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Dear Chairman Barker and Members of the House Committee on Federal and State Affairs,

As a practicing Plastic Surgeon for the past 33 years, safety and informed consent have been of utmost importance to me. In this 2021 Kansas Legislative session, both the Kansas Senate and House will have the opportunity to vote for the "Value Them Both Amendment". This legislation would put back in place protections for women and children. For example, why does the abortion industry have the only facilities without health code standards? Why are hospital privileges not mandated for these providers like everyone else? Why is there no complete informed consent listing all the possible complications or parental consent for minors, like any other surgical procedure? Why do we have no gestational age restrictions or telemedicine restrictions? At least some legal protections are needed for the women of Kansas. Please vote for the "Value Them Both Amendment".

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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