



Who's Pro-Life And Who's Not

Jim Cole, General Counsel

During the days leading up to the August 5th primary election, two articles criticizing Missouri Right to Life PAC's endorsement process were widely circulated by those who disagree with our positions and by those who supported candidates we were not able to endorse.

One short reply cannot address all details of the criticisms that have been leveled at Missouri Right to Life (MRL). It is more to the point to address the question that underlies most of them: how should the pro-life movement deal with the 21st-century issues of cloning and embryonic stem cell research?

MRL has a duty to report every year's legislative record to its members to let them know what their legislators did with bills that were related to life; but it is a mistake to consider MRL's table of votes for one year, such as 2007, as a "scorecard" of who is pro-life. MRL advises against doing that. Each legislative year reflects its own vagaries on what bills get to the floor for votes. Using one year's voting to measure legislators' records is unfair to legislators. If one makes line-by-line comparisons of legislators using just one year's votes, and then jumps to general conclusions about who is pro-life and anti-life, it is unfair to blame MRL for any unfavorable conclusions. That is a misuse of the table which MRL has warned against.

MRL-PAC uses four years of voting records (or the number of years available if fewer) as a prime factor in deliberating on endorsements of legislators and rating them "100%," "pro-life," "mixed," or "anti-life." MRL PAC's endorsements and ratings in 2008, which depended in large part on legislators' votes from 2005 through 2008, have understandably startled many pro-life supporters.

One basic pro-life principle and one corollary will illuminate what MRL PAC is doing. The principle: it does not matter whether an unborn child is created by cloning or by conception, his or her life

is equally sacred either way. The corollary: MRL will not count a vote to fund cloning and killing embryos as any less anti-life than a vote to fund abortion.

Politics became vastly more complicated for the pro-life movement when Missourians elected a Governor in 2004 who was very anti-abortion but also dedicated to the agenda of the cloners to an extent pro-lifers did not know at election time. Both before and after the adoption of Amendment 2 in 2006, majority-party legislators were pressured hard not to vote against their Governor's position on the issues of cloning and embryonic stem cell research (ESCR).

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Among the bills that raised those issues in 2007 were the sale of MOHELA assets, and appropriations to the Missouri Technology Corporation and the Life Science Research Board. After Amendment 2, restrictive language is no longer constitutionally effective to restrict state

benefits and money from going toward unethical scientific research.

Even apart from Amendment 2, the provisions in the funding bills that politicians claimed as protecting life were defective. For instance, in respect to MOHELA (SB 389, 2007) — a deal that was promoted by the Governor to raise money for human biotech research -- the actual statutory language *did not contain one word of restrictions* against using the money for cloning or ESCR. (See SB 389, secs. 173.385-173.393.) The so-called pro-life restrictions were found in a contract among several governmental and non-governmental entities, all of which favored the Governor's policies, and in a resolution of an entity called the Missouri Development Finance Board (MDFB). The contract and resolution could be quietly changed at any time to take away pro-life protections, without public debate or notice.

By the way, the intended use of the money was a major distinction

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Every Life Has Meaning . . . So Does Every Vote. Make Yours Count.

Dear Pro-Life Citizen,

Are you as fired up as I am about this election? Are you as excited about the John McCain and Sarah Palin ticket? Are you determined to get as many Missourians as possible to vote for Kenny Hulshof for Governor? Are you committed to electing as many pro-life candidates as possible? I pray you are --because your excitement, your determination and your commitment have never been more important.

On Tuesday, November 4th you will help decide the future of pro-life efforts to restore and defend the right to life for all people of this country. This is not hyperbolic rhetoric. It is not alarmist. It is a statement of fact.

On that day, you'll cast your ballot for the make-up of the Supreme Court for at least a generation, whether the ban on partial-birth abortion will be overturned by the Freedom of Choice Act supported by Barack Obama, or whether any legislative attempt to protect women from being victimized by the tragedy of abortion, or any effort to protect unborn children will be possible.

You will also be deciding whether the next Governor of Missouri will be committed to the cause of life, oppose human cloning, and life-destroying embryonic stem cell research, or will be anti-life on all these issues and more.

The choices couldn't be clearer. The liberal media has made abor-

tion the fundamental issue galvanizing their attacks on Sarah Palin. It's all about abortion. The abortion issue creates a visceral hatred from the left-wing media and their minions. It is seen with every newscast and on the pages of the New York Times, the Kansas City Star, and the St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

John McCain and Sarah Palin will fight to protect human life; Barack Obama will repeal all gains made by pro-life legislation over the past thirty years by his promise to sign the Freedom of Choice Act and will support the agenda of Planned Parenthood and the merchants of death. He is committed to loading the Supreme Court with only those who vow to uphold Roe v. Wade.

Kenny Hulshof is on the side of life and promises to support efforts to ban all human cloning, prevent taxpayer funding of embryonic stem cell research, and protect unborn children and their mothers to the full extent allowed by the law. Jay Nixon supports the "choice" of abortion in all situations, human cloning, and life-destroying research.

Get fired up! Get to the polls. Make sure all of your family, friends, and neighbors who believe in the sanctity of life get there as well. You see, every life does have meaning -- and so does every vote. Make yours count!

Yours For Life, Pam Fichter

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between the MOHELA program and ordinary capital improvement programs. The funding of biotechnology infrastructure was stressed beginning with the initial announcement of the proposed MOHELA deal in 2006. MRL did not oppose ordinary capital improvement programs because there was no evidence of a similar goal in mind for them.

The appropriations bills in question gave Missouri Technology Corporation over \$34 million in 2007. MTC was and still is headed by Donn Rubin, the chairman of the effort to adopt Amendment 2. Its board is not known to contain any pro-life sympathizers, except one legislator that was appointed during the 2007 session. The Life Science Research Board was appropriated \$13.5 million in 2007 and \$21 million in 2008. Its board also is not known to contain any pro-life sympathizers, except another legislator that was appointed during the 2007 session. While it is good to have one ostensibly pro-life director for each agency, one lone director cannot ensure that these agencies will suddenly abjure cloning or unethical embryonic stem cell research.

If legislators were serious about addressing Amendment 2, they would not have passed legislation purporting to contain pro-life

restrictions that ignored Amendment 2. In 2007 they would have passed one of the resolutions to put a pro-life modification of the Amendment on the ballot in 2008. Instead, they allowed the pro-life resolutions to be bottled up in committees. Some legislators proclaimed to the throng of pro-lifers who attended Lobby Day in March 2007 that they were proud to sign a "discharge petition" to get one such resolution out of committee. Within three days of that Lobby Day, several of them quietly removed their signatures from the petition. The discharge effort collapsed.

Without a legislative resolution to put the question on the ballot, pro-lifers were forced to attempt an initiative petition effort in 2008, leaving it open for the Secretary of State to sabotage that effort by a biased ballot summary. If the Legislature had approved a resolution and a ballot summary, the Secretary of State would never have been involved, and Missourians would be voting on fixing Amendment 2 in November.

So what is a pro-life organization to do after it repeatedly announces its opposition to bills that allow funding for unethical human research and cloning, and legislators vote for those bills anyway? Are we supposed to ignore the votes? That would be irresponsible to the innocent lives we are trying to pro-

tect. Is MRL supposed to weigh the bills on funding the cloners differently than on bills to fund abortionists? On what ground? Is the life of a human of any less weight when it is ended after being cloned instead of ended after being conceived?

Cloning human beings is no longer just a theoretical concern. American scientists have announced they can do it, and it appears this time it's for real. (C.A. Adams, et al., *Development of Human Cloned Blastocysts Following Somatic Cell Nuclear Transfer (SCNT) with Adult Fibroblasts*, Stem Cells (journal), Jan. 17, 2008.)

The good folks from all over the state who compose Missouri Right to Life's board and PAC see a responsibility to report the truth, not ignore it. Doing so means some anti-abortion legislators no longer appear 100% pro-life. It seems -- and we ask readers to consider -- that in the 21st century, it takes more than being completely anti-abortion to be completely pro-life.

MRL stands with the unborn, however they are created, against all the ways that they can be killed. We hope that all pro-life Missourians will join us in working for that day when they are protected by the law, and our own state government is not providing money to destroy them.

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE CANDIDATE RATINGS

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE PAC CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

General Election -- November 2008

Below are the candidates of the major parties and their ratings by Missouri Right to Life. Ratings are based on surveys, public statements, public record, voting records for those who presently hold or previously held office, interviews, and information from those in the districts. Those candidates listed in **BOLD CAPS** are endorsed by Missouri Right to Life Political Action Committee for the November 4, 2008, general election.

To identify the legislative district numbers for the area in which you live, please refer to your name and address area on the back of this newsletter. Your congressional, state senate, and state house district numbers appear there, above your name.

KEY	
I	Incumbent
R	Republican
D	Democrat
PL	Pro-life
M	Mixed
AL	Anti-life
NR	No response to survey
↓	Current or past endorsement by anti-life organization
BOLD CAPS = MRL-PAC ENDORSED	

Federal Races

President

JOHN MCCAIN(R) PL
Barack Obama (D) AL↓

Congress - District 1
Wm. Lacy Clay (D) I AL↓

Congress - District 2
TODD AKIN (R) I PL
Bill Haas (D) NR

Congress - District 3
CHRIS SANDER (R) PL
Russ Carnahan (D) I AL↓

Congress - District 4
JEFF PARNELL (R) PL
Ike Skelton (D) I M

Congress - District 5
JACOB TURK (R) PL
Emanuel Cleaver II (D) I AL↓

Congress - District 6
SAM GRAVES (R) I PL
Kay Barnes (D) AL↓

Congress - District 7
Roy Blunt (R) I PL/NR
Richard Monroe (D) NR

Congress - District 8
Jo Ann Emerson (R) I M
Joe Allen (D) PL

Congress - District 9
BLAINE LUETKEMEYER (R) PL
Judy Baker (D) AL↓

Missouri Statewide Races

Governor

KENNY HULSHOF (R) PL
Jay Nixon (D) AL↓

Lieutenant Governor

Peter Kinder (R) M
Sam Page (D) AL↓

Attorney General

Michael Gibbons (R) M
Chris Koster (D) AL

Secretary of State

MITCH HUBBARD (R) PL
Robin Carnahan (D) I AL↓

State Treasurer

Brad Lager (R) M
Clint Zweifel (D) AL↓

Missouri Senate

District 1

JIM LEMBKE (R) PL
Joan Barry (D) M

District 3

Kevin Engler (R) I M
DENNIS RICHE (D) PL

District 5

Robin Wright Jones (D) AL↓

District 7

Jane Cunningham (R) M
Kevin Leeseberg (D) M

District 9

Yvonne Wilson (D) I AL↓

District 11

Victor E. Callahan (D) I M

District 13

Tim Green (D) I M

District 15

Eric Schmitt (R) NR
James Trout (D) AL↓

District 17

Luann Ridgeway (R) I M
Sandra Aust (D) AL↓

District 19

Kurt Schaefer (R) NR
Chuck Graham (D) I AL↓

District 21

Bill Stouffer (R) I M
Joe Sadeghi (D) AL↓

District 23

Tom Dempsey (R) I M
Larry Willis (D) NR

District 25

Rob Mayer (R) I M
M. Shane Stoelting (D) NR

District 27

Jason Crowell (R) I M
Linda Sanders (D) AL↓

District 29

Jack Goodman (R) I M

District 31

David Pearce (R) M
Chris Benjamin (D) NR

District 33

Chuck Purgason (R) I M
Eric Reeve (D) AL↓

MO House of Representatives

District 1

Brian Munzlinger (R) I M
Keri Cottrell (D) NR

District 2

THOM VAN VLECK (R) PL
Rebecca McClanahan (D) I AL↓

District 3

CASEY GUERNSEY (R) PL
Mike Hepler (D) M

District 4

Mike Thomson (R) I M
Rick Oswald (D) M

District 5

Jim Guest (R) I M
MIKE WALTEMATH (D) PL

District 6

RACHEL BRINGER (D) I PL

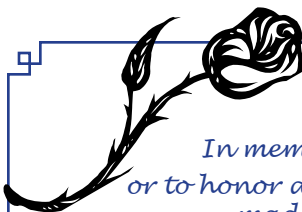
<u>District 7</u>		<u>District 24</u>		<u>District 44</u>	
MIKE LAIR (R)	PL	Ed Robb (R) I	M	Jason Kander (D)	AL
HARRY WYSE (D)	PL	Chris Kelly (D)	AL ↓	<u>District 45</u>	
<u>District 8</u>		<u>District 25</u>		JONATHON P. MAIN (R)	PL
Mike Austin (R)	PL	Ryan Asbridge (R)	NR	Jason Holsman (D) I	AL ↓
TOM SHIVELY (D) I	PL	Mary Wynne Still (D)	AL	<u>District 46</u>	
<u>District 9</u>		<u>District 26</u>		Kate Meiners (D) I	M
PAUL QUINN (D) I	PL	Joe Aull (D) I	AL	<u>District 47</u>	
<u>District 10</u>		<u>District 27</u>		Jeff Grisamore (R) I	M
GARY LINNENBRINGER (R)	PL	Ed Wildberger (D) I	AL	Jason Norbury (D)	AL ↓
Terry Witte (D) I	AL ↓	<u>District 28</u>		<u>District 48</u>	
<u>District 11</u>		Rob Schaaf (R) I	M	WILL KRAUS (R) I	PL
Dan Colbert (R)	PL	Mark Sheehan (D)	NR	Joe Volpe (D)	AL ↓
ED SCHIEFFER (D) I	PL	<u>District 29</u>		<u>District 49</u>	
<u>District 12</u>		Martin Rucker (D) I	AL	Tom McDonald (D)	M
Doug Funderburk (R) I	M	<u>District 30</u>		<u>District 50</u>	
Richard Lesh (D)	NR	Jason Brown (R) I	M	Michael R. Brown (D) I	AL
<u>District 13</u>		Mary Anne Baier (D)	AL ↓	<u>District 51</u>	
CHUCK GATSCHENBERGER (R)	PL	<u>District 31</u>		Ray Salva (D) I	M
David Hurst (D)	NR	Trent Skaggs (D) I	AL ↓	<u>District 52</u>	
<u>District 14</u>		<u>District 32</u>		Gary E. Hisch (R)	NR
Joe Smith (R) I	M	Abby Olson (R)	NR	Paul LeVota (D) I	AL
Douglas Broste (D)	NR	Jason Grill (D) I	M	<u>District 53</u>	
<u>District 15</u>		<u>District 33</u>		BRENT LASATER (R)	PL
Sally Faith (R) I	M	Jerry Nolte (R) I	M	Curt Dougherty (D) I	AL
Michael Niemeyer (D)	AL ↓	Terry Stone (D)	AL ↓	<u>District 54</u>	
<u>District 16</u>		<u>District 34</u>		GARY DUSENBERG (R) I	PL
MARK PARKINSON (R) I	PL	Tim Flook (R) I	M	Mark Matzeder (D)	AL ↓
Kristy Manning (D)	AL ↓	Tom Niffen (D)	AL ↓	<u>District 55</u>	
<u>District 17</u>		<u>District 35</u>		Bryan Pratt (R) I	M
Vicki Schneider (R) I	AL	DOUG ERVIN (R) I	PL	Mike O'Donnell (D)	NR
Kenny Biermann (D)	NR	Jim Baldwin (D)	AL ↓	<u>District 56</u>	
<u>District 18</u>		<u>District 36</u>		BRIAN YATES (R) I	PL
ANNE ZERR (R)	PL	Bob Nance (R) I	M	Chris Ruggles (D)	AL ↓
Tim Swope (D)	PL	Barbara Lanning (D)	AL ↓	<u>District 57</u>	
<u>District 19</u>		<u>District 37</u>		Talibdin El-Amin (D) I	AL ↓
CYNTHIA DAVIS (R) I	PL	Mike Talboy (D) I	AL ↓	<u>District 58</u>	
Debbie Cook (D)	M	<u>District 38</u>		James Morris (D)	AL ↓
<u>District 20</u>		Ryan Silvey (R) I	M	<u>District 59</u>	
JEANIE RIDDLE (R)	PL	Joshua Reed (D)	AL ↓	Jeanette Oxford (D) I	AL ↓
David Moen (D)	M	<u>District 39</u>		<u>District 60</u>	
<u>District 21</u>		Beth Low (D) I	AL ↓	Jamilah Nasheed (D) I	AL ↓
Steve Hobbs (R) I	M	<u>District 40</u>		<u>District 61</u>	
Kelly Schultz (D)	NR	John Burnett (D) I	AL	Chris Carter (D)	NR
<u>District 22</u>		<u>District 41</u>		<u>District 62</u>	
THERESE SANDER (R) I	PL	Shalonn (Kiki) Curls (D) I	AL ↓	DENNIS WOOD (R) I	PL
Gail Brown (D)	M	<u>District 42</u>		Peter Tsahiridis (D)	M
<u>District 23</u>		Jonas Hughes IV (D) I	AL	<u>District 63</u>	
Stephen Webber (D)	AL	<u>District 43</u>		Tishaura O. Jones (D)	AL
		Roman Lee LeBlanc (D)	AL ↓		

<u>District 64</u> Rachel Storch (D) I	AL ↓	<u>District 86</u> Cole McNary (R)	NR	<u>District 105</u> Michael Frame (D) I	AL
<u>District 65</u> Michele Kratky (D) I	M	Martha Ott (D)	AL ↓	<u>District 106</u> Steven Tilley (R) I	M
<u>District 66</u> JERRY MORGAN (R) Michael Vogt (D) I	PL AL	<u>District 87</u> JOHN DIEHL JR. (R) Mark Zoole (D)	PL AL ↓	<u>District 107</u> Louie Seiberlich (R)	NR
<u>District 67</u> Michael Colona (D)	AL ↓	<u>District 88</u> Andrew Koenig (R)	NR	LINDA FISCHER (D)	PL
<u>District 68</u> David Sater (R) I	M	<u>District 89</u> Timothy Jones (R) I	M	<u>District 108</u> JACOB HUMMEL (D)	PL
<u>District 69</u> Gina Walsh (D) I	M	George Weber (D)	M	<u>District 109</u> SCOTT DIECKHAUS (R) Kent Cunningham (D)	PL NR
<u>District 70</u> Sharon Pace (D)	AL ↓	<u>District 90</u> Sam Komo (D) I	AL ↓	<u>District 110</u> BELINDA HARRIS (D) I	PL
<u>District 71</u> Don Calloway (D)	AL	<u>District 91</u> RANDY JOTTE (R) Jeanne Kirkton (D)	PL AL ↓	<u>District 111</u> Charles Schlottach (R) I	M
<u>District 72</u> M. Chappelle-Nadal (D) I	AL ↓	<u>District 92</u> SUE ALLEN (R) Ronica Herman (D)	PL AL ↓	Tod DeVeydt (D)	NR
<u>District 73</u> DANIEL O'SULLIVAN JR. (R) Steve Brown (D)	PL AL ↓	<u>District 93</u> Dwight Scharnhorst (R) I	M	<u>District 112</u> Tom Loehner (R) I	M
<u>District 74</u> Steve Webb (D)	NR	PHIL BOGNAR (D)	PL	Tom Tramel (D)	AL ↓
<u>District 75</u> Bert Atkins (D)	NR	<u>District 94</u> Rick Stream (R) I	M	<u>District 113</u> Mark Bruns (R) I	M
<u>District 76</u> Michael Spreng (D) I	M	Deb Lavender (D)	AL ↓	AL MUELLER (D)	PL
<u>District 77</u> Michael Corcoran (D) I	AL	<u>District 95</u> MIKE LEARA (R) Alice Geary (D)	PL AL	<u>District 114</u> Bill Deeken (R) I	M
<u>District 78</u> T. R. CARR (R) Margo McNeil (D)	PL AL ↓	<u>District 96</u> Ronald Levy (R)	NR	Leonard Steinman (D)	AL
<u>District 79</u> AL LIESE (D) I	PL	Pat Yaeger (D) I	M	<u>District 115</u> RODNEY SCHAD (R) I	PL
<u>District 80</u> Ted Hoskins (D) I	AL	<u>District 97</u> WALT BIVINS (R) I Jan Polizzi (D)	PL AL ↓	<u>District 116</u> Tom Self (R) I	PL/NR
<u>District 81</u> Rochelle Gray (D)	AL	<u>District 98</u> BRIAN NIEVES (R) I Jim Mense (D)	PL NR	<u>District 117</u> Kenny Jones (R) I	M
<u>District 82</u> Frank Plescia (R)	NR	<u>District 99</u> Mike Sutherland (R) I	M	<u>District 118</u> Stanley Cox (R) I	M
Jill Schupp (D)	AL ↓	Patrick Lewis (D)	NR	Stan Bowlin (D)	NR
<u>District 83</u> Jake Zimmerman (D) I	AL ↓	<u>District 100</u> Nick Haul (R)	PL	<u>District 119</u> Larry Wilson (R) I	M
<u>District 84</u> Allen Icet (R) I	M	SUE SCHOEMEHL (D) I	PL	<u>District 120</u> Scott Largent (R)	NR
<u>District 85</u> CLORIA BROWN (R) Vicki Lorenz Englund (D)	PL AL ↓	<u>District 101</u> Tim Meadows (D) I	M	Kristi Kenney (D)	NR
		<u>District 102</u> Jeff Roorda (D) I	M	<u>District 121</u> DENNY HOSKINS (R) Jim Jackson (D)	PL NR
		<u>District 103</u> Ron Casey (D) I	PL/NR	<u>District 122</u> MIKE MCGHEE (R) I Beth Grubb (D)	PL AL ↓
		<u>District 104</u> JOSEPH FALLERT (D) I	PL	<u>District 123</u> CHRIS MOLENDORP (R) Juan Alonzo (D)	PL M

<u>District 124</u>	
JIM DANNER (R)	PL
Luke Scavuzzo (D) I	PL/NR
<u>District 125</u>	
BARNEY FISHER (R) I	PL
Carla Keough (D)	NR
<u>District 126</u>	
ED EMERY (R) I	PL
Linda Marie Crane (D)	NR
<u>District 127</u>	
Tom Flanigan (R)	NR
<u>District 128</u>	
BRYAN STEVENSON (R) I	PL
<u>District 129</u>	
Ron Richard (R) I	M
<u>District 130</u>	
Kevin Wilson (R) I	M
<u>District 131</u>	
Marilyn Ruestman (R) I	M
<u>District 132</u>	
Don Ruzicka (R) I	M
CHARLES DAKE (D)	PL
<u>District 133</u>	
Mike Parson (R) I	M
<u>District 134</u>	
Jim Viebrock (R) I	M
<u>District 135</u>	
Charlie Denison (R) I	M
Nancy Hagan (D)	AL ↓
<u>District 136</u>	
ERIC BURLISON (R)	PL
Nick Beatty (D)	NR

<u>District 137</u>	
RONALD DAY (R)	PL
Charlie Norr (D) I	AL
<u>District 138</u>	
Michael Goodart Jr. (R)	NR
Sara Lampe (D) I	AL ↓
<u>District 139</u>	
Shane Schoeller (R) I	M
Janet Adams (D)	NR
<u>District 140</u>	
Bob Dixon (R) I	M
<u>District 141</u>	
Jay Wasson (R) I	M
Ron Shawgo (D)	NR
<u>District 142</u>	
Ray Weter (R) I	M
<u>District 143</u>	
Maynard Wallace (R) I	M
Cathy Hilliard (D)	AL ↓
<u>District 144</u>	
TONY DUGGER (R)	PL
Dennis Lee Chilton (D)	M
<u>District 145</u>	
Mike Cunningham (R) I	M
<u>District 146</u>	
DARRELL POLLOCK (R) I	PL
<u>District 147</u>	
DON WELLS (R) I	PL
<u>District 148</u>	
David Day (R) I	M
<u>District 149</u>	
Dan W. Brown (R)	NR
Wayne Bledsoe (D)	M

<u>District 150</u>	
Jason Smith (R) I	M
James Ellis (D)	AL ↓
<u>District 151</u>	
Ward Franz (R) I	PL/NR
<u>District 152</u>	
Rick Mansfield (R)	NR
J. C. KUESSNER (D) I	PL
<u>District 153</u>	
Mike Dethrow (R) I	PL/NR
<u>District 154</u>	
Gayle Kingery (R) I	M
<u>District 155</u>	
WAYNE COOPER (R) I	PL
Nancy Pope (D)	AL ↓
<u>District 156</u>	
SHELLEY KEENEY (R)	PL
MICHAEL WINDER (D)	PL
<u>District 157</u>	
Scott Lipke (R) I	PL/NR
<u>District 158</u>	
CLINT TRACY (R)	PL
<u>District 159</u>	
Billy Pat Wright (R) I	M
Bill Burlison (D)	NR
<u>District 160</u>	
Ellen Brandom (R) I	M
<u>District 161</u>	
STEVE HODGES (D) I	PL
<u>District 162</u>	
TERRY SWINGER (D) I	PL
<u>District 163</u>	
Tom Todd (D) I	M



Memorials

*In memory of a loved one or friend,
or to honor a special occasion, these gifts were
made to Missouri Right to Life.*

<p><i>In Memory of:</i></p> <p>Alma Hunsel Harry McCorkell Mary Ann Graham Dolores Kirtlink</p> <p><i>In Honor of:</i></p> <p>Norb & Lynn Luebbering 50th Anniversary</p>	<p><i>Given by:</i></p> <p>Richard & Linda Tochtrop Richard & Linda Tochtrop MRL Hannibal Chapter MRL Hannibal Chapter</p> <p><i>Given by:</i></p> <p>Donald & Shirley Andrews</p>
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Please consider a gift in memory or in honor of a family member or friend.
Your gift will support pro-life work to restore respect for the sanctity of life.

KNOW THE TRUTH BEFORE YOU VOTE!

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National Right to Life at
missourilife.org and nrlc.org
for candidate and issue information.

HEY, LOOK US OVER!

Remember the Missouri Right to Life billboards that we showed you in the April edition of the MRL News? Now we want you to know that they are up all over the state -- in the Kansas City, Hannibal, Joplin, Springfield, Bonne Terre, St. Louis, and St. Charles areas. The billboard shows a beautiful mother and child image with the message, "Make It Your Life's Work. Join Missouri Right to Life."

So many have made this a successful campaign, and MRL

wants to extend a "Hip, Hip, Hooray" to all who have contributed, including -

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If you would like to place a billboard in your area, please call the state office at 573-635-5110.

Next Issue --

Pictorial Review of 2008 Missouri Right to Life state, region, and chapter activities!

It's been a busy year for pro-life activities and MRL wants to take a look back at everything that's been happening. If you have pictures from your group's pro-life events that you'd like included, please email them to righttolife@missourilife.org or send to Missouri Right to Life, P.O. Box 651, Jefferson City MO 65102.

Priests for Life says, "Face the Carnage of Abortion."

Fr. Frank Pavone led a team of pro-life advocates to Capitol Hill for a three-day educational demonstration directed at pro-choice members of Congress, which set out to reveal the gruesome reality of abortion.

The campaign did not seek to address abortion as a moral issue, but simply explained via medical diagrams and abortionist quotations the true nature of the abortion procedure, which is often ignored by abortion advocates. At a press conference Fr. Pavone said, "In these weeks before our national elections, we are asking all of those who believe abortion should be legal to answer a simple question. We present you with the words of the abortionists themselves and then ask, 'When you say abortion, is this what you mean?'"

"We urge our fellow citizens to face the reality of what abortion is: an act of violence that kills a child."

On the Priests for Life website, Fr. Pavone explained that the campaign, to some extent, is bound to succeed:

"When the abortion supporter is presented with the abortionist's quotes and asked, 'Is this what you mean?' the goal of the project has already been accomplished, namely, that the abortion supporter - and others who are listening - have heard a description of abortion that they have never heard before. They have heard graphic de-

tail that cuts through the rhetoric and restores meaning to the word 'abortion.'"

Fr. Pavone was joined in his march through Capitol Hill offices by other pro-life activists, including Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and former abortionist Dr. Anthony Levatino, who walked his congressional audience step-by-step through the horrifying procedure of a typical abortion. The following is an excerpt from Dr. Levatino's description of the dilation and evacuation abortion procedure from the Priests

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for Life website, where he asks his audience to envision themselves in the place of an abortionist.

"Once you have grasped something inside [the uterus], squeeze on the clamp to set the jaws and pull hard - really hard. You feel something let go and out pops a fully formed leg about 4 to 5 inches long. ... Reach in again and again with that clamp and tear out the spine, intestines, heart and lungs.

"The head of a baby that age is about the size of a plum and is now free floating inside the uterine cavity. ... You will know you have it right when you crush down on

the clamp and see a pure white gelatinous material issue from the cervix. That was the baby's brains. You can then extract the skull pieces.

"If you have a really bad day like I often did, a little face may come out and stare back at you."

Dr. Levatino, while still practicing as an obstetrician-gynecologist, told CNSNews.com that he ended his career as an abortionist after personal tragedy struck.

"My wife and I had an infertility problem," Levatino said. "We were unable to have children, and

she was struck and killed by a car.

"If you haven't gone through that kind of tragedy, you don't have a clue. You may think you can imagine it, but trust me: You have no idea what it's like to lose a child, in any way.

"What do you do after a tragedy? You mourn for a while, you try to get back into your routine. I don't know how long after her death I had to do my first D&E abortion. I remember reaching in and literally ripping out an arm or a leg and looking at it in the clamp . . . and I got sick. When you start an abortion you can't stop. If you leave anything behind, you bet your patient is going to come back infected, bleeding or worse.

"I soldiered on and I finished that abortion."

But, Levatino said, something had changed.

"For the first time in my life I really looked at that pile of goo at the side of the table, and all of a sudden I didn't see her wonderful right to choose, and I didn't see the \$600 wad of cash that I made in 15 minutes, and I couldn't think about what a great doctor I was because I took care of her problem. All I could see was somebody's son or daughter."

Dr. Levatino is now a medical advisor for Priests for Life.

This article, written by Kathleen Gilbert, appeared Sept. 24, 2008, on LifeSiteNews.com.

Every Life Has Meaning . . . So Does Every Vote. Make Yours Count.

Compare the Candidates and Vote for Life on Tuesday, November 4th.

For President -- Vice President

✓ John McCain -- Sarah Palin

- ✓ John McCain voted for legislation that provides care and protection for babies born alive after abortions.
- ✓ John McCain voted to ban partial-birth abortion and voted against taxpayer funding of abortion.
- ✓ John McCain has said, "I am a lifelong, ardent supporter of unborn children's right to life."
- ✓ Sarah Palin, as governor of Alaska, supported pro-life legislation.
- ✓ Sarah Palin has said, "...I am pro-life and have never wavered in my belief in the sanctity of every human life."

Barack Obama -- Joseph Biden

- Barack Obama voted four times in the Illinois Senate against bills to provide care and protection for babies born alive after abortions. (For documentation, see www.nrlc.org)
- Barack Obama co-sponsored the "Freedom of Choice Act," which would make partial-birth abortion legal again and force taxpayers to pay for abortions. Obama said, "The first thing I'd do as president is sign the Freedom of Choice Act."
- Joseph Biden voted to endorse *Roe v. Wade*, the Supreme Court decision that allows abortion for any reason.

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