



*Transforming society to respect and protect all innocent human life.*

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## Supreme Court Upholds Obama Health Care Law

The message of the disappointing Supreme Court decision on the Obama Health Care Law is that elections matter!

*Pro-life people must work to replace this pro-abortion president and U.S. Senate with a pro-life president and with pro-life leadership in the Senate.*

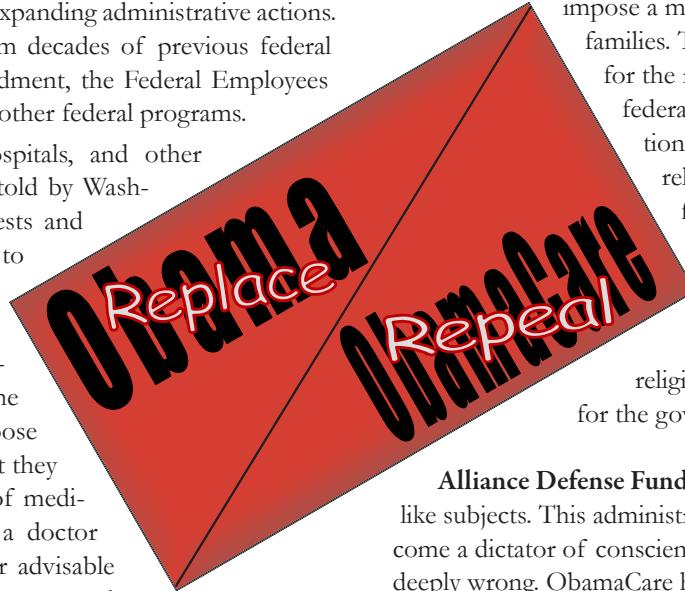
While the challenges to the law were not based on the life issue, this 5 to 4 decision is a devastating setback for all who believe in the sanctity of life and in the freedoms upon which this country was founded.

The Obama Health Care Law contains multiple provisions that provide authorizations for subsidies for abortion, both implicit and explicit, and 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 a 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This decision makes it absolutely imperative that this law be repealed by the next congress and president.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 secure a strong pro-life congress and president committed to repealing this life-destroying legislation.



## National Pro-Life Leaders react to Supreme Court Upholding ObamaCare

**National Right to Life President Carol Tobias:** “All voters who care about the value and dignity of human life must do everything they can to elect Mitt Romney and a Congress who are committed to repeal of ObamaCare. If President Obama wins re-election, it will mean massive abortion subsidies, and it will put the lives of millions at risk through systematic government-imposed rationing of lifesaving medical care.”

**Family Research Council:** “(This) Supreme Court decision will do serious harm to American families. Not only is the individual mandate a profound attack on our liberties, but it is only one section among hundreds of provisions in the law that will force taxpayers to fund abortions, violate their conscience rights, and impose a massive tax and debt burden on American families. The Obama administration has created, for the first time in American history, new federal regulations that toss aside the constitutional right to religious freedom by forcing religious institutions and employers to pay for abortion-causing drugs, contraceptives, and sterilizations. It’s now time to replace those leaders who disregarded the constitutional limitations of their authority and the deeply held religious beliefs of their constituents, voting for the government takeover of healthcare.”

**Alliance Defense Fund:** “ObamaCare treats American citizens like subjects. This administration has used health care law to become a dictator of conscience. The court’s decision is alarming and deeply wrong. ObamaCare holds your health care hostage and offers no real choice. Either comply and abandon your religious freedom and conscience, or resist and be fined for your faith.”

**Faith in Action Director Rev. Rob Schenk:** “This opinion may allow government to compel people to pay into the system, but it can’t compel any of us to abandon our most deeply held convictions. This is a moral, spiritual, and ethical crisis. People of conscience will need to make difficult decisions, including engaging in conscientious objection or even respectful civil disobedience, which may bring painful penalties with it. It’s time to be prayerful, brave and strong. From here on we will need help from God and from one another.”

# Missouri Right to Life Political Action Committees Endorsement Criteria

As the oldest and largest grassroots, single-issue pro-life organization in the state, Missouri Right to Life, through its Political Action Committees (MRL PAC), strives to elect pro-life candidates at the state and the federal levels. By endorsing candidates who meet specific criteria and by rating all candidates, MRL PAC provides the most comprehensive guidance to the pro-life voters of Missouri on which candidates would best advance the cause of life.

MRL PAC endorsements are non-partisan and are based on the following guidelines:

- **Pro-life Survey** - A candidate *must* complete an MRL PAC or National Right to Life PAC survey verifying their pro-life position on abortion, euthanasia, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and other issues that fall under the purview of MRL.
- **Voting record** - When a candidate has held office, whether running for the same seat or a different seat, MRL PAC considers up to a four-year voting record to determine a candidate's eligibility for endorsement. The percentage of pro-life votes required for endorsement is determined by MRL PAC and takes into consideration not only the candidate's votes, but also the degree of involvement in advancing pro-life legislation and the importance of specific votes.

However, a vote on particularly egregious legislation can disqualify a candidate from endorsement in spite of an otherwise acceptable voting record. Such is the case this year for candidates who voted for the Missouri Science Innovation & Reinvestment Act (MOSIRA) without protective language during the 2011 special session of the General Assembly.

- **Interviews** - In some races, members of MRL PAC may conduct a personal interview with a candidate.

MRL PAC will also consider a candidate's history of pro-life activism, public statements, and input from MRL members in a candidate's district.

The PAC believes that an incumbent with a pro-life record running for re-election deserves a single endorsement, but redistricting in Missouri this year has eliminated incumbency status in most races. In races with no pro-life incumbent and where all candidates meet MRL PAC endorsement criteria, MRL PAC will do multiple endorsements.

In a race with two or more pro-life candidates and one or more viable anti-life candidates, or viable candidates whose position is unknown, MRL PAC will likely endorse a single candidate in hopes of avoiding a split in the pro-life vote. MRL PAC also considers the political realities and circumstances of each race.

MRLPAC reserves the right to withdraw an endorsement should there be reason to believe a candidate has been untruthful or has changed a position on life issues. Additionally, MRL PAC believes in giving candidates opportunities to advance the cause of life if they have moved from a less pro-life position to a stronger one.

Primary endorsements made by MRL PAC do not necessarily roll over to General Election races. MRL PAC will release General Election endorsements following the Primary Election.

*The greatest gift that parents give to their children is the gift of life.*

*For Mother's Day and for Father's Day, these parents were honored with a Tribute Gift to Missouri Right to Life Education Fund.*

## *MOTHER'S DAY HONORS*

*Anne Dierks by Mark Dierks  
Frances Martin by Patty Skain  
Virginia Ernstmann by Glen & Mary Ernstmann  
Lucile Edmonds by Mary & Glen Ernstmann  
Shirley Brown by Bev Ehlen  
Rose Landsholt by Mary Lou Frank  
Dorothy June Hoard by Larry Hoard  
Lois A. Milford by Christine Hoffmeyer  
Pam Fichter by Dan, Doug & Nick Fichter  
Pam Fichter by Tom Fichter  
Josephine and Regina by Walter & Janet Knaust*

## *FATHER'S DAY HONORS*

*Arthur Walz by Pam Fichter  
Richard Kerckhoff by Randy Kerckhoff  
Thomas Gottschamer by Family  
Sam Perry by Lynda  
Jim Wilcox by Jim*

## **Columbia Planned Parenthood suspends abortions**

The *Columbia Missourian* has reported that Planned Parenthood (PP) Columbia has suspended abortions indefinitely. This has been confirmed by the 40 Days For Life team which maintains a year-round presence on the sidewalks outside of PP on the days that mothers come for abortion counseling or for procedures.

Planned Parenthood cites the lack of an abortion doctor as the reason for the suspension, something that has been a recurring situation at this facility. The 40 Days For Life team's peaceful, prayerful intercession has saved many babies, and they are again thankful that babies and their mothers, at least for a time, will be spared the tragedy of abortion.

"We have been praising and thanking God since we found this out," said Mike & Kathy Forck, Campaign Directors. "We pray they will not be able to find another doctor to replace the last one."

# MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES

## CANDIDATE RATINGS AND ENDORSEMENTS

### Primary Election -- August 7, 2012

Below are the candidates of the major parties and their ratings by Missouri Right to Life. Ratings are based on surveys, public statements, public record, voting records for those who presently hold or previously held office, interviews, and information from those in the districts. Those candidates listed in **BOLD CAPS** are endorsed by Missouri Right to Life Political Action Committee for the August 7 primary election.

To identify the legislative district numbers for the area in which you live, please refer to your name and address area on the back of this newsletter. Your congressional, state senate, and state house district numbers appear there, above your name.

#### KEY

**Because redistricting took effect this year, there are no incumbent listings**

R Republican

D Democrat

C Constitution

PL Pro-life

M Mixed

AL Anti-life

NR No response to survey

\* As a legislator, voted for MOSIRA, thus ineligible for endorsement. MOSIRA is the funding mechanism for tax dollars to be used for human cloning and for embryonic stem cell research

↓ Current or past endorsement by anti-life organization

**BOLD CAPS = MRL-PAC ENDORSED**

#### Federal

##### U.S. Senate

**TODD AKIN (R)**

Jerry Beck (R)

**SARAH STEELMAN (R)**

**JOHN G. BRUNNER (R)**

Mark Memoly (R)

Mark Patrick Lodes (R)

Robert Poole (R)

Hector Maldonado (R)

Claire McCaskill (D)

##### U.S. Congress District 1

Robyn Hamlin (R)

**MARTIN D. BAKER (R)**

Candice Britton (D)

Lacy Clay (D)

Russ Carnahan (D)

##### U.S. Congress District 2

**JOHN MORRIS (R)**

**ANN WAGNER (R)**

**JAMES O. BAKER (R)**

**RANDY JOTTE (R)**

Marshall Works (D)

George (Boots) Weber (D)

Harold Whitfield (D)

Glenn Koenen (D)

##### U.S. Congress District 3

**BLAINE LUETKEMEYER (R)**

Eric C. Mayer (D)

##### U.S. Congress District 4

**VICKY HARTZLER (R)**

Bernie Mowinski (R)

Teresa Hensley (D)

##### U.S. Congress District 5

Jason Greene (R)

**JACOB TURK (R)**

Jerry Nolte (R)

Ron Paul Shawd (R)

Emanuel Cleaver II (D)

##### U.S. Congress District 6

Bob Gough (R)

**SAM GRAVES (R)**

Christopher Ryan (R)

Kyle Yarber (D)

Ted Rights (D)

Ronald Wm. Harris (D)

W. A. (Bill) Hedge (D)

##### U.S. Congress District 7

Tom Stilson (R)

**BILLY LONG (R)**

Mike Moon (R)

Jim Evans (D)

##### U.S. Congress District 8

Bob Parker (R)

**JO ANN EMERSON (R)**

Jack Rushin (D)

#### Missouri Statewide

##### Governor

John D. Weiler (R)

NR

**DAVID (DAVE) SPENCE (R)**

PL

**BILL RANDLES (R)**

PL

**FRED SAUER (R)**

PL

Jeremiah (Jay) Nixon (D)

AL ↓

Clay Thunderhawk (D)

PL

William B. Campbell (D)

NR

##### Lieutenant Governor

Charles W. Kullman (R)

PL

Brad Lager (R)

PL\*

Peter Kinder (R)

PL

Mike Carter (R)

NR

Susan Montee (D)

NR

Dennis Weisenburger (D)

NR

Fred Kratky (D)

NR/M

Becky Lee Plattner (D)

NR

Judy Baker (D)

AL ↓

Sara Lampe (D)

AL ↓

Jackie Townes McGee (D)

NR

Bill (William) Haas (D)

NR

**CYNTHIA L. DAVIS (C)**

PL

##### Secretary of State

**SCOTT RUPP (R)**

PL

Shane Schoeller (R)

PL\*

Bill Stouffer (R)

M \*

Jason Kander (D)

AL ↓\*

**MD RABBI ALAM (D)**

PL

##### State Treasurer

Cole McNary (R)

NR/PL\*

Clint Zweifel (D)

AL ↓

##### Attorney General

**ED MARTIN (R)**

PL

**ADAM LEE WARREN (R)**

PL

Chris Koster (D)

AL

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**MO Senate**

<b>District 1</b>	
<b>JIM LEMBKE (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>SUE SCHOEIMEHL (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Scott Sifton (D)	<b>AL↓*</b>
<b>District 3</b>	
<b>GARY ROMINE (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>TERRY VARNER (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>JOSEPH FALLERT, JR.(D)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 5</b>	
Robin Wright-Jones (D)	<b>AL ↓*</b>
Jeanette Mott Oxford (D)	<b>AL ↓</b>
<b>District 7</b>	
Jason Holsman (D)	<b>AL ↓*</b>
Crystal Williams (D)	<b>AL ↓</b>
<b>District 9</b>	
Shalonn (Kiki) Curls (D)	<b>AL ↓*</b>
<b>District 11</b>	
Paul LeVota (D)	<b>AL</b>
<b>District 13</b>	
<b>JACQUELYN THOMAS (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Gina Walsh (D)	<b>M</b>
Reddit Hudson (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>District 15</b>	
Eric Schmitt (R)	<b>M*</b>
<b>District 17</b>	
Ryan Silvey (R)	<b>NR/PL*</b>
Sandra Reeves (D)	<b>AL ↓</b>
<b>District 19</b>	
Kurt Schaefer (R)	<b>NR/M *</b>
Mary Wynne Still (D)	<b>AL ↓*</b>
<b>District 21</b>	
David Pearce (R)	<b>NR/M*</b>
Mike McGhee (R)	<b>PL*</b>
ElGene Ver Dught (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>District 23</b>	
Tom Dempsey (R)	<b>NR/M*</b>
<b>District 25</b>	
Doug Libla (R)	<b>PL</b>
<b>TERRY SWINGER (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 27</b>	
<b>WAYNE WALLINGFORD (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Ellen Brandom (R)	<b>PL*</b>
<b>DISTRICT 29</b>	
<b>JAMES E. STRAHAN (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>GAYLE (ABIGAYLE) WRIDGE (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>DAVID SATER (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>JIM STRAFUSS (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 31</b>	
Scott Largent (R)	<b>NR/PL*</b>
<b>ED EMERY (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Dave Morris (R)	<b>NR</b>
Charles A. (Charlie) Burton (D)	<b>NR</b>

**District 33**

Mike Cunningham (R)	<b>NR/M</b>
<b>DON WELLS (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Ward Franz (R)	<b>NR/PL*</b>
<b>MO House of Representatives</b>	
<b>District 1</b>	
Mike Thomson (R)	<b>PL*</b>
<b>District 2</b>	
Casey Guernsey (R)	<b>NR/PL*</b>
<b>District 3</b>	
<b>NATE WALKER (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Rebecca McClanahan (D)	<b>AL↓</b>
<b>District 4</b>	
Craig Redmon (R)	<b>NR/PL*</b>
<b>District 5</b>	
<b>LINDELL F. SHUMAKE (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>TOM SHIVELY (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 6</b>	
<b>RON GILLETT (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>TONY ASKEW (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>ALAN R. WYATT (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>TIM REMOLE (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>DIANA J. SCOTT (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 7</b>	
Mike Lair (R)	<b>PL*</b>
John A. Myers (R)	<b>NR</b>
<b>HARRY WYSE (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>TRAVIS GONZALEZ (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 8</b>	
<b>JAMES W. (JIM) NEELY (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
James T. (Jim) Crenshaw (D)	<b>NR</b>
Clint Hylton (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>District 9</b>	
<b>DELUS JOHNSON (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 10</b>	
Pat Conway (D)	<b>AL *</b>
<b>District 11</b>	
Galen Wayne Higdon Jr. (R)	<b>NR/PL*</b>
<b>District 12</b>	
<b>KEN WILSON (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>JOSH HURLBERT (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 13</b>	
<b>NICK MARSHALL (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Gerry Byrne (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>District 14</b>	
<b>RON SCHIEBER (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Eric Pendell (D)	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 15</b>	
<b>KEVIN CORLEW (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Jon Carpenter (D)	<b>NR</b>
Shon Adamson (D)	<b>AL</b>
Carol Suter (D)	<b>AL ↓</b>

**District 16**

Noel J. Shull (R)	<b>M</b>
<b>VIC HURLBERT (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Jim Sweere (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>District 17</b>	
Myron Neth (R)	<b>NR/PL*</b>
Mark Ellebracht (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>District 18</b>	
Jay Swearingen (D)	<b>AL ↓*</b>
<b>District 19</b>	
John Joseph Rizzo (D)	<b>AL*</b>
<b>District 20</b>	
<b>BRENT LASATER (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
John A. Mayfield (D)	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 21</b>	
<b>VICKI RILEY (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Ira Anders (D)	<b>AL*</b>
<b>District 22</b>	
Brandon Ellington (D)	<b>AL ↓</b>
<b>HENRY CARNER (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 23</b>	
Randy D. Dunn (D)	<b>NR</b>
Derron L. Black (D)	<b>NR</b>
Erik K. Stafford (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>District 24</b>	
Jonathan Sternberg (R)	<b>NR</b>
Judy Morgan (D)	<b>AL ↓</b>
Sarah Gillooly (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>District 25</b>	
Joshua Judy (R)	<b>NR</b>
<b>SALLY MILLER (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Jeremy LaFaver (D)	<b>AL ↓</b>
<b>District 26</b>	
Gail McCann Beatty (D)	<b>AL ↓</b>
<b>District 27</b>	
Bill Clinton Young (D)	<b>NR</b>
Bonnye V. Mims (D)	<b>AL ↓</b>
<b>ADNAN BAYAZID (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>
<b>District 28</b>	
<b>JIM AZIERE (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>
Tom McDonald (D)	<b>AL ↓*</b>
Patrick J. Riehle (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>District 29</b>	
Noel Torpey (R)	<b>PL*</b>
John Sutton (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>District 30</b>	
Mike Cierpiot (R)	<b>PL*</b>
Shere Alam (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>District 31</b>	
Chris Lievsay (R)	<b>PL</b>
Sheila Solon (R)	<b>PL*</b>
Syed Asif (D)	<b>NR</b>
<b>DALE WALKUP (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>

<b>District 32</b>		<b>District 48</b>		<b>District 63</b>
Jeanie Lauer (R)	PL*	<b>DAVE MUNTZEL (R)</b>	PL	<b>BRYAN SPENCER (R)</b>
Sherbaz Khan (D)	NR	Ron Monnig (D)	AL ↓	<b>CHRIS GARD (R)</b>
<b>District 33</b>		<b>District 49</b>		<b>BILL STINSON (D)</b>
Donna Pfautsch (R)	M	<b>JEANIE RIDDLE (R)</b>	PL	<b>District 64</b>
<b>RON HARVEY (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>	Pamela (Pam) Murray (D)	NR	<b>ROBERT CORNEJO (R)</b>
<b>District 34</b>		<b>District 50</b>		Rick Stokes (R)
Jeff Grisamore (R)	NR/PL	Caleb Jones (R)	NR/PL*	<b>WAYNE J. HENKE (D)</b>
<b>District 35</b>		<b>District 51</b>		<b>District 65</b>
Gary Cross (R)	NR/PL*	<b>DEAN A. DOHRMAN (R)</b>	PL	Anne Zerr (R)
<b>District 36</b>		Gary L. Grigsby (D)	AL	NR/PL*
Kevin McManus (D)	AL*	Raymond F. Kinney (D)	NR	<b>District 66</b>
<b>District 37</b>		<b>District 52</b>		Tommie Pierson (D)
<b>NOLA WOOD (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>STANLEY COX (R)</b>	PL	Terry L. Wilson, Sr. (D)
Joe Runions (D)	NR	Phyllis Sue Domann (D)	NR	<b>District 67</b>
Mike Sager (D)	AL	<b>District 53</b>		Steve Webb (D)
Christopher J. (Chris) Moreno (D)	M	<b>GLEN KOLKMEYER (R)</b>	PL	Tony Weaver (D)
<b>District 38</b>		Holmes Osborne (D)	NR	<b>District 68</b>
T. J. Berry (R)	PL*	<b>District 54</b>		<b>REKHA SHARMA (R)</b>
Kevin Morgan (D)	AL	Denny Hoskins (R)	PL*	<b>KEITH ENGLISH (D)</b>
<b>District 39</b>		Nancy Maxwell (D)	AL	Bert Atkins (D)
<b>JOE DON MCGAUGH (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>District 55</b>		Todd Hoffman (D)
<b>WILL TALBERT (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>	Rick Brattin (R)	NR/PL	<b>District 69</b>
<b>District 40</b>		Jim White (D)	NR	<b>GLEN LINDEMANN (R)</b>
Jim Hansen (R)	PL	<b>District 56</b>		Margo McNeil (D)
<b>PAUL QUINN (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>	Chris Molendorp (R)	NR/PL*	<b>District 70</b>
<b>District 41</b>		Patty Johnson (D)	AL↓	<b>EUGENE DOKES (R)</b>
Beverly A. Steiniger (R)	PL	<b>District 57</b>		Tyler Holyfield (R)
<b>ED SCHIEFFER (D)</b>	<b>PL</b>	Wanda Brown (R)	NR/PL*	Bill Otto (D)
<b>District 42</b>		Don Bullock (D)	PL	<b>District 71</b>
<b>BART KORMAN (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>District 58</b>		Susan Meredith (D)
<b>District 43</b>		<b>JAMES E. BRYANT (R)</b>	PL	Tracy McCreery (D)
Jay D. Houghton (R)	PL*	<b>DAVID WOOD (R)</b>	PL	<b>District 72</b>
Ed Lockwood (D)	AL ↓	Steve Henderson (R)	NR	<b>PATRICK J. BRENNEN (R)</b>
<b>District 44</b>		<b>District 59</b>		Eileen Grant McGeoghegan (D)
<b>CALEB ROWDEN (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>MIKE BERNSKOETTER (R)</b>	PL	Mary Nichols (D)
Mike Becker (R)	NR	Vonnieta E. Trickey (D)	NR	Paul Berry (D)
Chris Dwyer (R)	PL	<b>District 60</b>		<b>District 73</b>
Dennis Smith (R)	NR	Jason (Jay) Barnes (R)	NR/PL*	Courtney Curtis (D)
Ken Jacob (D)	AL↓	Thomas F. Minihan (D)	NR	Doug Clemens (D)
<b>District 45</b>		<b>District 61</b>		<b>District 74</b>
Chris Kelly (D)	AL ↓*	<b>DAVE SCHATZ (R)</b>	PL	Sharon L. Pace (D)
<b>District 46</b>		Michael Sage (D)	NR	C. M. Spreng (D)
<b>FRED BERRY (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>	<b>District 62</b>		<b>District 75</b>
Stephen Webber (D)	AL ↓*	<b>CHRIS BRUNDICK (R)</b>	PL	Sylvester Taylor II (D)
<b>District 47</b>		<b>STEPHEN WIEBERG (R)</b>	PL	Rochelle Walton Gray (D)
<b>MITCH RICHARDS (R)</b>	<b>PL</b>	Chris Mertz (R)	NR	<b>District 76</b>
Nancy Copenhaver (D)	AL ↓	Matthew Combs (R)	NR	Chris Carter (D)
John A. Wright (D)	NR	<b>TOM HURST (R)</b>	PL	AL ↓*
		Bruce Sassmann (R)	NR	<b>District 77</b>
		<b>ELDON L. KELLEY (R)</b>	PL	Chris Elliott (D)
		Joe Clay Crum (D)	NR	McFarlane E. Duncan (D)
		<b>GREG STRATMAN (D)</b>	PL	Kimberly M. Gardner (D)

<b>District 78</b>		<b>District 96</b>		<b>District 114</b>	
Penny V. Hubbard (D)	AL ↓*	Mike Leara (R)	NR/PL*	<b>BECKY RUTH (R)</b>	PL
Ruth Ehresman (D)	AL ↓			T. J. McKenna (D)	NR
Samuel J. Cummings III (D)	NR	<b>District 97</b>		<b>District 115</b>	
<b>District 79</b>		John McCaherty (R)	PL*	<b>ELAINE FREEMAN GANNON (R)</b>	PL
Martin Casas (D)	NR	Sam Komo (D)	AL ↓	<b>JOE DETTER (D)</b>	PL
Michael Butler (D)	AL	<b>District 98</b>	NR/PL*	<b>RICH MCCANE (D)</b>	PL
<b>District 80</b>		Dwight Scharnhorst (R)		<b>DAN DARIAN (D)</b>	PL
Mike Colona (D)	AL ↓*	<b>District 99</b>		<b>District 116</b>	
<b>RIO VITALE (D)</b>	PL	<b>ANDREW KOENIG (R)</b>	PL	<b>JOHN ROBINSON (R)</b>	PL
Jacob W. Hummel (D)	M	William H. (Bill) Pinkston (D)	NR	Kevin Engler (R)	NR/M*
<b>District 81</b>		<b>District 100</b>	PL*	<b>District 117</b>	
EDWARD HARLOW (R)	PL	Sue Allen (R)		<b>LINDA BLACK (D)</b>	PL
Michele Kratky (D)	M*	<b>District 101</b>	PL*	<b>District 118</b>	
<b>District 83</b>		Don Gosen (R)		<b>BEN HARRIS (D)</b>	PL
Gina Mitten (D)	AL ↓	<b>District 102</b>	PL	<b>District 119</b>	
James Trout (D)	AL	<b>KURT BAHR (R)</b>	M	Dave Hinson (R)	PL*
<b>District 84</b>		John Callahan (D)	NR/M*	<b>District 120</b>	
Hope Whitehead (D)	AL ↓	<b>District 103</b>		<b>JASON T. SMITH (R)</b>	PL
Karla May (D)	AL ↓*	Douglas Funderburk (R)		<b>District 121</b>	
Mike Owens (D)	NR	<b>District 104</b>	PL	James R. Skaggs (R)	PL
<b>District 85</b>		<b>KATHIE CONWAY (R)</b>	PL	Keith Frederick (R)	PL*
Clem Smith (D)	AL ↓	Terry Lesinski (D)	PL	<b>District 122</b>	
<b>District 86</b>		<b>District 105</b>		Cliff Hammock (R)	NR
Rory Ellinger (D)	AL ↓*	Mark A. Parkinson (R)	PL*	Twyla N. Cordry (R)	NR
<b>District 87</b>		<b>District 106</b>	PL	<b>STEVE LYNCH (R)</b>	PL
Susan Carlson (D)	AL ↓*	Kyle Albert (R)	NR	Tony Miller (R)	NR
Stacey Newman (D)	AL ↓*	<b>CHRISSY SOMMER (R)</b>	NR	<b>District 123</b>	
<b>District 88</b>		Tom Fann (D)	NR	<b>DIANE FRANKLIN (R)</b>	PL
Jill Schupp (D)	AL ↓*	<b>District 107</b>	PL	Todd Isaac (Ike) Skelton (R)	NR
<b>District 89</b>		<b>RON HICKS (R)</b>	PL	<b>District 124</b>	
John J. Diehl Jr. (R)	NR/PL*	<b>A. C. DIENOFF (R)</b>	PL	<b>CAROLYN F. LORAIN (R)</b>	PL
<b>District 90</b>		Rod Hoffman (D)	NR	Rocky Miller (R)	M
Rick Stream (R)	PL*	<b>District 108</b>	NR/PL*	Johnnie Franzeskos (R)	NR
Deb Lavender (D)	AL ↓	Chuck Gatschenberger (R)		<b>District 125</b>	
<b>District 91</b>		<b>District 109</b>		<b>ROBERT SAWYER (R)</b>	PL
ELIZABETH DEAL (R)	PL	<b>PAUL CURTMAN (R)</b>	PL	Warren D. Love (R)	NR
Jeanne Kirkton (D)	AL ↓*	Ann Schroeder (D)	NR	<b>JOSH JONES (R)</b>	PL
<b>District 92</b>		<b>District 110</b>		<b>District 126</b>	
AL FAULSTICH (R)	PL	Timothy W. Jones (R)	PL*	Randy Pike (R)	NR
Genise D. Montecillo (D)	AL ↓*	<b>District 111</b>		<b>BARBARA YORK (R)</b>	PL
<b>District 93</b>		<b>DERRICK R. GOOD (R)</b>	PL	Bill Yarberry (R)	NR
TONY LEECH (R)	PL	Ian McFarland (R)	NR	<b>District 127</b>	
Bob Burns (D)	AL ↓	Michael Frame (D)	AL	<b>MIKE KELLEY (R)</b>	PL
Joe Montecillo (D)	NR	<b>District 112</b>		<b>District 128</b>	
<b>District 94</b>		<b>PAUL WIELAND (R)</b>	PL	<b>SUE ENTLICHER (R)</b>	PL
CLORIA BROWN (R)	PL	Avery A. Fortenberry (R)	M	<b>District 129</b>	
Tim Hotop (R)	NR	Dean Asbury (D)	NR	<b>SANDY CRAWFORD (R)</b>	PL
Vicki Lorenz Englund (R)	AL ↓	Daniel E. James (D)	NR	Randy Angst (R)	PL
<b>District 95</b>		<b>District 113</b>		John L. Wilson (D)	NR
Marsha Haefner (R)	NR/PL*	<b>DAN E. SMITH (R)</b>	PL	<b>District 130</b>	
Joe Zelle (D)	NR	Jeff Roorda (D)	AL	<b>JEFF MESSENGER (R)</b>	PL
				Thomas Long (R)	PL*
				Loren Hunt (R)	PL

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Arthur Hodge Sr. (R)		NR	
<b>LARRY ROARK (R)</b>	PL		
<b>TOM MARTZ (R)</b>	PL		
<b>District 132</b>			
<b>MELISSA LEACH (R)</b>	PL		
Charlie Norr (D)	AL ↓		
<b>District 133</b>			
<b>ERIC W. BURLISON (R)</b>	PL		
Nicholas Ivan Ladendorf (D)	M		
Richard Buchli (D)	NR		
<b>District 134</b>			
John Sellars (R)	NR		
<b>ELIJAH HAAHR (R)</b>	PL		
James M. Owen (D)	NR		
<b>District 135</b>			
Lincoln Hough (R)	NR/PL*		
Casey Clark (D)	NR		
<b>District 136</b>			
<b>KEVIN AUSTIN (R)</b>	PL		
Ken Boyce (R)	NR		
<b>District 137</b>			
Lyndall Fraker (R)	NR/PL*		
<b>District 138</b>			
<b>DON PHILLIPS (R)</b>	PL		
<b>District 139</b>			
Kevin Elmer (R)	PL*		
Clayton Jones (R)	NR		
Bob Rubino (D)	NR		
<b>District 140</b>			
Lynn Morris (R)	PL		
<b>MATTHEW P. BLOCK (R)</b>	PL		
Bill Preston (R)	NR		
<b>District 141</b>			
<b>TONY DUGGER (R)</b>	PL		
<b>District 142</b>			
<b>DON BORDWELL (R)</b>	PL		
Chris Purvis (R)	NR		
Robert Ross (R)	NR		
Ted Sheppard (R)	NR		
<b>District 143</b>			
<b>JEFFREY POGUE (R)</b>	PL		
<b>SHANE VAN STEENIS (D)</b>	PL		
<b>District 144</b>			
<b>PAUL FITZWATER (R)</b>	PL		
Michael L. Jackson (D)	NR		
<b>District 145</b>			
Shelley (White) Keeney (R)	NR/PL*		
<b>District 146</b>			
Van C. Hitt (R)	PL		
Donna Lichtenegger (R)	PL*		
Gerald Adams (R)	PL		
<b>District 147</b>			
<b>KATHY SWAN (R)</b>	PL		
<b>District 148</b>			
<b>HOLLY REHDER (R)</b>	PL		
<b>JOSH BILL (R)</b>	PL		
Mike Marsh (D)	NR		
Bart Ziegenhorn (D)	NR		
<b>District 149</b>			
Neal E. Boyd (R)	PL		
<b>STEVE HODGES (D)</b>	PL		
<b>District 150</b>			
<b>KENT HAMPTON (R)</b>	PL		
Tom Todd (D)	NR/M		
<b>District 151</b>			
<b>BOB THROWER (R)</b>	PL		
<b>DENNIS FOWLER (R)</b>	PL		
Gary L. Gaines (D)	NR		
Ryan Wm. Holder (D)	NR		
<b>District 152</b>			
Todd Richardson (R)	NR/PL*		
<b>District 153</b>			
<b>STEVE COOKSON (R)</b>	PL		
<b>District 154</b>			
Shawn Rhoads (R)	NR		
<b>KATHLEEN HENSLEY (R)</b>	PL		
<b>STAN WATSON (R)</b>	PL		
R. A. Pendergrass (D)	NR		
<b>District 155</b>			
Lyle Rowland (R)	PL*		
Mike Lind (R)	PL		
<b>District 156</b>			
Jeff Jestus (R)	NR		
<b>GAIL HINSHAW (R)</b>	PL		
<b>District 157</b>			
Don Ruzicka (R)	NR/PL*		
<b>District 158</b>			
<b>SCOTT FITZPATRICK (R)</b>	PL		
<b>MIKE BENNETT (R)</b>	PL		
<b>FRANK WASHBURN (R)</b>	PL		
<b>District 159</b>			
Bill Lant (R)	NR/PL*		
Freddie Jennings (R)	NR		
<b>District 160</b>			
Bill Reiboldt (R)	NR/PL*		
<b>District 161</b>			
William (Bill) White (R)	NR/PL*		
<b>District 162</b>			
<b>CHARLIE DAVIS (R)</b>	PL		
<b>District 163</b>			
Cory Hyland (R)	NR		
Tom Flanigan (R)	NR/PL*		

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## **Elections have consequences!**

**Thank you for  
Voting**



**Inside -- Candidate ratings and endorsements for  
the August 7 primary election**



*Excerpts from Baptists for Life Inc., bfl.org*

*Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus . . . and  
whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men.* ~ Colossians 3:17, 23

When Paul wrote these words, he may not have had voting in mind. As a Roman citizen, he had more privileges than some – to own property, make contracts, marry, and migrate – but the right to vote could be exercised only when in Rome. And it's doubtful he was able to participate in civic life while under house arrest or in prison.

In a sense, his situation was similar to that of many Christians today living under repressive regimes. Although most modern nations hold elections and have universal suffrage, many deny their citizens the ability to vote their consciences.

Those of us, however, who do enjoy free and fair elections mustn't take voting for granted. It's our right and responsibility. For Americans, the "whatsoever" of Colossians definitely extends to participation in government – voting and beyond.

We all might take a lesson from God's instructions to the exiles in Jeremiah 29:5-7 – to build homes, settle in, plant gardens, marry, raise families . . . and seek the peace of the city wherever we live.

But for whom should we vote? What are the values we can bring to the voting booth that accord with Jesus' name? How can we be sure our votes serve Him and not men?

The best leaders submit to God's sovereignty and acknowledge their need of His help. They know they're accountable to Him and persevere in obedience (see the examples of Israel and Judah's kings). But even the most secular leaders can exhibit qualities that are commended by God in Scripture, ...

Such leaders would assuredly serve the best interests of everyone in the communities, the states, the countries where we live.

### ***Vote pro-life!***

What about a candidate's stance on abortion? How important is it, compared to issues such as the economy or the environment?

One could make the case that all issues affect the sanctity of human life, but none is more foundational than the right to life itself. If there is no justice for the most vulnerable human beings, there can be justice for none. Candidates ought not pit "interest groups" against the unborn.

Some say, "If you're really pro-life you'll join the [fill-in-the-blank] cause!" But these are often the same people who refuse to also speak for the unborn. Why should the tiniest of little ones be forced to wait at the end of the line behind those with more money or a louder megaphone? Too many are being killed every day!

Countless times in Scripture God decries the perversion of justice and shedding of innocent blood. He hates violence. Isaiah 59:7-8 describes people who run toward evil and hasten to commit murder and yet foolishly expect to find peace. The way of bloodshed does not yield peace or prosperity.

In Acts 3:14-15, Peter called our Savior the "Prince of life." In their jealousy and rage, the rulers chose to release a murderer and kill the "Author of life" instead! In service to our Prince, when we go to the voting booth, may we all love what God loves and choose life.