

Since 1973, Roe v. Wade has ushered in an era of on demand abortion that has seen the brutalization and slaying of over 50 million American children. The key to protecting the most vulnerable and defenseless among us is embedded in the decision. In what has come to be known as the "Blackmun Hole," Justice Harry Blackmun writes that "if this suggestion of [preborn] personhood is established, the [pro-abortion] case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life would then be guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment." He believed that the case for decriminalized abortion rested on the fact that the preborn had never been legally recognized as "persons."

In subsequent cases, the Kansas Supreme Court has agreed that it is legitimate for the legislature to recognize rights of the preborn that are intrinsic to all human beings. "If it is the desire of the people in Kansas to give the same protection to a fetus as it gives to a human being, it is the legislative branch which is the proper forum to resolve the issue." (State vs. Trudell, 1988)

Throughout history, the definition of the word "person" has been used to discriminate against certain classes of living human beings. As you know, in our own nation's past there have been times when women and African Americans were not considered full human persons. Ultimately, these injustices did not stand because people of all walks of life demanded equal protection under the law for these persons. So too, the Personhood movement recognizes a human being's full status as a human person irrespective of any inadvertent or arbitrary properties such as age, race, gender, health, functionality, dependency, or method of reproduction. In this way, personhood is the final chapter of the civil rights movement.

In 2008, Colorado Pro-Lifers took advantage of the initiative process and collected enough signatures to put a state constitutional personhood amendment on the ballot. Pro-Lifers lost that battle, but not before receiving 618,779 votes in favor of the amendment--often enough to win a statewide election. Instead of simply accepting defeat, the organizers knew the victory had already been had in pioneering the state by state personhood effort. They are at it again for 2010, and the national publicity of the Colorado measure has sparked personhood movements all across the country!

It's our turn Kansas! Join us in supporting personhood. By signing this petition, you are voicing your insistence to our legislators to amend the Kansas Constitution and recognize the legal right of personhood for all living human beings, born and preborn. After passage in the legislature, the amendment will call for a referendum and will be voted on by the people of Kansas. Your signature will indicate that your vote will be to affirm the right to full personhood for all human persons.

Will you stand with us? Will you be a voice for the voiceless? The success of this movement depends on you--the people. It's easy and it only takes a minute to tell our legislators that we support an amendment to the Kansas Constitution protecting the right to personhood for all people from the very beginning of our lives.