

MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the 95th Missouri General Assembly

FROM: Pam Fichter, President
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RE: Greeting and Opportunities for Advancing Pro-Life Legislation

Missouri Right to Life welcomes the beginning of the 2010 session of the General Assembly and the opportunity to advance the cause of life in our state. We have made great strides to protect all human life, but our work is not done!

We urge you to support very important informed consent legislation that will require abortion providers to present information on obtaining an ultrasound before an abortion and require that a woman be given information about the development of her baby. This is priority legislation for Missouri Right to Life. We know that when a woman is given the opportunity to view an ultrasound, she will be better informed to make the life or death decision of whether or not to abort her child.

There will, of course, be other good legislation that we will be supporting. One example of this is a true ban on taxpayer funding of human cloning and embryonic stem cell research. Other pieces of pro-life legislation that likely will come before you are: pharmacy conscience rights, updating of abortion statistic reporting, continuation of the alternatives to abortion funding and tax credits, and pro-life protective language for any life sciences funding and/or legislation.

We also urge you to become a pro-life voice in your communities across this state to support Missouri Right to Life and pro-life issues. Missouri Right to Life is the largest statewide pro-life organization. We are the National Right to Life affiliate for the State of Missouri.

We look forward to working with you this year and encourage you to visit with our legislative liaison, Susan Klein, if you have any questions or concerns about legislation.