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Dear Missouri Republican Leaders:

As you have seen in the news and I'm sure discussed in your meetings, Missouri Right to Life is working to place two pro-life amendments on the Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) legislation that will come before the Missouri General Assembly in a special session in the near future.

In Missouri for many years we have prohibited the use of tax dollars from paying for abortions with language in the Department of Social Services budget bill (HB 11). Last year, the Missouri Supreme Court held that doing that in the budget was unconstitutional. Therefore, this pro-life protection must be placed in statute and is very relevant to the issue of our Medicaid reimbursement funding and the FRA.

President Biden has announced and the proposed budget for 2022 is proof that the Biden/Harris Administration is serious about forcing Missourians to pay for abortions with our federal tax dollars by removing the long-standing protections of the Hyde Amendment. The Hyde Amendment has been in place for 40 years through pro-abortion and pro-life administrations and now with President Biden it may well be gone. Pro-life Missourians find this appalling.

As Missouri has done in other legislation on other conservative issues, we believe it is imperative that pro-life legislators send a message to Washington that forcing Missourians to pay for abortion on demand is abhorrent and pro-life Americans, and specifically pro-life Missourians, will fight for the life of innocent unborn children. Pro-Life leaders took a stand on life in 2019 by passing the "Missourians Stand for the Unborn Act", HB 126. We ask all pro-life Republicans to "Stand for the Unborn" in the two pro-life amendments for the FRA. Texas and Arkansas are currently excluding Planned Parenthood from their states' Medicaid programs and have been successful in maintaining this position through the federal appeals court process. Missouri should do no less.

Therefore, Missouri Right to Life is asking the legislature to attach two amendments to the Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) legislation that would prevent our federal tax dollars from going to abortion providers or paying for abortion-causing drugs. The ban on abortion-causing drugs amendment will prohibit public tax dollars from paying for only the 4 abortion-causing drugs that Hobby Lobby asked not to pay for in their health insurance plans. The U.S. Supreme Court sided with Hobby Lobby.

Sincerely,

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