

House Votes to Fund the Destruction of Human Lives Through Life Science Research With Your Tax Dollars

“Missouri Right to Life is profoundly disappointed in the Missouri House of Representatives. Today, a majority of the members of the Missouri House of Representatives took a position to fund life destroying research in House Budget Bill 7. These funds cannot be prevented from going for unethical experimentation on human embryos because of the passage of Amendment 2. This same leadership, in recent years, zeroed out funding for family planning because the money could not be prevented from going to subsidize abortions. The state should not be funding the destruction of human lives by anyone, whether by abortionists or by those who call themselves scientists” said Pam Fichter, President of Missouri Right to Life.

After attempting and failing to take out \$15 million dollars appropriated for this research and after an amendment that attempts to restrict the funding was deemed useless when held up to Amendment 2, now in our Missouri Constitution, Missouri Right to Life has taken the position to oppose House Budget Bill 7.

The current efforts to obtain state subsidies by the cloning industry for unethical experiments that require the destruction of human embryos is reminiscent of the efforts in the 1990's to subsidize abortionists with family planning money. More than once in the 1990's, Missouri Right to Life opposed the passage of the appropriations bill for the department of health, HB 10, because approximately \$5 million of state money would include funding for Planned Parenthood. Approximately three times as much taxpayer money is involved now as was involved then. So much for the cloning industry not going after our tax dollars as claimed during their campaign to pass Amendment 2.