

**TESTIMONY OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE
IN SUPPORT OF HCR 18**

Citizens across the United States as well as Missouri have been outspoken about our opposition to the anti-life measures of the Federal Health Care Reform Legislation being debated in Washington D.C.

Missouri Right to Life believes it is very important to send a message to our entire Missouri Congressional Delegation. We have been doing this as an organization and now have the opportunity, through HCR 18 and our elected officials, to send it to the entire Missouri Congressional Delegation.

The pro-life amendment placed on HCR 18 in committee reads as follows, “Whereas, the current health care proposal might allow the expenditure of public funds for abortions; and Whereas, the current health care proposal works a substantial change to longstanding practices governing end of life decisions”. Missouri Right to Life (MRL) supports this amendment and supports HCR 18.

To date, the members of our Missouri Congressional Delegation who have opposed the anti-life measures of the Federal Health Care Reform Legislation are Congressman Akin, Skelton, Graves, Blunt, Luetkemeyer, Congresswoman Emerson and U.S. Senator Bond.

Congressman Ike Skelton, Missouri’s 4th District Congressman, deserves special recognition as he has stood against his party leadership to protect life. Congressman Skelton supported the Stupak amendment that would prevent federally funded abortions, and he also voted with the pro-life community against the entire Federal Health Care Reform Legislation that still includes anti-life provisions regarding end of life decisions and rationing of healthcare.

Congressmen Clay, Carnahan, Cleaver and Senator McCaskill have voted consistently to destroy human lives with federal dollars and ration health care to our seniors in the Health Care Legislation.

Missouri Right to Life supports sending the pro-life message of HCR 18 to our entire Missouri Congressional Delegation. We encourage pro-life legislators to vote YES on HCR 18.