have been off the bench!

Although several groups were working to unseat the four Supreme Court justices, it was **Kansans for Life, alone, that pushed to RETAIN two of the six appellate court judges up for retention this year (Kathryn Gardner and David Bruns) and to RETAIN Caleb Stegall on the Kansas Supreme Court.**

To that point, Kansans for Life can clearly take credit for the fact that those three received 715,000 votes, while the judges we opposed were retained with only 600,000 votes. In other words the difference—those 115,000 votes—can clearly be said to be from our pro-lifers.

Plus we won in about 60 of the 105 counties. Both are impressive figures for us to build on.

And all this with five former Kansas Governors

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actively working against us: Kathleen Sebelius, Mike Hayden, John Carlin, Bill Graves and Mark Parkinson, with deep-pocket “Fair Court” groups spending well over one million dollars on television and radio spots.

Door to Door vs Dark Money

KFL came in reach of ousting activist judges by working the issue door to door, sending post-cards to our massive mailing list and taping Christian broadcast interviews.

For over a century voters reflexively voted to retain any and all judges. As it slowly became known in the last decade just how compromised our judicial nomination process is, and just how out-of-control Kansas judges are hurting our duly-passed pro-life laws, their retention rates went down into the 60's but stubbornly stayed there.

What made the difference this time was how our first-in-the-nation ban on dismemberment abortion was blocked by one judge after passage by huge bi-partisan margins at the State House.

And adding insult for so many pro-lifers was how the Center for Reproductive Rights of New York City literally wrote the district judge's order. Their claim was that the state could not police the abortion industry due to a never-before assertion that our 1859 state constitution contained a broad “right to abortion.”

Even worse, the claim was that the right was located in the language declaring the “right to life, liberty and pursuit of happiness.”

Huh? Exactly. And half of the 14-member state Court of Appeals agreed!

Public opinion & Trump pro-life promises

So, yes, Kansas failed to oust dangerous judges. But, will this flexing of our 115,000 strong muscle keep the Kansas Supreme Court from issuing a horrible ruling creating a state “right to abortion” even broader than *Roe v. Wade*? This court was routinely “spanked” by the U.S. Supreme Court for undoing death penalty laws.

They may think twice now that the U.S. Supreme Court nominations promised by President-elect Trump are to be filled by strict construction/conservative Justices in the mold of recently deceased Antonin Scalia.

Would the state Supreme Court dare issue extremist rulings and risk potential reversal at the federal level? Maybe, but the chances have to be less now.

And while a few of these judges and justices are reaching retirement age, most will be facing more retention elections with the Kansas public more attuned to judicial mischief.

Two States show gravity of upcoming ruling
Minnesota's highest state court in 1995 “discovered” a state constitutional right to abortion independent of the *Roe v. Wade* ruling and the consequences have been devastating. Because of that ruling, Minnesota taxpayers pay 43.3% of all abortions performed in the state and have reimbursed abortionists more than \$22.5 million for 73,171 abortions.

The likely response in Kansas to any similar ruling from the state Supreme Court is to amend the constitution to make it crystal clear that there is no right to abortion of any kind at all!

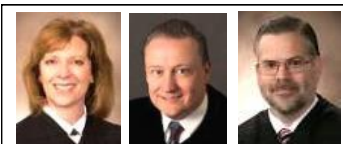
But that is a daunting task. Tennessee worked for over ten years to do just that, after their top state court “discovered” a state right to abortion in their constitution. That effort cost millions, and after narrowly meeting all the requirements to get the amendment on the ballot, and narrowly winning, they were sued again by the abortion industry and they have not achieved the desired amendment!

Given time and buckets of money, we COULD accomplish what we need to do to safeguard our laws from bad courts. After a flurry of pro-life laws were passed, we are focused on long-term achievable goals.

So hang in there folks, and buckle up for more rough times. And stay engaged. Be sure you are receiving our KFL e-mail alerts. We need to educate the newly elected legislators and they need to hear from you.

And of course, an end-of-year donation to KFL will help. We really stretched ourselves during the election season and need your support.

Finally, this has been a wild year at the national and state level, so keep praying. The cause of protecting innocent human lives is worth it.



KFL-endorsed judicial candidates Kathryn Gardner & David Bruns (Court of Appeals) and Caleb Stegall (Sup. Ct.) won retention by a stunning 115,000 extra votes.

2016 Elections and the human life issue

After a November presidential election which developed into a national referendum on abortion, pro-lifers can share a collective "whew"!

For the first time ever, political parties and their presidential candidates publicly staked out totally opposite positions--unlike previous elections, in which most candidates tried to minimize their positions on controversial issues. Hillary Clinton made abortion-on-demand a cornerstone issue of her 2016 campaign: abortion available to everyone at any time up until delivery, and at taxpayer's expense! In addition, in spite of the national furor over the sale of aborted baby parts to the highest bidder, Clinton wanted to expand taxpayer funding to America's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood.

Trump spoke with passionate opposition to late-term abortion and promised to put pro-life candidates on the U.S. Supreme Court and defund Planned Parenthood. He eked out a victory in state after state, ef-

fectively turning all but the states in the Northeast and West Coast bright red.

Back in Kansas, which has been leading the nation in pro-life laws, elections turned a bit backwards, with 23 lawmakers retiring in May and 27 pro-lifers losing their primary or general election. While the pro-life majorities in both chambers are holding, there has been an influx of state reps and senators elected primarily to "fix" school funding and tax receipt deficits.

Despite a very successful educational campaign to not retain judges on the State Supreme Court and Court of Appeals, they all kept their jobs. However, the liberal, pro-abortion judges we targeted (who received 76-84 % approval in past elections) barely survived at 55% support (they needed 50%). The three judges supported by Kansans for Life each received 115,000 more votes than any of the others.

A BIG THANK YOU goes out to everyone who volunteered and helped us with the judicial non-retention effort this year! Thanks to all those hundreds of volunteers who walked door-to-door in towns across the state, and those who came into our offices to stuff bags or make phone calls and those who helped put up yard signs, or donated towards our efforts. Here are just a few photos of the many people who helped out.



Take the next step!
Talk to your state legislators during our Rally Day at the State Capitol, January 23.