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WHERE DO THE CANDIDATES STAND ON LIFE?



MITT ROMNEY



BARACK OBAMA

Taxpayer Funding For Abortion

The No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act would codify the Hyde Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of abortion. Over one million Americans are alive today because of the Hyde Amendment.

"I support the Hyde Amendment which broadly bars the use of federal funds for abortions."

The White House issued a statement attacking the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act (H.R.3): "If the President is presented with H.R.3, his senior advisors would recommend that he veto the bill."

Roe v Wade & Abortion

The 1973 *Roe v Wade* and its companion *Doe v Bolton* decisions together essentially legalized abortion on demand throughout the U.S., resulting in more than 54 million abortions since then.

"I support the reversal of *Roe v Wade* because it is bad law and bad medicine. *Roe* was a misguided ruling that was a result of a small group of activist federal judges legislating from the bench."

"I am pro-choice. I believe in *Roe v Wade*." "With one more vacancy on the court, we could be looking at a majority hostile to a woman's right to choose for the first time since *Roe v Wade* and that is what is at stake in this election." (1/22/2008)

Funding for Abortion Providers

Each year hundreds of millions of taxpayer dollars are given to Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider, reporting 332,278 abortions in 2009.

"I will support efforts to prohibit federal funding for any organization like Planned Parenthood which primarily performs abortions or offers abortion-related services."

President Obama indicated he would veto the entire federal spending bill — forcing a government shutdown — rather than accept a provision cutting funding to Planned Parenthood.

Obamacare Health Care Law

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.

"Obamacare will violate that crucial first principle of medicine: 'do no harm.'"

Mitt Romney believes that ObamaCare must be repealed. (Statement on Mitt Romney's website)

On March 23, 2010, signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ObamaCare) into law, which will provide funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand and will lead to the rationing of lifesaving medical treatments.

Rights of Conscience

The Respect for Rights of Conscience Act would exempt institutions or individuals from providing health coverage for services that violate their religious or moral convictions.

"... on day one I will eliminate the Obama Administration rule that compels religious institutions to violate the tenets of their own faith. Such rules don't belong in the America that I believe in."

The Obama Administration issued a "final rule" mandating that groups, including religious schools and hospitals, provide health insurance plans that cover certain drugs or procedures, even if it violates the groups' religious and moral convictions.

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WHY THE PPACA (OBAMACARE) MUST BE REPEALED

Expansion of abortion, rationed healthcare only two of the problems

By Pam Fichter, President, Missouri Right to Life

The 2,409-page “Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act,” commonly called “Obamacare,” contains multiple provisions that allow the federal government complete control of healthcare in our country. If not repealed, it will unleash countless government mandates, an expansion of abortion, rationing of healthcare, and will prevent Americans from using their own money to save their own lives.

The religious community, in particular the Catholic Church, is strongly opposing, as a violation of fundamental religious liberty, the recent mandate from the Dept. of Health and Human Services’ (DHHS) requiring religious-affiliated businesses and institutions to provide insurance coverage for contraception, sterilizations, and abortifacients. However, according to the National Right to Life Committee, Obamacare contains over 2,500 references to powers and responsibilities granted to the Secretary of HHS giving her the power to issue countless mandates. Calling for the withdrawal of this one mandate and not for the repeal of the entire law is like treating the symptom but letting the disease flourish.

Expansion of Abortion

This legislation also represents the greatest expansion of abortion ever passed by the U. S. Congress. The bill contains authorization for abortion coverage under the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan, federal subsidies for private health plans that cover elective abortions, authorization for abortion funding through Community Health Centers, and authorization for inclusion of abortion coverage in health plans administered by the Federal Office of Personnel Management. And in states that do not opt out of abortion coverage, the PPACA allows Qualified Health Plans that are sold through the new Exchanges to include abortion coverage. The purported protections in the Senate bill are all very narrow, riddled with loopholes, and rigged to expire.

The Hyde Amendment, enacted in 1976, prevents funds appropriated through the regular DHHS appropriation bills to pay directly for abortions or to subsidize health plans that include abortion coverage (except in cases of rape and incest.) The Hyde Amendment will not apply to funding or subsidies created under Obamacare because the funding is made outside of the normal DHHS appropriations.

Rationed Health Care

One of the greatest dangers of the law is the inherent rationing of health care.

The law establishes a powerful 18-member rationing commission, the “Independent Payment Advisory Board,” which is given the duty beginning January 15, 2015, to slow the growth in national health expenditures below the rate of medical inflation for both private and governmentally funded health care. The Commission’s recommendations are to be ones that the Secretary of the DHHS or other Federal agencies can implement administratively. In turn the Secretary of the DHHS is empowered

to impose “quality and efficiency” measures on hospitals and requires them to report on their compliance with them. Doctors will have to comply with these quality measures in order to be able to contract with any qualified health insurance plans.

Essentially, doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers will be told by Washington just what diagnostic tests and medical care are considered to meet “quality and efficiency” standards. These standards will be enforced not just for health care paid for by federally funded programs like Medicare, but also for health care paid for by private citizens and by the health insurance they or their employers purchase. These standards are specifically designed to limit the funds that Americans may choose to spend on health care so that they cannot keep up with the rate of medical inflation. Treatment that a doctor and a patient deem needed or advisable to save the patient’s life or preserve or improve the patient’s health but which runs afoul of the imposed standards will be denied, even if the patient is willing and able to pay for it. In effect, there will be one uniform, national standard of care, established by Washington bureaucrats, that is designed to limit what private citizens are allowed to spend to save their own lives.

The PPACA must be repealed to protect Americans from threats against their liberty and their very lives.

Missouri legislators vote to override Governor Nixon’s veto of Religious Liberty

On September 12, the first day of the required veto session of the Missouri General Assembly, the Missouri Senate and House members voted to override Governor Jay Nixon’s veto of SB 749. With bipartisan support in both chambers, the Senate vote was 26 to 6 and the House vote was 109 to 45.

SB 749 simply seeks to protect people and institutions of faith from being forced to provide insurance coverage for abortion or abortion causing drugs against their deeply held religious beliefs. It also places in statute the right to have Missouri’s Attorney General sue to protect Missouri’s religious institutions if the federal government mandates participation in the destruction of innocent human lives by way of forcing coverage of abortion causing drugs.

We thank the legislators who voted to override the veto and take a stand for the protection of our religious liberties and for the innocent human lives that are at risk due to the Obama Health Care bill and the HHS mandate.

Please check our website at missourilife.org to see how your legislators voted. If he/she voted to override, please call and thank your senator and your representative. Contact information for legislators is on our website homepage. Just enter your 9-digit zipcode.

If he/she did not vote to override, please go to the polls on November 6 and vote for a new Representative or Senator that will support your pro-life values!

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a little
gleam
between
two
eternities.”**

~ Thomas Carlyle

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DNC, OBAMA COMMITTED TO NO-LIMITS ABORTION POLICY

Following the Democratic National Convention, Carol Tobias, President of National Right to Life (NRLC), issued the following statement:

Beginning with an unapologetically pro-abortion platform and ending with the nomination of the most pro-abortion President this country has ever seen, the 2012 Democratic National Convention was truly an abortion convention. With the invitation of speakers such as Nancy Keenan (president of the reproductive/abortion rights organization National Abortion Rights Action League - Pro-Choice America) and (Planned Parenthood president) Cecile Richards, the DNC proudly showed their dedication to an extreme no-limits abortion policy.

Barack Obama has never wavered from his pro-abortion views, despite how far out of touch they are with mainstream Americans. His Administration has relentlessly attacked the pro-life position, and has fought all protections for unborn children, even for those in the sixth month or later who are capable of feeling excruciating pain during abortions, or for the unborn girls who will be aborted merely because they are girls.

Polling has shown time and again that most Americans, and most women, support protections for unborn children and their mothers; a position that is not shared by the current administration or the Democratic Party.

To read the 54 Reasons to defeat Barack Obama, go to National Right to Life's Victory Fund site at www.nrhlvictoryfund.org/54reasons/. Missouri Right to Life is the state-affiliate of NRLC.

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

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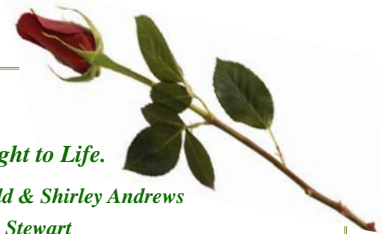
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CANDIDATE RATINGS AND ENDORSEMENTS

Vote Pro-Life! ~ General Election ~ November 6, 2012

Below are the candidates of the major parties and their ratings by Missouri Right to Life Political Action Committees. 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 Committees for the November 6 general election.

KEY

Because redistricting took effect this year, there are no incumbent listings

R Republican
D Democrat
C Constitution

PL Pro-life
M Mixed

AL Anti-life

NR No response to survey

* As a legislator, voted for MOSIRA, thus ineligible for endorsement. MOSIRA is the funding mechanism for tax dollars to be used for human cloning and for embryonic stem cell research

↓ Current or past endorsement by anti-life organization

BOLD CAPS = MRL-PAC ENDORSED

Federal

U.S. President

MITT ROMNEY (R) PL
Barack Obama (D) AL ↓

U.S. Senate

TODD AKIN (R) PL
Claire McCaskill (D) AL ↓

U.S. Congress District 1

ROBYN HAMLIN (R) PL
Lacy Clay (D) AL ↓

U.S. Congress District 2

ANN WAGNER (R) PL
Glenn Koenen (D) NR

U.S. Congress District 3

BLAINE LUETKEMEYER (R) PL
Eric C. Mayer (D) NR

U.S. Congress District 4

VICKY HARTZLER (R) PL
Teresa Hensley (D) AL ↓

U.S. Congress District 5

JACOB TURK (R) PL
Emanuel Cleaver II (D) AL ↓

U.S. Congress District 6

SAM GRAVES (R) PL
Kyle Yarber (D) NR

U.S. Congress District 7

BILLY LONG (R) PL
Jim Evans (D) NR

U.S. Congress District 8

JO ANN EMERSON (R) PL
Jack Rushin (D) NR

Missouri Statewide

Governor

DAVID (DAVE) SPENCE (R) PL
Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon (D) AL ↓

Lieutenant Governor

Peter Kinder (R) PL
Susan Montee (D) NR
CYNTHIA L. DAVIS (C) PL

Secretary of State

Shane Schoeller (R) PL*
Jason Kander (D) AL ↓*

State Treasurer

Cole McNary (R) NR/PL*
Clint Zweifel (D) AL ↓

Attorney General

ED MARTIN (R) PL
Chris Koster (D) AL

MO Senate

District 1

JIM LEMBKE (R) PL
Scott Sifton (D) AL ↓*

District 3

GARY ROMINE (R) PL
JOSEPH FALLERT, JR. (D) PL

District 5

Jamilah Nasheed (D) AL ↓*

District 7

Jason Holsman (D) AL ↓*

District 9

Shalonn (Kiki) Curls (D) AL ↓*

District 11

Paul LeVota (D) AL

District 13

JACQUELYN THOMAS (R) PL
Gina Walsh (D) M

District 15

Eric Schmitt (R) M*

District 17

Ryan Silvey (R) NR/PL*
Sandra Reeves (D) AL ↓

District 19

Kurt Schaefer (R) NR/M*
Mary Wynne Still (D) AL ↓*

District 21

David Pearce (R) NR/M*
ElGene Ver Dught (D) NR

District 23

Tom Dempsey (R) NR/M*

District 25

Doug Libla (R) PL
TERRY SWINGER (D) PL

District 27

WAYNE WALLINGFORD (R) PL

District 29

DAVID SATER (R) PL

District 31

ED EMERY (R) PL
Charles A. (Charlie) Burton (D) NR

District 33

Mike Cunningham (R) NR/M

MO House of Representatives

District 1

Mike Thomson (R) PL*

District 2

Casey Guernsey (R) NR/PL*

District 3

NATE WALKER (R) PL
Rebecca McClanahan (D) AL ↓

District 4

Craig Redmon (R) NR/PL*

District 5

LINDELL F. SHUMAKE (R) PL
TOM SHIVELY (D) PL

District 6		District 28		District 49	
TIM REMOLE (R)	PL	JIM AZIERE (R)	PL	JEANIE RIDDLE (R)	PL
DIANA J. SCOTT (D)	PL	Tom McDonald (D)	AL ↓*	Pamela (Pam) Murray (D)	NR
District 7		District 29		District 50	
Mike Lair (R)	PL*	Noel Torpey (R)	PL*	Caleb Jones (R)	NR/PL*
HARRY WYSE (D)	PL	John Sutton (D)	NR	District 51	
District 8		District 30		DEAN A. DOHRMAN (R)	PL
JAMES W. (JIM) NEELY (R)	PL	Mike Cierpiot (R)	PL*	Gary L. Grigsby (D)	AL
James T. (Jim) Crenshaw (D)	NR	Shere Alam (D)	NR	District 52	
District 9		District 31		STANLEY COX (R)	PL
DELUS JOHNSON (R)	PL	Sheila Solon (R)	PL*	Phyllis Sue Domann (D)	NR
District 10		DALE WALKUP (D)	PL	District 53	
Pat Conway (D)	AL *	District 32		GLEN KOLKMEYER (R)	PL
District 11		Jeanie Lauer (R)	PL*	Holmes Osborne (D)	NR
Galen Wayne Higdon Jr. (R)	NR/PL*	Sherbaz Khan (D)	NR	District 54	
District 12		District 33		Denny Hoskins (R)	PL*
KEN WILSON (R)	PL	Donna Pfautsch (R)	M	Nancy Maxwell (D)	AL
District 13		RON HARVEY (D)	PL	District 55	
NICK MARSHALL (R)	PL	District 34		RICK BRATTIN (R)	PL
Gerry Byrne (D)	NR	Jeff Grisamore (R)	NR/PL	Jim White (D)	NR
District 14		District 35		District 56	
RON SCHIEBER (R)	PL	Gary Cross (R)	NR/PL*	Chris Molendorp (R)	NR/PL*
Eric Pendell (D)	PL	District 36		Patty Johnson (D)	AL↓
District 15		Kevin McManus (D)	AL*	District 57	
KEVIN CORLEW (R)	PL	District 37		Wanda Brown (R)	NR/PL*
Jon Carpenter (D)	NR	NOLA WOOD (R)	PL	DON BULLOCK (D)	PL
District 16		Joe Runions (D)	NR	District 58	
Noel J. Shull (R)	M	District 38		DAVID WOOD (R)	PL
Jim Sweere (D)	NR	T. J. Berry (R)	PL*	District 59	
District 17		Kevin Morgan (D)	AL	MIKE BERNSKOETTER (R)	PL
Myron Neth (R)	NR/PL*	District 39		Vonnieta E. Trickey (D)	AL ↓
Mark Ellebracht (D)	NR	JOE DON MCGAUGH (R)	PL	District 60	
District 18		WILL TALBERT (D)	PL	Jason (Jay) Barnes (R)	NR/PL*
Jay Swearingen (D)	AL ↓*	District 40		Thomas F. Minihan (D)	NR
District 19		Jim Hansen (R)	PL	District 61	
John Joseph Rizzo (D)	AL ↓*	PAUL QUINN (D)	PL	DAVE SCHATZ (R)	PL
District 20		District 41		Michael Sage (D)	NR
BRENT LASATER (R)	PL	Beverly A. Steiniger (R)	PL	District 62	
John A. Mayfield (D)	PL	ED SCHIEFFER (D)	PL	TOM HURST (R)	PL
District 21		District 42		GREG STRATMAN (D)	PL
VICKI RILEY (R)	PL	BART KORMAN (R)	PL	District 63	
Ira Anders (D)	AL*	District 43		BRYAN SPENCER (R)	PL
District 22		Jay D. Houghton (R)	PL*	BILL STINSON (D)	PL
Brandon Ellington (D)	AL ↓	Ed Lockwood (D)	AL ↓	District 64	
District 23		District 44		ROBERT CORNEJO (R)	PL
Randy D. Dunn (D)	AL ↓	CALEB ROWDEN (R)	PL	WAYNE J. HENKE (D)	PL
District 24		Ken Jacob (D)	AL↓	District 65	
Jonathan Sternberg (R)	NR	District 45		Anne Zerr (R)	NR/PL*
Judy Morgan (D)	AL ↓	Chris Kelly (D)	AL ↓*	District 66	
District 25		District 46		Tommie Pierson (D)	AL ↓*
SALLY MILLER (R)	PL	FRED BERRY (R)	PL	District 67	
Jeremy LaFaver (D)	AL ↓	Stephen Webber (D)	AL ↓*	Steve Webb (D)	AL
District 26		District 47		District 68	
Gail McCann Beatty (D)	AL ↓	MITCH RICHARDS (R)	PL	REKHA SHARMA (R)	PL
District 27		John A. Wright (D)	NR	KEITH ENGLISH (D)	PL
Bonnaye V. Mims (D)	AL ↓	District 48		District 69	
		DAVE MUNTZEL (R)	PL	GLEN LINDEMANN (R)	PL
		Ron Monnig (D)	AL ↓	Margo McNeil (D)	AL ↓*

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District 70 EUGENE DOKES (R) Bill Otto (D)	PL NR	District 94 CLORIA BROWN (R) Vicki Lorenz Englund (D)	PL AL ↓	District 116 Kevin Engler (R)	NR/M*
District 71 Susan Meredith (D)	AL ↓	District 95 Marsha Haefner (R) Joe Zelle (D)	NR/PL* NR	District 117 Linda Black (D)	PL
District 72 PATRICK J. BRENNEN (R) Mary Nichols (D)	PL AL ↓*	District 96 Mike Leara (R)	NR/PL*	District 118 BEN HARRIS (D)	PL
District 73 Courtney Curtis (D)	NR	District 97 John McCaherty (R) Sam Komo (D)	PL* AL ↓	District 119 Dave Hinson (R)	PL*
District 74 Sharon L. Pace (D)	AL ↓	District 98 Dwight Scharnhorst (R)	NR/PL*	District 120 JASON T. SMITH (R)	PL
District 75 Rochelle Walton Gray (D)	AL ↓	District 99 ANDREW KOENIG (R) William H. (Bill) Pinkston (D)	PL NR	District 121 Keith Frederick (R)	PL*
District 76 candidate withdrew - no candidate at press time		District 100 Sue Allen (R)	PL*	District 122 STEVE LYNCH (R)	PL
District 77 Kimberly M. Gardner (D)	AL ↓	District 101 Don Gosen (R)	PL*	District 123 DIANE FRANKLIN (R)	PL
District 78 Penny V. Hubbard (D)	AL ↓*	District 102 KURT BAHR (R) John Callahan (D)	PL M	District 124 Rocky Miller (R)	M
District 79 Michael Butler (D)	AL ↓	District 103 Douglas Funderburk (R)	NR/M*	District 125 Warren D. Love (R)	NR
District 80 Mike Colona (D)	AL ↓*	District 104 KATHIE CONWAY (R) Terry Lesinski (D)	PL PL	District 126 Randy Pike (R)	NR
District 81 Jacob W. Hummel (D)	M	District 105 Mark A. Parkinson (R) Debbie Bixler (D)	PL* NR	District 127 MIKE KELLEY (R)	PL
District 82 EDWARD HARLOW (R) Michele Kratky (D)	PL M*	District 106 CHRISSY SOMMER (R)	PL	District 128 SUE ENTLICHER (R)	PL
District 83 Gina Mitten (D)	AL ↓	District 107 RON HICKS (R) Rod Hoffman (D)	PL NR	District 129 SANDY CRAWFORD (R) John L. Wilson (D)	PL NR
District 84 Karla May (D)	AL ↓*	District 108 Chuck Gatschenberger (R)	NR/PL*	District 130 JEFF MESSENGER (R)	PL
District 85 Clem Smith (D)	AL ↓	District 109 PAUL CURTMAN (R) Ann Schroeder (D)	PL NR	District 131 SONYA MURRAY ANDERSON (R)	PL
District 86 Rory Ellinger (D)	AL ↓*	District 110 Timothy W. Jones (R)	PL*	District 132 MELISSA LEACH (R) Charlie Norr (D)	PL AL ↓
District 87 Stacey Newman (D)	AL ↓*	District 111 DERRICK R. GOOD (R) Michael Frame (D)	PL AL ↓	District 133 ERIC W. BURLISON (R) Nicholas Ivan Ladendorf (D)	PL M
District 88 Jill Schupp (D)	AL ↓*	District 112 PAUL WIELAND (R) Daniel E. James (D)	PL NR	District 134 ELIJAH HAAHR (R) James M. Owen (D)	PL NR
District 89 John J. Diehl Jr. (R)	NR/PL*	District 113 DAN E. SMITH (R) Jeff Roorda (D)	PL AL	District 135 Lincoln Hough (R) Casey Clark (D)	NR/PL* NR
District 90 Rick Stream (R) Deb Lavender (D)	PL* AL ↓	District 114 BECKY RUTH (R) T. J. McKenna (D)	PL NR	District 136 KEVIN AUSTIN (R)	PL
District 91 ELIZABETH DEAL (R) Jeanne Kirkton (D)	PL AL ↓*	District 115 ELAINE FREEMAN GANNON (R) RICH MCCANE (D)	PL PL	District 137 Lyndall Fraker (R)	NR/PL*
District 92 AL FAULSTICH (R) Genise D. Montecillo (D)	PL AL ↓*			District 138 DON PHILLIPS (R)	PL
District 93 TONY LEECH (R) Bob Burns (D)	PL AL ↓			District 139 Kevin Elmer (R) Bob Rubino (D)	PL* NR

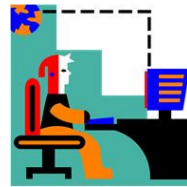
District 141 TONY DUGGER (R)	PL
District 142 Robert Ross (R)	NR
District 143 JEFFREY POGUE (R) SHANE VAN STEENIS (D)	PL PL
District 144 PAUL FITZWATER (R) Michael L. Jackson (D)	PL NR
District 145 Shelley (White) Keeney (R)	NR/PL*
District 146 Donna Lichtenegger (R)	PL*
District 147 KATHY SWAN (R)	PL
District 148 HOLLY REHDER (R) Bart Ziegenhorn (D)	PL NR
District 149 NEAL E. BOYD (R) Steve Hodges (D)	PL M
District 150 KENT HAMPTON (R) Tom Todd (D)	PL NR/M
District 151 DENNIS FOWLER (R) Ryan Wm. Holder (D)	PL NR
District 152 Todd Richardson (R)	NR/PL*
District 153 STEVE COOKSON (R)	PL
District 154 Shawn Rhoads (R) R. A. Pendergrass (D)	NR NR
District 155 Lyle Rowland (R)	PL*
District 156 Jeff Jestus (R)	NR
District 157 Don Ruzicka (R)	NR/PL*
District 158 SCOTT FITZPATRICK (R)	PL
District 159 Bill Lant (R)	NR/PL*
District 160 Bill Reiboldt (R)	NR/PL*
District 161 William (Bill) White (R)	NR/PL*
District 162 CHARLIE DAVIS (R)	PL
District 163 Tom Flanigan (R)	NR/PL*



THOUGHT YOU'D LIKE TO KNOW . . .

Hobby shop chain faces backlash for stance against ObamaCare

A Christian-owned chain of hobby shops is facing a backlash after suing the Obama administration over requirements to provide insured employees with contra-



ceptive and abortion coverage.

Hobby Lobby filed the suit Sept. 12 in U.S. District Court in Oklahoma City alleging that the ObamaCare mandate violates the religious beliefs of the owners. While a judge has not yet ruled on Hobby Lobby's suit, a Facebook page calling for a boycott of the company, which operates 500 stores in 41 states, has appeared online, and several other forums have featured posts urging customers to steer clear of Hobby Lobby.

"They're being told they have two choices. Either follow their faith and pay the government half-a-billion dollars or give up their beliefs," said the attorney for Hobby Lobby.

Owner David Green is a devout Baptist. The Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, which represents Green in his suit, argued that compliance with the offending portion of the health care law "would force religiously-motivated business owners like plaintiffs to violate their faith under the threats of millions of dollars in fines."

"Our government threatens to fine job creators in a bad economy," Green wrote. "Our government threatens to fine a family for running its business according to its beliefs. It's not right."

As for the boycott, the company's founders believe customers have the right to vote with their feet.

"The Green family respects every individual's right to free speech and hopes

that others will respect their rights also, including the right to live and do business according to their religious beliefs," the statement said.

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Illinois Court Affirms Pharmacists' Conscience Rights

An Illinois appellate recently ruled that the state may not punish pharmacists for refusing to sell possible abortion-inducing drugs in violation of their religious convictions.

"The decision is a great victory for religious freedom," said Mark Rienzi, senior counsel for The Becket Fund for Religious Liberties. "The government shouldn't kick business owners out of the market just because it dislikes their religious beliefs."

The case began after then-Gov. Rod Blagojevich issued a mandate in 2005 requiring all pharmacies and pharmacists to sell Plan B, also known as the "morning after pill." When taken by women within 72 hours of unprotected sex, the drug may prevent pregnancy but also may cause an early abortion.

In 2005, pharmacists Luke Vander Bleek and Glenn Kosirog filed a lawsuit against the governor. A circuit court dismissed their claim, but the Illinois Supreme Court ruled that the case must be heard.

In 2011, a trial court ordered an injunction to halt the rule, saying it was designed to target religious objectors. The appellate court upheld that decision in September.

Six other states - Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi and South Dakota - also have passed laws allowing pharmacists to refuse to dispense emergency-contraception drugs.

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Candidate Ratings/Endorsements
from Missouri Right to Life PAC

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Todd Akin

For U.S. Senate - Missouri

*WHERE DO THE CANDIDATES
STAND ON LIFE?*

Claire McCaskill



The Obama Health Care Law

Todd Akin voted against the Obama health care law which will provide government funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand and threatens to ration lifesaving medical treatments.

Claire McCaskill voted for the Obama health care law which will provide government funding for health plans that pay for abortion on demand and threatens to ration lifesaving medical treatments.

Abortion on Demand

Todd Akin opposes abortion on demand and supports legal protection for unborn children.

Claire McCaskill supports the current policy of abortion on demand which allows abortion for any reason.

Taxpayer Funding of Abortion

Todd Akin voted against using your tax dollars to pay for abortion and voted to establish a permanent policy against funding abortions and health care plans that cover abortions.

Claire McCaskill voted to kill an amendment that would have prohibited federal funding of abortion in the Obama health care bill and voted against an amendment to prohibit federal funding of abortion by the Indian Health Service.

Rights of Conscience

Todd Akin voted for the Abortion Non-Discrimination Act to increase protections for health care providers who do not wish to participate in providing abortions.

Claire McCaskill voted to kill the Blunt Amendment which would have exempted institutions or individuals from providing health coverage for services that violate their religious or moral convictions.

Funding for Abortion Providers

Todd Akin voted against giving federal funds to the nation's largest abortion provider.

Claire McCaskill voted to provide federal funds to the nation's largest abortion provider.



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