

**TESTIMONY OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE
BEFORE THE MISSOURI SENATE
JUDICIARY AND CIVIL AND CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF HCS HB 457 – THE PROPOSED CONSCIENCE RIGHTS BILL**

MRL is here to testify in support of HCS HB 457 which specifies that anyone providing medical services cannot be required to perform or participate in activities that violate his or her conscience or principles. Individual medical professionals 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 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 HCS HB 457.