

## **Missouri Right to Life Press Release**

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### **Governor Denies Women The Protection of a 72-hr Reflection Period**

The following statement can be attributed to Pam Fichter, President:

Missouri Right to Life is profoundly disappointed that Governor Nixon has taken this step to deny women in crisis pregnancies the protection of a 72-hr reflection period. HB 1307 will, when passed over the governor's veto, extend the current 24-hour reflection period after consultation to 72 hours before a woman has an abortion. This extra time will allow a woman to reflect on all her options before deciding to go forward with an abortion. Governor Nixon has vetoed a bill that would save babies and protect women from abortion clinics seeking to make a profit on an abortion.

Abortion is a life-changing procedure. It ends the life of an unborn baby; a decision that can never be undone. The procedure can also be harmful to the mother. In making this decision, women need time to review all the medical information and the alternatives available. This bill provides that.

We urge all pro-life legislators of both political parties to vote to override the Governor's veto of HB 1307.