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News Release

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THE KANSAS STATE FAIR BOARD IS ANYTHING BUT FAIR!

The Kansas Coalition for Life, KCFL, has been trying to get a booth at the Kansas State Fair since May 20, 2005.

This year, KCFL is sponsoring a proLife Signature-Ad Petition, with the topic being: **Abortion Is Not Health Care!**

The petition is popular with the public, but it is not so popular with the authorities in Kansas state government. In spite of the fact that Kathleen Sebelius is no longer in Kansas, her idea that abortion should be part of basic health care, remains, as the politically correct prevailing attitude among those she left behind.

When Mark Gietzen, Chairman of KCFL, made it known to Denny Stoecklein, the General Manager of the fair, that KCFL had been declined for four years in a row now, Denny had a well-oiled stock answer:

"We do not operate on a first-come-first-serve basis..." Denny said, *"...we select our exhibitors based on*

who has the most to offer to the Kansas Fair-Goer ...what would be most popular?" Denny used an example of a 25th hotdog stand being denied space in lieu of an interesting one-of-a-kind display that would increase attendance at the fair.

That makes good sense.

However, when Mark informed Denny that KCFL, with the same petition at The Catholic Family Conference at Century II in Wichita, was the most popular booth at the entire conference, and, that at the recent Sedgwick County Park TEA Party in Wichita, that the KCFL booth had more visitors than all other vendors and booths combined, the rules suddenly changed!

When Denny realized that he had painted himself into a corner with his clichéd' answer, he referred Mark to Tom Tunnell, the President of the Kansas State Fair Board. Tom had a different stock answer.

On September 3, Tom Tunnell informed Mark that KCFL was 225th

in line for the coveted booth space and that KCFL would just have to wait in line like anyone else!

That is completely the contrary to what Denny said.

The fact is, there is nothing fair or consistent about who gets booth space at the Kansas State Fair, and who does not.

In other words, the most popular petition in Kansas right now is being shut out simply because the powers-that-be, do not like the message.

Mark called the Governor's office, Constituent Services.

Vicki Buening heads up the Governor's Constituent Services office. Vicki's husband, Larry Buening, the former head of the Kansas State Board of Healing Arts and KCFL have been at odds in the past over other unrelated matters concerning the former Tiller Late-term abortion facility.

To no surprise, Vicki is happy with the inconsistent and unfair treatment that the Fair Board has given KCFL. Vicki stands guard to make sure that Governor Mark Parkinson is not blamable ...but I get the feeling that the Governor has heard every word about it.

So what if KCFL sets up shop at the gate – outside the State Fair, and offers those Kansans who want to sign the petition, a chance to sign it?

That generated an immediate curt

reply from Denny:

"We would call the police and have you arrested!"

However, Hutchinson's Police Chief, Dick Heitschmidt is not so sure.

Chief Heitschmidt is well aware of the First Amendment, and of his oath to uphold it.

The intended actions of the Hutchinson Police remain unknown, in the event that KCFL tries to take petition signatures on public property outside of the gates of the Kansas State Fair.

KCFL always operates completely within the law. We will abide by the limits placed upon us by legitimate authority, even if it does not seem FAIR.

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FOLLOW-UP (11:00 pm):

We received a phone call from Hutchinson's Police Chief, Dick Heitschmidt, this afternoon (*after the above News Release was circulated via e-mail*) and he has worked out a compromise-solution.

Chief Heitschmidt is going to have the Hutchinson City Engineering Department fence off a special spot for us, just outside of Gate-9 (*where most pedestrian traffic comes in*) so that we can take Petition Signatures

there. However, it is not going to be easy. We must do it all on clipboards only, no table, no signs, not tent etc. Nevertheless, we are very grateful for his efforts!

ACTION ITEM:

If YOU have the time to be with us on any day, September 11th thru 20th from 9:00 o'clock AM, to 8:00 PM, we urgently need your help!

We are hoping to raise enough money at the Kansas State Fair, to finance a nation-wide media promotion of the petition at:

www.AbortionIsNotHealthCare.com

The future of health care in this country could depend on the success or failure of this project. We intend to get enough signers nation-wide that our Senators and Representatives will simply not be able to ignore us.

If you can schedule some time at the Kansas State Fair, at Gate-9, please call:

Debbie Baker: 316-204-6063

Or, Amy Rich: 316-253-8788.

If you are not able to take a shift at Gate-9 at the Kansas State Fair, then please go to:
www.AbortionIsNotHealthCare.com
and sign the petition, and encourage your friends to do the same.

Note: One must donate at least one dollar if signing on-line, to validate

your signature, but you may sign free-of-charge if doing it by FAX or mail.

The Annual ProLife Signature-Ad is far more important and effective than any other petition you may have signed already, as your name will be used repeatedly in the legislative process, and in a timely manner, i.e., i.e., just before the various procedural votes that occur during the law-making process.

This is not just a one-time use petition that is soon forgotten.

Thank you, in advance for your help!

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