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## **U.S. Supreme Court Upholds Obama Health Care Law**

**The following statement can be attributed to Pam Fichter, MRL-PAC President:**

The message of the disappointing Supreme Court decision today is that elections matter. We must work to replace this pro-abortion president and Senate with a pro-life president and pro-life leadership in the Senate. Make your voice heard in November!

While the challenges to the law were not based on the life issue, this 5 to 4 decision is a devastating setback for all who believe in the sanctity of life and in the freedoms upon which this country was founded.

The Obama Health Care Law contains multiple provisions that provide authorizations for subsidies for abortion, both implicit and explicit, and also multiple provisions which may be used as bases for abortion-expanding administrative actions. This is a sharp departure from decades of previous federal policy under the Hyde Amendment, the Federal Employees Health Benefits program, and other federal programs.

In addition, doctors, hospitals, and other health care providers will be told by Washington just what diagnostic tests and medical care are considered to meet "quality and efficiency" standards.

These standards are *specifically designed to limit the funds that Americans may choose to spend on health care so that they cannot keep up with the rate of medical inflation*. Treatment that a doctor and patient deem needed or advisable to save the patient's life or preserve or improve the patient's health but which runs afoul of the imposed standards will be denied, *even if the patient is willing and able to pay for it*. In effect, there will be one uniform, national standard of care, established by Washington bureaucrats, that is designed to limit what private citizens are allowed to spend to save their own lives.

This decision makes it absolutely imperative that this law be repealed by the next congress and president. Missouri Right to Life Political Action Committee will work diligently to make sure we have a strongly pro-life congress and president committed to repealing this life-destroying legislation.