

Missouri Right to Life Press Release

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Right to Religious Freedom Triumphs

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

Today the Supreme Court upheld the fundamental right of the American people to exercise their religious freedom. The 5-4 decision in *Burwell v. Hobby Lobby* confirms the principles on which our country was founded. The Court's ruling acknowledges that privately owned businesses like Hobby Lobby and Conestoga Woods cannot be forced to violate their principles by providing abortifacient drugs through their company's insurance plans.

Under the Affordable Care Act, the Obama Administration ordered U.S. businesses, including Hobby Lobby, to pay for abortion-inducing drugs as part of their employee health plans. The Green's, owners of Hobby Lobby, refused on pro-life grounds: they are devout Christians and could not in good conscience participate in the taking of innocent human life. The Obama Administration threatened fines of \$1.3 million a day if Hobby Lobby doesn't comply with the mandate.

Hobby Lobby asked the courts to put an end to the administration's radical attempt to impose a pro-abortion agenda on every business in America. Today, the Court did.

The Court's ruling means that Americans of every religious background are free to take their faith with them into the workplace, and free to make their religious beliefs a part of how they run their businesses.

Our Constitution protects the right to live our faith peaceably—at church, at home, and in the workplace. The American people won a great victory today.