

**TESTIMONY OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE
BEFORE THE SENATE JUDICIARY AND CIVIL AND
CRIMINAL JURISPRUDENCE COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF SB 84 - CONSCIENCE RIGHTS BILL
February 18, 2013**

MRL is here to testify today in support of SB 84. SB 84 provides protection against discrimination for health care professionals and institutions that choose not to participate in conduct and/or provide medical services which they believe to be morally objectionable based on their religious beliefs.

MRL is supportive of this goal to the extent that it allows the individuals and religious institutions to protect and preserve life.

We thank the sponsor for bringing this bill forward. With the 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 strongly supports SB 84 and urges the Senate to take up and pass this important pro-life legislation.