

Legislative Update: April 25, 2014

Spotlight for the Week:

HCS HB 1478 Now on the House Bill Calendar for Perfection, April 28

Testimony in Support of HB 1478: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-03-06.html>

SCS SB 770 Laid Over on the Calendar with No Senate Floor Debate, April 23. On the Senate Informal Calendar for Perfection, April 28

Testimony in Support of SB 770: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/sb770.html>

HCS HB 1478 & SB 770 will place in statute stricter inspection requirements and more accountability for abortion clinics. It will establish statutory requirements rather than relying solely on regulations for oversight of abortion clinics and will be less subject to the agenda of a particular agency or political party.

Atrocities at abortion clinics in Pennsylvania and Texas and many violations of health requirements at the St. Louis Planned Parenthood facility where there have been multiple 911 calls over the last 4 years illustrate the need for this legislation.

We thank Senator Wayne Wallingford, Sponsor of SCS SB 770 and Representative Kathryn Swan, Sponsor of HCS HB 1478 and all the co-sponsors for working to move this important life-saving legislation forward and help get it to the Governor's desk. HCS HB 1478 has over 100 co-sponsors.

GOOD NEWS ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILLS:

PRO-LIFE PROTECTIVE LANGUAGE HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE FOLLOWING FIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILLS AS OF MARCH 5.

MRL IS NEUTRAL ON THESE BILLS AS LONG AS THE 196.1127 PROTECTIVE LANGUAGE STAYS ON THE BILLS. WE WILL KEEP YOU UPDATED.

HCS HB 1310 & 1236: Representative Noel Torpey and Denny Hoskins, Sponsors – Establishes the Missouri Angel Investment Incentive Act – Opens the door for public funding of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research
January 22, MRL told by vice-chairman (acting chairman at the time), during committee testimony, that testimony was only being taken for HB 1310 and not on HB 1236 – even though both sponsors for HB 1236 and HB 1310 both presented their bills together and everyone giving testimony in support of these bills, including MOBIO, the lead group seeking public monies for human cloning and embryonic stem cell research, gave testimony for both bills. MRL turned in testimony in opposition to both HB 1310 and HB 1236. HB 1236 never had a separate presentation in the hearing. It was on the hearing list, shows that a hearing was held but there was no separate time in the hearing to give testimony on HB 1236.
Executive Session Held Wednesday, January 29 – HB 1310 and HB 1236 Combined into House Committee Sub (HCS) and pro-life language not included on committee sub.
Rules Committee voted do pass and reported to House floor HCS HB 1310 & 1236, February, 5 – Without pro-life protective language

MARCH 5, 2014 – HOUSE AMENDMENT 2, SPONSORED BY REP. CHRISSY SOMMER, PLACES PRO-LIFE PROTECTIONS ON HCS HB 1310 & 1236.

MRL NOW NEUTRAL ON HCS HB 1310 & 1236 AS LONG AS THE 196.1127 PROTECTIVE LANGUAGE STAYS ON THE BILL.

THANK YOU TO REP. SOMMER AND ALL HOUSE MEMBERS WHO VOTED FOR HA 2.

Second Read in the Senate and Referred to Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee, March 27

Original House Testimony in Opposition to HB 1310 & 1236: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-22e.html>

Click here to see the House Special Standing Committee on Small Business Vote on HB 1310 & 1236 without pro-life protections: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-29-vote.pdf>

Click here to see the House Rules Committee Vote on HB 1310 & 1236 without pro-life protections:
<http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-02-5-vote.pdf>

HB 1495: Representative Noel Torpey, Sponsor – Requires Missouri Technology Corporations to distribute money to specified early stage business development corporations for grants to newly formed businesses that have the potential for sales or development of new technologies. This includes business incubators at Universities where we know embryonic stem cell research has been done.

Executive Session Held in House Special Standing Committee on Small Business Committee, February 10, pro-life language not included.

Voted Do Pass by Rules Committee, February 20 – Without pro-life protections

MARCH 5, 2014 – HOUSE AMENDMENT 1, SPONSORED BY REP. STEVE LYNCH, PLACES PRO-LIFE PROTECTIONS ON HB 1495.

MRL NOW NEUTRAL ON HB 1495 AS LONG AS THE 196.1127 PROTECTIVE LANGUAGE STAYS ON THE BILL.

THANK YOU TO REP. LYNCH AND ALL HOUSE MEMBERS WHO VOTED FOR HA 1.

SCS HB 1495 Taken Up for Debate, Senate Sub Offered, April 22. Laid Over on the Informal Calendar, April 22

Original House Testimony in Opposition to HB 1495: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-29b.html>

Click here to see the House Special Standing Committee on Small Business Vote on HB 1495 without pro-life protections: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-02-10-vote.pdf>

Click here to see the House Rules Committee Vote on HB 1495 without pro-life protections:
<http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-02-20-vote.pdf>

HB 1501: Representative Anne Zerr, Sponsor – Omnibus Tax Credit Bill – **Pro-life protections are in HCS HB 1501.**

MRL NEUTRAL ON HB 1501 AS LONG AS THE 196.1127 PROTECTIVE LANGUAGE STAYS ON THE BILL.

SCS HB 1501 Taken Up for Debate, Senate Sub Offered, April 22. Laid Over on the Informal Calendar, April 22

HB 1583: Representative T.J. Berry, Sponsor - Repeals language referring to the Missouri Science and Innovation Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA) and establishes provisions relating to tax credits for Missouri Technology Corporations without pro-life protections. HCS HB 1583 was voted do pass out of House Economic Development Committee with pro-life protections, March 4

Pro-life protections placed in HCS HB 1583, March 4.

MRL NOW NEUTRAL ON HCS HB 1583 AS LONG AS THE 196.1127 PROTECTIVE LANGUAGE STAYS ON THE BILL.

House Rules Committee Voted Do Pass, April 14

Original Testimony in Opposition to HB 1583: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-02-11a.html>

SB 912: Senator Jay Wasson, Sponsor - Repeals the title of Missouri Science, Innovation and Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA) and renames the MOSIRA tax credits under the name of Missouri Technology Investment Fund establishing provisions relating to tax credits to be managed by the Missouri Technology Corporation without pro-life protections to prevent public funding for human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. SCS SB 912 Voted Do Pass in Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee, April 2

Pro-life protections placed on SCS SB 912, April 2.

MRL NOW NEUTRAL ON SCS SB 912 AS LONG AS THE 196.1127 PROTECTIVE LANGUAGE STAYS ON THE BILL.

SCS SB 912 on the Senate Informal Calendar Senate Bills for Perfection, with SCS (pending), April 28

Original Testimony in Opposition to SB 912: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/sb912.html>

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BILLS STILL OPPOSED BY MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE:

SB 698: Senator Jolie Justus, Sponsor – Changes the laws regarding tax incentives and tax credits. Includes Establishing the Missouri Angel Investment Incentive Act – Opens the door for public funding of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. Public Hearing Completed in Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee, February 19

Needs Pro-Life Language – Not on the Bill at this Time

Testimony in Opposition to SB 698: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-02-19b.html>

HB 1498: Representative Anne Zerr, Sponsor - Changes the laws regarding tax incentives and tax credits. Includes Establishing the Missouri Angel Investment Incentive Act – Opens the door for public funding of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. Public Hearing Completed, January 28

Needs Pro-Life Language – Not on the Bill at this Time

Committee Adjourned to go to reception held by MOBIO in the home of MOBIO's President and CEO. MOBIO is the leading group pushing to get public funding for open-ended human life sciences research, which includes human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. MOBIO adamantly opposes pro-life protective language to prevent human cloning and embryonic stem cell research.

Testimony in Opposition to HB 1498: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-28b.html>

UPDATE: February 11, the language of HB 1498 has been amended on to HCS HB 1501. Pro-life protections are in HCS HB 1501 but not on HB 1498. HB 1498 as a stand-alone bill, may or may not move. HCS HB 1501 with pro-life protections voted out of economic development on Tuesday, February 11. HCS HB 1501 with pro-life protections voted out of Rules Committee, February 20

Budget Bills

Budget Bills have been voted out of the Senate Appropriations Committee and will be moving to the Senate floor for debate. Budget bills must be truly agreed and finally passed by the end of the day on May 9, 2014.

Missouri Right to Life continues to support continued funding for the Alternatives to Abortion Program. This important program provides funding for pregnancy resource centers and maternity homes. These programs help women in crisis pregnancies through difficult situations and works to help them choose life for their unborn babies.

HCS HB 2005 Funding at this Point in the Budget Process for Alternative-to-Abortion Program:

Section 5.165. To the Office of Administration

For the purpose of funding alternatives to abortion services

From General Revenue Fund.	\$2,033,561
From Federal Funds.50,000
For the alternative to abortion public awareness program	
From General Revenue Fund.	<u>75,000</u>
Total.	\$2,158,561

Missouri Right to Life also continues to support pro-life protections on the Department of Economic Development Budget Bill to ensure that public monies are not used to fund or subsidize human cloning or embryonic stem cell research.

HCS HB 2007 Pro-Life Protections at this Point in the Budget Process on This One Budget Line Item:

Section 7.030. To the Department of Economic Development

For the Missouri Technology Corporation, provided that all funds appropriated to the Missouri Technology Corporation by the General Assembly shall be subject to the provisions of Section 196.1127, RSMo

For administration and for science and technology development, including, but not limited to, innovation centers and the Missouri

Manufacturing Extension Partnership.	\$11,360,000
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Movement on Pro-Life Legislation:

In the Missouri State Senate:

SB 519: Senator David Sater, Sponsor - Amends the current waiting period for having an abortion from 24 hours to 72 hours – Discussed on Senate Floor, Placed on Informal Calendar. Now on Senate Bills for Perfection Informal Calendar with Pro-Abortion Amendment Pending, April 28

Testimony in Support of SB 519: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-27.html>

Picture after Testimony in Support of SB 519 with 40 Days for Life

Group: http://missourilife.org/images/2014_sb519_hearing.jpg

SB 546: Senator John Lamping, Sponsor - Modifies Missouri' Health Care Freedom Act by prohibiting the state from

implementing a health insurance exchange, prohibiting insurers from accepting remuneration and prescribing duties of the Attorney General for enforcement of the act – Voted Do Pass out of Senate Small Business, Insurance and Industry Committee, Tuesday, February 18

Testimony in Support of SB 546: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-28.html>

SB 638: Senator Gary Romine, Sponsor - Raises the fiscal year cap on the Pregnancy Resource Center Tax Credits from \$2 million to \$2.5 million – SCS Voted Do Pass, Combined SB 638 & SB 647, Food Pantry Tax Credits, February 12. Passed Out of Missouri State Senate by a vote of 28 yes to 2 no, April 23. First and Second Read and Referred to the House Economic Development Committee, April 24. Hearing Coming Soon.

Testimony in Support of SB 638: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-29.html>

SB 658: Senator Wayne Wallingford, Sponsor - Provides protections for alternatives to abortion agencies to freely engage in religious practices – Second Read and Referred to Senate Judiciary and Civil and Criminal Jurisprudence Committee, January 23

SB 660: Senator Wayne Wallingford, Sponsor - Designates the priority for the state with respect to any funding for family planning services – Third Read and Passed the Senate. Hearing Completed in the House Health Care Policy Committee, April 23

Information on Planned Parenthood and Abortions from Susan B. Anthony List:

http://www.sba-list.org/sites/default/files/content/shared/pp_fact_sheet_2012_2013_annual_report.pdf

SB 770: Senator Wayne Wallingford, Sponsor - Modifies abortion provisions relating to medical emergencies and inspection of facilities – **SB 770 Laid Over on the Calendar with No Senate Floor Debate, April 23. On the Senate Informal Calendar for Perfection, April 28**

Testimony in Support of SB 770: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/sb770.html>

SJR 38: Senator Brian Nieves, Sponsor - Prohibits Missouri state government from recognizing, enforcing, or acting in furtherance of certain actions of the federal government. – Voted Do Pass out of Senate General Laws Committee, March 25

Testimony in Support of SJR 38: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/sjr38.html>

In the Missouri State House:

HB 1063: Representative Jeff Grisamore, Sponsor - Changes the laws regarding children and families and creates the Show Me Healthy Babies Program – Rules Committee Reported Do Pass, March 10

Testimony in Support of HB 1063: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-14a.html>

HB 1065: Representative Jeff Grisamore, Sponsor - Establishes the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program as a separate children's health insurance program for any low-income unborn child – Rules Committee Reported Do Pass, March 6. Show-Me Health Babies Program Language included in HB 1901.

Testimony in Support of HB 1065 as a 'STAND ALONE BILL': <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-14b.html>

HB 1103: Representative Chuck Gatschenberger, Sponsor - Specifies that the constitutions and laws of the United States and Missouri must protect the rights of an alternatives-to-abortion agency and its officers to freely engage in activities without interference – Rules Committee Reported Do Pass, March 10

Testimony in Support of HB 1103: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-15.html>

HB 1132: Representative Kevin Engler, Sponsor - Increases the amount of tax credits for contributions to pregnancy resource centers available in each fiscal year to \$2.5 million – Third Read and Passed the House by a vote of 113 yes and 36 no, March 13. SCS HB 1132 Reported Do Pass by the Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee, April 23

Testimony in Support of HB 1132: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-28a.html>

Testimony in Senate in Support of HB 1132: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/hb1132.html>

HB 1148: Representative Ron Hicks, Sponsor - Requires an ultrasound to be conducted and reviewed with the

pregnant woman prior to the 24-hour waiting period for an abortion – Second Read and Referred to the House Health Care Policy Committee, January 9

HB 1192: Representative Rocky Miller, Sponsor - Requires both custodial parents or the guardian of a minor to be notified prior to the performance of an abortion on their minor child – Third Read and Passed the House by a vote of 116 yes and 36 no, March 11. Hearing Completed in the Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee, April 14

Testimony in Support of HB 1192: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-22a.html>

Testimony in Senate in Support of HCS HB 1192: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/hb1192.html>

HB 1193: Representative Jeff Roorda, Sponsor - Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to establish cord blood collection sites across the state for transportation to the Saint Louis Cord Blood Bank – House Rules Committee Reported Do Pass, March 6

Testimony in Support of HB 1193: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-22b.html>

HB 1252: Representative Elijah Haahr, Sponsor - Changes the laws regarding custody and visitation rights of a father who attempted to coerce the mother of his child to obtain an abortion – HCS HB 1252 Voted Do Pass, February 19

Testimony in Support of HB 1252: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-02-05a.html>

HB 1307: Representative Kevin Elmer, Sponsor - Changes the current waiting period for having an abortion from 24 hours to 72 hours – Third Read and Passed the House by a vote of 115 yes and 39 no, March 11. SCS Voted Do Pass Our of the Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee, April 23

Testimony in Support of HB 1307: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-22c.html>

Testimony in Senate in Support of HB 1307: http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/hb1307_1313.html

HB 1313: Representative Keith Frederick, Sponsor - Amends the current waiting period for having an abortion from 24 hours to 72 hours – Combined with HB 1307 – See Information on HB 1307.

Testimony in Support of HB 1313: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-22c.html>

Testimony in Senate in Support of HB 1313: http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/hb1307_1313.html

HB 1314: Representative Keith Frederick, Sponsor - Modifies Missouri's Health Care Freedom Act by prohibiting the state from implementing a health insurance exchange, prohibiting insurers from accepting remuneration and prescribing duties of the Attorney General – Voted Do Pass out of House Rules Committee, April 14

Statement in Support of HB 1314: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-02-27.html>

HB 1352: Representative Chuck Gatschenberger, Sponsor - Changes the laws regarding the protection of women's health care – Referred to Health Care Policy Committee, January 28

HB 1353: Representative Chuck Gatschenberger, Sponsor - Designates the priority for the state with respect to any funding for family planning services – Referred to Budget, January 28

HB 1375: Representative Stanley Cox, Sponsor - Requires any organization, institution, or facility which performs abortions to make an annual accounting of all funds received pursuant to Title X of the federal Public Health Service Act – Health Care Policy Committee Voted Do Pass, March 6

Testimony in Support of HB 1375: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-02-26.html>

HB 1379: Representative Chuck Gatschenberger, Sponsor - Requires an ultrasound to be conducted and reviewed with the pregnant woman prior to the 24-hour waiting period for an abortion – Referred to Health Care Policy Committee, January 28

HB 1430: Representative Tim Jones, Sponsor - Specifies that anyone providing medical services cannot be required to perform or participate in activities that violate his or her conscience or principles

Testimony in Support of HB 1430: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-01-29a.html>

Testimony in Senate in Support of HB 1430: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/hb1430.html>

Third Read and Passed the House by a vote of 112 yes and 38 no, February 13. Thirteenth on the Senate House Bills for Third Reading Formal Calendar, April 28

HB 1478: Representative Kathryn Swan, Sponsor - Changes the laws regarding the protection of women's health care – **HCS HB 1478 Now on the House Bill Calendar for Perfection, April 28**

Testimony in Support of HB 1478: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-03-06.html>

HB 1531: Representative Bryan Spencer, Sponsor - Prohibits abortions performed for the purpose of providing fetal organs or tissue for medical transplantation – Referred to Health Care Policy Committee, January 29

HB 1585: Representative Andrew Koenig, Sponsor - Establishes the Abortion Ban for Sex Selection and Genetic Abnormalities Act of 2014 to prohibit an abortion solely due to the sex of the unborn child or a genetic abnormality diagnosis – Public Hearing Completed in House Health Care Policy Committee, April 2

Testimony in Support of HB 1585: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/hb1585.html>

HB 1613: Representative Chuck Gatschenberger, Sponsor - Establishes the "Ultrasound Informed Consent Act" – HCS HB 1613 Voted Do Pass out of House Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities Committee, April 15

Testimony in Support of HB 1613: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/hb1613.html>

HB 1845: Representative Anderson, Sponsor - Changes the requirements for parental consent for a minor to have an abortion – HCS Voted Do Pass out of House Health Care Policy Committee, March 26. Referred to House Rules Committee, March 31

Testimony in Support of HB 1845: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/hb1845.html>

HB 1846: Representative Stanley Cox, Sponsor - Changes the laws regarding the enforcement of abortion laws – Voted Do Pass Out of House Health Care Policy Committee, April 16. Referred to Rules Committee, April 17

Testimony in Support of HB 1846: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/hb1846.html>

HB 1934: Representative Linda Black, Sponsor - Requires the Department of Health and Senior Services to create a video that contains all the information required to be provided to a woman considering an abortion – Referred to House Health Care Policy Committee, February 26

HB 2072: Representative Jeff Messenger, Sponsor - Specifies that no economic incentive programs may provide public monies or benefits to research projects involved with abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research – Referred to House Economic Development Committee, March 26

HB 2119: Representative Jeanie Riddle, Sponsor - Raises the fiscal year cap for the Maternity Home Tax Credit from \$2 million to \$2.5 million – Second Read, March 11. Amended on to HB 1132 on the Floor of the House, March 12. HB 1132 Third Read and Passed the House by a vote of 113 yes and 36 no, March 13. SCS HB 1132 Reported Do Pass by the Senate Jobs, Economic Development and Local Government Committee, April 23. See testimony in support of SCS HB 1132.

HB 2206: Representative Rick Brattin, Sponsor - Requires the written consent of the father of the child before an abortion can be performed, with certain exceptions – Referred to House Children, Families and Persons With Disabilities Committee, April 15

HJR 62: Representative Kurt Bahr, Sponsor - Proposes a constitutional amendment specifying that each citizen has an inherent liberty that includes being able to make decisions regarding lawful health care related services or products – House Rules Committee Reported Do Pass, April 10

Testimony in Support of HJR 62: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-02-19a.html>

Senate Bills OPPOSED by Missouri Right to Life:

SCR 30: Senator Jolie Justus, Sponsor - Relating to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. A State ERA has been used for the basis to publicly fund abortion. – Second Read and Referred to Senate Rules, Joint Rules, Resolutions and Ethics, January 30

House Bills OPPOSED by Missouri Right to Life:

HB 1146: Representative Bill White, Sponsor – Establishes the Adult Health Care Consent Act that specifies a priority of persons who can make health care decisions for a person who has been certified as unable to consent to his or her own care. This bill needs pro-life amendments to ensure that the family is still the decision maker in health care decisions, that food and hydration are not removed because of the question of quality of life, ensuring that court appointment does not overrule the wish of the patient and that patient care goes on while court battles are in

process. HCS HB 1146 Voted Do Pass out of House Health Care Policy Committee, March 26
Testimony in Opposition to HB 1146 and still applies to HCS HB 1146: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-02-05.html>

HB 1528: Representative Stacy Newman, Sponsor – Requires a pharmacy to fill a valid and lawful prescription for any federal Food and Drug Administration-approved drug or device to prevent pregnancy, including emergency contraceptives, without delay – Even against the deeply held religious beliefs and conscience of a pharmacy owner. Referred to House Health Care Policy Committee, January 29

HB 1529: Representative Stacy Newman, Sponsor - Changes and nullifies multiple pro-life laws. Public Hearing Completed, February 11 – Executive Session Held, Motion Do Pass Failed, February 18
Testimony in Opposition to HB 1529: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/2014-02-11b.html>

HB 1848: Representative Stacy Newman, Sponsor - Establishes disclosure regulations for entities that provide pregnancy-related services or solicits patrons with offers to provide prenatal sonography, pregnancy tests, or pregnancy options counseling. This bill, sponsored by legislators that support abortion for any reason, seeks to place unnecessary regulations on the great work of faith based medical facilities and pregnancy resource centers that do not do abortions. – Executive Session Held, Motion Do Pass Failed, March 11
Testimony in Opposition to HB 1848: <http://missourilife.org/legislation/2014/hb1848.html>

HB 1904: Representative Clem Smith, Sponsor - Changes and nullifies multiple pro-life laws. Public Hearing Completed in House Children, Families and Persons With Disabilities Committee, March 25. Executive Session Completed, April 1. HCS HB 1904 Voted Do Pass, April 1.

NOTE: HOUSE COMMITTEE SUB (HCS) WAS VOTED DO PASS IN THE HOUSE CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE, APRIL 1.

WILL UPDATE STATUS UPON COMPLETE REVIEW OF THE HCS.

HCR 39: Representative Judy Morgan, Sponsor - Relating to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution. A State ERA has been used for the basis to publicly fund abortion. – Second Read, February 27

We continue to review all Senate and House Bills as they move through the last days of this legislative session. We will report either support or opposition or a change of our position as the bills move through the process. We continue to look at every aspect of each bill to determine the impact on pro-life issues that put innocent human lives at risk or have the opportunity to give protection.