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To Kansas Governor Sam Brownback and all members of the Kansas Legislature:

This letter is to inform you of my support for the efforts of The Kansas Coalition for Life, in their promotion of Heartbeat Legislation in Kansas. Such legislation will protect babies in the womb once their heartbeats are detected. While I am for protecting all unborn babies, this bill is a giant step toward our goal since it will protect at least 85 percent of all babies in Kansas who would otherwise be aborted.

While I used to believe there was a danger of having *Roe v. Wade* reaffirmed in reaction to the passage of such a protective bill, after 38 years of abortion on demand, I no longer believe that would be the result. Whether *Roe* is affirmed or not, the results are the same: Unborn babies are killed for any reason virtually any time from the time of their conception until, in Kansas, your late term limitations apply after 20 weeks. Therefore I urge you not wait any longer to try to protect those Kansas babies who would be protected by this legislation.

In my home state of Ohio, the House of Representatives has already passed our version of Heartbeat Legislation, under the number HB-125. Whether Kansas or Ohio is the first to pass such legislation, and for it to actually become law, does not matter to me. The important thing is that we all recognize the value of every human life, and that we each do all that we can to save as many babies as we can, as soon as we can.

For Life,

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