

**TESTIMONY OF MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE
BEFORE THE HOUSE
CHILDREN, FAMILIES AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE
IN SUPPORT OF HB 716
March 26, 2013**

Missouri Right to Life supports the establishment of the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program as lined out in HB 716. The Show-Me Healthy Babies Program would be a separate children's health insurance program for low-income unborn children. This program would be focused on the unborn child. An unborn child enrolled in the program must be covered for all prenatal care and pregnancy-related services that benefit the health of the unborn child. This program would also promote healthy labor, delivery, and birth. Coverage must not separate the services for the benefit of the pregnant mother from maintaining or promoting a healthy pregnancy and providing benefits to the unborn child.

For these reasons, Missouri Right to Life supports HB 716 as a stand-alone bill. Missouri Right to Life will weigh the effects and content of other legislation if and when HB 716 is placed on other legislation.