

Missouri Pro-Lifers say “Show Me Life”

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The beautiful Missouri state capitol building sits on the banks of the Missouri River in Jefferson City. On Tuesday, hundreds of pro-lifers from the Show Me state gathered at the capitol for the “Show Me Life” Pro-life Action Day.

At this annual event organized by Missouri Right to Life (MRL), pro-lifers from around the state, many in red shirts, many arriving on buses, come to lobby in support of legislation to protect unborn children, the elderly, and the medically vulnerable.

Before the noon rally began, I was honored to be introduced to the state senate as a guest of pro-life champion state Senator Wayne Wallingford, sponsor of legislation to require annual inspections of abortion facilities.

At the rally, I reminded those gathered that Missouri has a long history of challenging *Roe v Wade*. It was a Missouri law that was upheld by the Supreme Court in 1989, *Webster v Reproductive Health Services*, that sent shock waves through the abortion movement. News articles were written that the nation’s abortion law had been weakened; *Roe v Wade* should no longer be considered “settled law.”

In dissent a panicky Justice Harry Blackmun, author of the *Roe* opinion, wrote, “I fear for the future... The signs are evident and ominous, and a chill wind blows.”

Pro-lifers gather in the MO capitol rotunda for “Show Me Life” Action Day That decision encouraged states to pass legislation– to push the envelope as much as possible and to give the Court every opportunity possible to reverse that horrific decision.

Susan Klein, MRL Legislative Liaison, introduced many of the pro-life legislators who came to show their solidarity with the right-to-lifers gathered.

In his moving closing comments, Steve Rupp, president of MRL, contrasted what success means for pro-lifers and for the abortion industry. For us, success is a baby’s laugh. For the other side, success is a dead baby.

Missouri Right to Life and our wonderful grassroots pro-lifers in Missouri continue to grow and continue to make a difference.

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