

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Missouri House and Senate

FROM: Pam Fichter, President
Gerard Nieters, Legislative Director

DATE: April 4, 2012

RE: Passage of HCS HB 1541 & SS SB 749

Thank you for advancing HCS HB 1541 and SS SB 749, separate bills that address the issue of conscience rights of health care professionals and religious institutions.

The issue this legislation addresses is our basic first amendment rights to practice our religion. No American should be forced to participate in the destruction of innocent human beings against their religious beliefs. Your support for this legislation endorses this basic principle on which our country was founded.

Thank you also for passage of HB 1278 and your work to extend the PRC tax credits. We encourage the Senate to continue this support for Pregnancy Resource Centers and their work to help women in crisis pregnancies.

We urge the House to take up and pass SS SB 749 and HCS HB 1541 and send them to the Governor.