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A physician's concerns about Amendment 3 in Missouri

Abortion by its very nature pits the concerns of one individual above another's. The reproductive rights of the mother over the right to life of the child inside of her.

Science has shown that the fertilized egg (the zygote) is a new genetically distinct individual, who though totally dependent upon another, is alive. The child is inside the mother, dependent upon the mother for warmth and nutrition, but is not the mother. The zygote/embryo/fetus is an individual....different from an infant/toddler/adolescent only in developmental stage. This individual is a person.

The state does not recognize this individual as a person, but the state has been wrong on defining personhood in the past. Ask Mr. Dred Scott. Mr. Scott, like all other African slaves were not considered persons by the state of Missouri, or the federal government. This blindness to personhood is the current plight of the unborn.

The argument that abortion is necessary to protect the health of the pregnant mother is an issue that sways many to favor choice. Ectopic (tubal) pregnancy will be treated in the traditional surgical approach whether the amendment passes or not. Other maladies such as cardiomyopathy of pregnancy and others can be treated with early induction of labor to deliver a premature baby ... the mother

does not need to have a late term abortion in this situation. Cancer in the pregnant mother can be treated by the oncologist while the mother is pregnant (if necessary), and although the chemotherapy may well be fatal to the embryo/baby, so would abortion be fatal to the baby. We do not need abortion to treat the various illness that rarely but occasionally occur during pregnancy.

Please vote no on amendment 3 this November, it is not good for Missouri mothers or babies.

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