

## MEMORANDUM

**TO: Honorable Members of the Missouri House and Senate**

**FROM: Pam Fichter, President  
Gerard Nieters, Legislative Director**

**DATE: May 6, 2014**

**RE: HB 1310, HB 1495, HB 1501, HB 1583 & SB 912**

### **The Pro-Life Protections of 196.1127 Needs to Remain on Economic Development Bills**

Missouri Right to Life continues to oppose any economic development bill that includes life sciences research funding without the pro-life protections of 196.1127. Without the scientific definition of human cloning (SCNT - somatic cell nuclear transfer) included in 196.1127, any amendment bears no assurance that public funds will not be used for human cloning and embryonic stem cell research.

Any amendments dealing with reporting requirements, penalties, and other restrictions based on the definitions of Section 38(d) of the Missouri Constitution, known as Amendment 2, would only pertain to an "already cloned" human being after implantation. Human cloning will already have occurred. Relying on the language of Amendment 2 allows public monies to be used for human cloning and the destruction of human embryos.

If research businesses want to clone and kill human beings, our Missouri legislators should at the very least work to prevent public funding through any fund set up by the General Assembly and not rely on the budget process or a reference to a faulty, non-scientific definition.

Now is the time for pro-life legislators to take a stand against those who seek to build the economic development of our state through their support of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. If they do not intend to do this kind of research then they would not be seeking your vote without the protections of 196.1127.

**Missouri Right to Life requests the following simple language remain on HB 1310, HB 1495, HB 1501, HB 1583, SB 912 or any other bill which includes funding for open ended life sciences research: "These funds are subject to the provisions of 196.1127."**

**Without the pro-life protections of 196.1127, Missouri Right to Life is opposed to the above bills and any other bill with open ended life sciences research. Missouri citizens do not want the State of Missouri using public monies to get into the business of human cloning or embryonic stem cell research.**

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of the truth of this matter.