

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Honorable Members of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regular Session of the  
96<sup>th</sup> Missouri General Assembly

**FROM:** Pam Fichter, President  
Gerard Nieters, Legislative Director

**DATE:** January 4, 2012

**RE:** Greeting and Opportunities for Advancing Pro-Life Legislation

Missouri Right to Life welcomes the beginning of the 2012 session of the General Assembly and the opportunity to advance the cause of life in our state. We have made great strides to protect all human life, but have much more work to do!

We urge you to support very important legislation that will ban access to RU 486 via the internet or video conference and require abortion providers to be physically present and examine the woman in the same room before delivering or prescribing abortion causing drugs. This will also allow the woman the opportunity to view an ultrasound before an abortion and to provide the woman with the required information about the development of her baby.

This is priority legislation for Missouri Right to Life. We know you just 2 years ago passed legislation expanding the woman's right to know legislation passed back in 2003 but the abortion industry continues to find ways to provide abortion for women without having the best interest for the woman's health as a key focus. When a woman is better informed she is better prepared to make the life or death decision of whether or not to abort her child.

There will, of course, be other good legislation that we will be supporting. One example of this is a true ban on taxpayer funding of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. We were disappointed in the outcome of MOSIRA during the 2011 extraordinary special session and we will be seeking the same pro-life protective language when MOSIRA resurfaces.

Other pieces of pro-life legislation that likely will come before you are: pharmacy conscience rights, updating of abortion statistic reporting, continuation of the alternatives to abortion funding, tax credits for PRC's, and pro-life protective language for any life sciences funding.

We also urge you to become a pro-life voice in your communities across this state to support Missouri Right to Life and pro-life issues. Missouri Right to Life is the largest statewide pro-life organization. We are the only National Right to Life affiliate for the State of Missouri.

We look forward to working with you this year and encourage you to visit with our legislative liaison, Susan Klein, if you have any questions or concerns about legislation. You can reach her at 573-230-4193 or [susan.k@missourilife.org](mailto:susan.k@missourilife.org).