

**TESTIMONY OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE
BEFORE THE HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF HCR 41
February 20, 2012**

Missouri Right to Life supports the passage of HCR 41. HCR 41 sends a message to Washington that the Missouri General Assembly takes a firm and unwavering stand against an unconstitutional infringement on the rights of its citizens not to be forced to participate in any health care system which is contrary to the laws of the State of Missouri.

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. People of faith should not be forced to take a life against their religious convictions or be required to pay for what they know to be the taking of innocent human lives.

These attacks on religious institutions are clear evidence of why the federal government should stay out of our healthcare and why we need to send a message to Washington.