

**TESTIMONY OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE
BEFORE THE SENATE GENERAL LAWS COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF HB 1534
May 9, 2012**

Missouri Right to Life supports the passage of HB 1534. HB 1534 declares that the General Assembly finds the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA), passed by Congress and signed by President Obama, to exceed the powers granted to Congress under the U.S. Constitution. This PPACA requires that our tax dollars be used for abortion services and includes the rationing of health care.

The Missouri General Assembly takes a firm and unwavering stand against an unconstitutional infringement on the rights of its citizens. The majority of Missouri citizens are pro-life and do not want our state or federal tax dollars being used for abortion services or subsidizing abortion services. We also find it unconscionable to ration health care in end of life decisions with our senior citizens or in medical crisis situations.

Our objections are heard through the voice of our locally and nationally elected officials who stand with us on the protection of innocent human lives at all stages of development.

With the recent attack on our Religious Liberties by the Obama Administration by creating a health care mandate which forces the Catholic Church, other churches and religious organizations to go against their deeply held religious beliefs to violate their conscience or be subject to a penalty. These attacks on religious institutions are continuing evidence of why the federal government should stay out of our healthcare.