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MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Missouri General Assembly

FROM: Gerard Nieters, Legislative Director
Pam Fichter, President

DATE: June 28, 2010

RE: The "Manufacturing Jobs Act"

As special session begins, Missouri Right to Life has reviewed the pre-filed legislation, LR #6003L.031 and we would like to clarify our position on this version of the Manufacturing Jobs Act.

At this time Missouri Right to Life takes a neutral position because LR #6003L.031, unlike previous versions, has language that restricts the bill solely to the Auto Manufacturing Industry. The language in LR #6003L.031 specifies the NAICS code category of 33611 for "Qualifying manufacturing company" and therefore limits tax incentives and state monies from going to companies that do life destroying research. This was Missouri Right to Life's stated request numerous times throughout the entire 2010 Legislative Session.

Missouri Right to Life believes that since the Governor has called for a specifically limited special session to deal with auto manufacturing jobs, as well as the retirement issue, that Missouri Right to Life will be neutral on this bill for the duration of this special session. However, Missouri Right to Life will monitor the progress of the legislation and reserves the right to change our position should the language of the bill become a concern for life issues.

We thank all those who were involved in drafting the language that has been filed. And, we thank Rep. Jerry Nolte for his willingness to include the restrictions of the bill which now does not include tax incentives for life-destroying research (LR #6003L.031). We do hope that all legislators will maintain this restrictive language.

Therefore, once again we state that Missouri Right to Life is neutral on the language of the LR #6003L.031 version of the "Manufacturing Jobs Act." MRL will review any amended versions as they become known to us.

If you have any questions, please talk to Susan Klein, MRL's Legislative Liaison.