

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Missouri House and Senate

FROM: Pam Fichter, President
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RE: Economic Development Legislation With Pro-Life Concerns

NAICS Codes for Abortion: Sector 62, 62141 and 621410
NAICS Codes for Life Sciences Research: 5417, 54171 and 541710

Since the late 1990's when it became apparent that being pro-life was going to expand beyond just abortion and euthanasia into the fields of scientific research, Missouri Right to Life has been working to ensure that the State of Missouri does not become a partner in the destruction of innocent human lives in the labs. Missouri Right to Life and pro-life Missourians oppose human cloning and embryonic stem cell research and we oppose the State of Missouri using our tax dollars to fund businesses doing this unethical research or subsidizing them with tax credits or tax incentives.

Some economic development stimulus programs were put into place prior to a real understanding of just what could be offered to whom in these programs and what some in leadership in our state were willing to offer. In the early 2000's, human cloning and embryonic stem cell research became a real issue in Missouri with the infusion of Tobacco Tax Settlement dollars and the possibility that they could be used to fund such research.

In 2003, Missouri Right to Life, with the help of Speaker Catherine Hanaway, wrote the pro-life protective language found in 196.1127. That protective language is relevant only to monies appropriated to the Life Sciences Research Board and Fund. Attached is a copy of Section 196.1127 for your review. At that time, all life science research funds were funneled through the Life Science Research Board. Incentives for other business programs did not involve life science research and so Missouri Right to Life did not concern itself with these statutes.

Then in 2006, those who support human cloning and embryonic stem cell research spent \$30 million dollars to promote and narrowly pass Amendment 2 to the Missouri Constitution. Amendment 2 includes a "false, non-scientific" definition of human cloning in order to legitimize their access to our tax dollars and state tax incentives. Since then, they have been trying to sell legislators on "their" definition of human cloning.

Over the years since 2006, it has become more and more apparent that public funds are accessible outside of the Life Sciences Research Trust Fund and the pro-life protections of 196.1127. Attempts to create new funds like the Missouri Science Innovation and Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA) and the possible funding of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research and even abortion providers through open-ended North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and other coding systems have emerged.

This year, two pieces of legislation give clear examples of this danger. HB 389 and SB 333. These bills included open-ended pharmaceutical research on drugs consumed by humans, thus opening the door for research on early stage humans in order to test drugs. HB 698 also included the pharmaceutical research provision and contained

open-ended NAICS codes which could allow public funding of businesses that work in the fields of human scientific research and abortion clinics.

We are grateful to those who worked to amend these 3 bills to include pro-life protections, but we are concerned whether the pro-life protections of 196.1127 will stay on any bill providing for "human" research specifically or through references to open-ended NAICS codes.

We know that there are 4 weeks left in this legislative session and any bill can be amended at any time in the process to add or remove pro-life protections. We ask that you be pro-active to watch for legislation such as 135.535, 348.273, 620.1039, and 620.2005. We pray, ask and want to believe that the pro-life protections will stay on these sections in HB 389, SB 333, HB 698 and every bill that is amended to include these sections.

Missouri Right to Life has no position on economic development legislation unless it endangers the lives of innocent human beings whether from abortion, human cloning or embryonic stem cell research. With the pro-life protections of 196.1127 included in economic development legislation that endangers innocent human lives, Missouri Right to Life becomes neutral on the legislation and you can have a real discussion on the merits of economic development.

However, when pro-life protections are removed, Missouri Right to Life opposes the bill. Missouri Right to Life has been consistent in asking for the pro-life protections found in section 196.1127 to be added wherever there is a possibility that a bill endangers human life. Many pieces of legislation reference other statutes so this is not an unmerited request.

If it is not your intent as a public servant of the citizens of Missouri to allow our tax dollars to be used for abortion, human cloning and embryonic stem cell research, then make it clear and say it often. You can do that by consistently inserting and referencing the pro-life protections of 196.1127 which includes the true scientific definitions of human cloning and a child.