

**TESTIMONY OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE
BEFORE THE SENATE VETERAN'S AFFAIRS AND HEALTH COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF HB 1430 – THE PROPOSED CONSCIENCE RIGHTS BILL**

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MRL is here to testify in support of HB 1430 which specifies that anyone providing medical services or doing research in the lab cannot be required to perform or participate in activities that violate his or her conscience or principles. Individual medical professionals and scientists in the lab should not be forced to engage in conduct and/or provide support for conduct which they believe to be morally objectionable.

MRL is supportive of this goal to the extent that it allows the individual medical professional or scientist to protect and preserve life.

We thank the sponsor for bringing this bill forward.

With the recent regulations from the Obama administration and Kathleen Sebelius with Health and Human Services, this is an issue that must be addressed by our lawmakers both in Missouri and Washington, DC.

MRL urges your support of HB 1430.