

**TESTIMONY OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE
BEFORE THE HOUSE CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF HB 81**

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Missouri Right to Life supports the passage of HB 81. HB 81 simply expands parental notification to include both custodial parents or the guardian of the minor in writing at least seven days prior to an abortion. This occurs after the physician has secured the informed written consent of the minor and one parent.

Parents have a protectable interest in the life, health and well-being of their child. Abortion has multiple risks and all parents should be informed of an impending abortion on their child. In today's times when young people, still under age and on their parents insurance, are pulled many different directions by family issues, parental notification is essential to all parents in the protection of their child's health. This bill includes legitimate protections against parents who have been convicted of sexual abuse of that minor or whose parental rights have been terminated.

Missouri Right to Life encourages your support and passage of HB 81.