

**TESTIMONY OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE
IN SUPPORT OF HB 1193
January 22, 2014**

While Missouri Right to Life opposes human cloning and embryonic stem cell research, we support the efforts to encourage ethical adult stem cell research.

Adult stem cell research is where the hope of finding cures and therapies has shown us promising advances.

We know that one of the richest sources of adult stem cells is found in umbilical cord blood. This umbilical lifeline gives life to a child when in her mother's womb, provides life-saving adult stem cells for medical treatments if needed after birth and can be used in the labs for ethical research to find cures and therapies for diseases.

This bill would set up centers across this state where umbilical cords could be preserved and transported to the St. Louis Cord Blood Bank at the Cardinal Glennon Children's Medical Center.

Missouri Right to Life supports the pro-active approach of HB 1193 and encourages its passage.