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MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES

Contemplating What Normal Will Be

As we all move through our days with new and different routines, we must not let our guard down or become vulnerable. We must ensure we stay strong to fight the battles ahead. Innocent lives depend on us to be in the battle.



Some of the issues for today are:

1. Whether abortion is considered to be “essential” healthcare. It is not and has never been! And the abortion industry is working double time to find ways to take advantage of vulnerable women and families.
2. Whether care for someone with an illness like Covid 19 is

“essential” healthcare. It is and they should receive care!

President Trump, Governor Parson, and our statewide

leaders are working to get our nation back to safety and to the normal we all remember. Our enemies are watching to see if we are weak and vulnerable so they can attack. Our leaders are ready to protect us.

Your Missouri Right to Life team is working through these tough times to make sure we don't lose ground, that we don't become vulnerable or weak. Our enemies that seek to destroy innocent little lives are watching us too. They are watching to find a weak link. They are working through this crisis to find ways to take innocent lives instead of seeking ways to help people through this crisis.

We must remain vigilant as well through these times. And with your help we will. Pray constantly, be calm and safe, watch out for your family and neighbors, and give as you can. Remember us as we continue the daily battle for the right to life that we all hold so dear.

Our prayers are with all of you as we go through this blessed Easter season. May God watch over us and continue to give us guidance and strength.

Life needed you and you came!

John Ashcroft receives the Champion of Life Award!

Our Keynote speaker at the Show-me Life Pro-Life Action Day, the Honorable John Ashcroft, recounted the many abortion cases he has dealt with over his many years in public office, specifically as Missouri Attorney General and as U.S. Attorney General.

At the end of his speech he expressed great appreciation for all the pro-life warriors who have fought the battle over many decades, both those in attendance and those not able to attend. He commented that of all his many positions and titles (State Auditor, MO Attorney General, Governor, U.S. Senator, and U.S. Attorney General) nothing surpassed the nobility of his pro-life work!

He was awarded the 2020 Champion of Life Award from Missouri Right to Life. Thank you Mr. Ashcroft for always defending the sanctity of human life!

Thank you to all who came to Pro-Life Action Day on March 10! Your participation makes a difference in passing pro-life legislation that is saving lives!



Honorable John Ashcroft is awarded the Champion of Life Award at “Show Me Life” Pro-Life Action Day for his years of tireless work defending the sanctity of life.

From the President ~

Follow the money!

We're living in the Twilight Zone.

Churches are shut down and abortion clinics are open. Just think about that. In our lifetime, there is no scenario we could have ever conceived that would make an upside-down statement like that come true. But it is true.

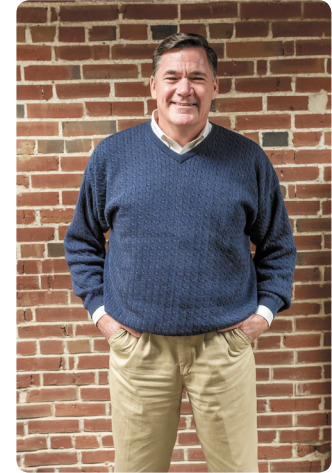
Here's another ghastly statement — Americans are literally flushing their children down the family toilet in hundreds of thousands of homes across this country. Again, just think about that statement -- flushing human beings down the toilet. How could this be true? But it is true because of the “popularity” of the abortion pill, RU-486. I say popular because the abortion pill is wildly profitable for the abortion industry. Compared to a surgical abortion that takes abortionists, nurses, equipment, buildings and other expenses, RU-486 is just a couple of pills that cost almost nothing by comparison — yet they can still charge the same as some surgical abortions. Follow the money. So, the abortion industry is pushing RU-486 hard. By some estimates, it now comprises nearly half of all abortions in America.

And then along comes the corona virus. A pro-abortion politician once said, “Never let a serious crisis go to waste.”

The abortion industry is following his advice. They are exploiting the virus to sell America on the abortion pill. And they're exploiting women by putting them in danger in the name of profit. They've created clever names for the abortion pill such as, “Self-managed abortions” or, “At home abortions.” They say we need these abortions to keep women safe from the virus. They say for the safety of women now is the time to make the abortion pill available at the corner pharmacy, through mail order, and in vending machines on college campuses. They say it's not about profit or furthering the ideology of abortion. No, it's only about women being safe. **Baloney!**

The abortion pill hurts women. Let me repeat that — the abortion pill hurts women. Women have died from the abortion pill. Women have been hospitalized because of hemorrhaging from the abortion pill. Women have suffered severe emotional pain from the abortion pill. And every time the abortion pill is used, an innocent child dies and is flushed down the toilet like so much garbage. Half of those children are girls just starting their lives.

But people like you, the members of Missouri Right to Life, stand in their way. Thank you! Keep fighting. Keep exposing their hypocrisy. Keep standing up for women and children. Keep praying!



Steve Rupp

God bless you!

Steve Rupp



Missouri Right to Life Victory Fund Endorses President Donald J. Trump for Re-Election

Missouri Right to Life Victory Fund proudly endorses Donald J. Trump for the 2020 Presidential Race. Trump

stands on the right side of our freedoms for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. For pro-lifers, the right to life is where it all begins!

Trump's Presidential record on life includes:

- **Defunding Planned Parenthood:** In 2017, President Trump signed a resolution that once again allows states to defund certain abortion facilities in their federally funded family planning programs. In 2018, President Trump's Health and Human Services Department issued regulations to ensure Title X funding does not fund facilities that perform or refer for abortions.
- **Supreme Court:** President Trump has appointed U.S. Supreme Court justices who believe that federal courts should enforce rights based on the text and history of the Constitution.
- **Mexico City Policy:** President Trump restored the Mexico City Policy preventing tax funds from going to organizations that perform abortions or lobby to change abortion laws around the world. He later expanded the policy to prevent \$9 billion in foreign aid from being used to fund the global abortion industry.
- **Protecting Unborn Children:** President Trump supports the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act.
- **Ethical Research:** The Trump Administration has taken additional steps to ensure that the National Institutes of Health will not fund its own research that uses tissue from elective abortions and will pursue development of ethical alternatives.

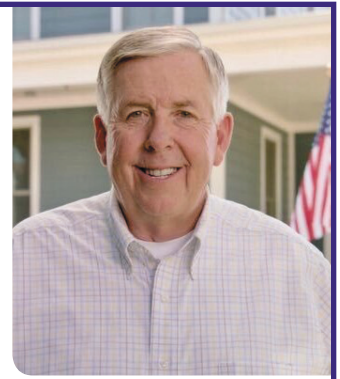
Missouri Right to Life Victory Fund is proud to give a single endorsement to Donald J. Trump for President for the 2020 Presidential Race.

Joe Biden, the likely presidential candidate of the Democrat Party, is 100% pro-abortion.



Missouri Right to Life State PAC Endorses Mike Parson For Governor for 2020 Election

Missouri Right to Life State Political Action Committee is pleased to give a single endorsement to Mike Parson for Governor for the 2020 elections. This endorsement represents our selection of Mike as the candidate who has a proven record and has consistently worked for the protection of innocent human lives.



- In his almost 15 years of public service in state government, Governor Parson has defended vulnerable people throughout Missouri.
- Governor Parson's leadership and his compassion for people has placed the protection of women and babies as a top priority in Missouri politics.
- He "Stands for the Unborn" with the majority of Missourians. This stand was evidenced during the 2019 legislative session with the passage and at the signing of HB 126, Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act.
- Governor Parson has been strong in appointing individuals with strong pro-life convictions in positions within his administration. These positions are critical to continue pro-life policies in Missouri that work to protect women and unborn babies.

We must elect Mike Parson for Governor in November 2020 so we can continue to live in a Missouri where women and babies are equally protected!

Nicole Galloway, the leading Democrat candidate for governor, has been endorsed by the extreme pro-abortion group Emily's List.

Galloway made it clear in her announcement that she will ensure that innocent babies can be killed by abortion. Galloway would take Missouri backwards and end protections for women and unborn babies, and she will do this under the guise of keeping abortion legal and giving women the right to choose death for their unborn babies for any reason.



US Department of Health and Human Services will uphold human rights in relation to health care resource allocation.

Alex Schadenberg, Ex. Director,
Euthanasia Prevention Coalition

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued a bulletin on March 28 concerning the provision of health care during the Covid-19 crisis.

Disability rights groups, and others, challenged the health-care orders that have been issued by several states, including Alabama and Washington State, denying human rights and equality of people with disabilities, if healthcare rationing is deemed necessary during the Covid-19 crisis....

Sheri Fink, writing for the New York Times, wrote an excellent article on the HHS bulletin and the healthcare protocols that led to complaints by the disability community. Fink quotes Roger Severino, the director of the HHS office responding to the release of the bulletin, as stating:

"Our civil rights laws protect the equal dignity of every human life from ruthless utilitarianism,".. "Persons with disabilities, with limited English skills and older persons should not be put at the end of the line for health care during emergencies."

Fink writes that Severino was responding to several complaints. She states:

Mr. Severino said in an interview that in response to multiple complaints, his office was opening the investigations to ensure that state-mandated rationing plans "are fully compliant with civil rights law." He said his office had heard from "a broad spectrum of civil rights groups, pro-life groups, disability rights groups, from prominent members of Congress from both sides of the aisle, from ordinary people who are concerned about their civil rights in this time of crisis."

Ari Ne'eman, a disability rights scholar commented on the HHS bulletin. Ne'eman states that there was "urgent need for comprehensive guidance." Fink quotes Ne'eman as stating, "Some (state) plans instruct hospitals not to offer mechanical ventilators to people above a certain age or with particular health conditions."

In Alabama's plan, people with "severe or profound mental retardation" as well as "moderate to severe dementia" should be considered "unlikely candidates for ventilator support" during a period of rationing. Washington's guidance recommends that triage teams consider transferring hospital patients with "loss of reserves in energy, physical ability, cognition and general health" to outpatient or palliative care.

In defense of the Washington State rationing plan, Fink quotes Dr Kathy Lofy, the health officer of Washington State:

"The guidance in Washington around managing scarce resources during emergencies was largely designed to avoid discrimination during the allocation of scarce resources and involves a regional team to ensure resources are being allocated in a fair way,"

The Alabama Health Department is quoted by Fink as stating:

The state's ventilator triage guidelines had been "greatly misunderstood" and were "solely intended as a tool for providers" making difficult choices. The statement said the document, which remained on its website on Saturday, was over a decade old and had since been replaced by a more comprehensive set of guidelines for health care emergencies.

Those newer guidelines did not address ventilator triage, but

said that the allocation of care should not be discriminatory.

Fink explains that disability rights groups were concerned because people who required long-term use of a ventilator might have been removed from the ventilator based on these state protocols. She writes that the plans typically include protocols for removing ventilators from people after a certain time period if they do not appear to be improving. In some states, including New York, people who required ventilators long-term, such as those who have certain spinal cord injuries, could be subject to having their ventilators reassigned under the protocol if they were admitted to hospitals during the crisis.

Many of the plans, even if they do not include outright age restrictions, consider stage of life as a factor in assigning ventilators or critical care beds. The civil rights office's new statement might put that into question.

Fink quotes Severino, who assures Americans that human rights laws will be upheld during the Covid-19 crisis.

If the country reached a point where health care rationing standards would be applied, "those standards must comply with civil rights laws."

"Ultimately the question as to resource allocation is not a scientific or medical one," "It is ultimately a moral and legal one."

Ne'amen is quoted as stating, "enforcement of our civil rights laws should never be called into question, even in the context of an emergency."

Fink ends her article with a promise from Severino, "I want to make sure in this time of crisis, we don't forget the foundational principles that are part of what makes America so special, that we do care for everybody, that every person in America deserves equal dignity and respect." He continued, "Our response will be a reflection of our national character."

Even in a crisis, human rights and equality must be maintained.



Celebrate a lifetime of giving...

... by giving *beyond a lifetime!*
Invest in your vision – a world in which every human life is protected and respected.

Yours is a Legacy of Life and Love

Your decision to enact a planned gift to Missouri Right to Life and/or our Education Fund (tax-deductible) through your will, trust, or an annuity reflects your commitment to grassroots pro-life work across Missouri. It is a gift that lives on – and saves lives.

For information or to request a confidential consultation, contact:



"One life,
a little
gleam
between
two
eternities."

~ Thomas Carlyle

Pro-Life Across Missouri

save^{\$} date

Friday, May 15 **Missouri Right to Life Golf Tournament**, Eagles' Landing, Belton MO. Information/Registration at www.mrlwesternregion.org/golf-tournament

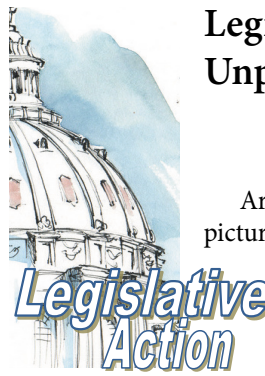
Saturday, May 30 **Pregnancy Help Center 5K Walk/Run**, Jefferson City, 8:30 am in Memorial Park.

Fri - Sat, June 26-27 **National Right to Life Convention**, Herndon VA. Register today at nrlconvention.com

Friday, July 24 **Missouri Right to Life Golf Tournament**, The Links at Dardenne, O'Fallon MO. Information/Registration at www.easternregionmrl.org/golf

Thursday, August 13 **MRL-Randolph County Celebration of Life Banquet**, Moberly MO. For information, contact Therese Sander at 660.651.9748 or Sarah Mefford at 660.651.8327.

Thursday, Nov. 19 **Missouri Right to Life Celebration of Life Banquet**, Orlando Event Center, Maryland Heights MO. Information at www.eastern-regionmrl.org/dinner



Legislative Update in an Unprecedented Time...

Susan Klein

Ex. Director & Legislative Liaison

Aren't we glad that God knows the bigger picture!

Prior to the tornado hitting Jefferson City and before the Corona virus of 2020, we passed in 2019 and 2017, the most pro-life bills in the United States that are protecting women, babies, and families. These significant pieces of legislation, HB 126 of 2019 and SB 5 of 2017, were made for an unprecedented time in the history of the United States as well as the world. Abortion numbers are dropping significantly in Missouri because of the passage of pro-life legislation like SB 5 and HB 126. We are continuing to work to make Missouri the first abortion free state since Roe.

While our legislators are watching out for us to maintain our needs and safety, we are working with them to ensure that those who would attempt to label an "elective" abortion as "essential" healthcare do not access our tax dollars to take the lives of innocent unborn babies in this time of crisis.

While the legislature is operating on a limited schedule, the state budget is their main focus. During the weeks ahead you will hear of the supplemental budget bill, HB 2014, getting passed to see us through the rest of the 2020 budget year and this time of crisis, as well as continued work on the 2021 fiscal year budget. Your Missouri Right to Life team is working with state legislators to ensure pro-life protections on these bills where needed. Additionally, we are working with our federal delegation.

The abortion industry and those who seek to destroy innocent human lives at every stage of development are on the move. They will not catch us off guard! We will continue to defend the right to life of every innocent human being at every stage of development. We will not live in fear, but rather live out our faith. We will not be weak, but rather be strong and run this race that has been given us.

We have been fighting this battle for 47 years. We are winning, and we will not give up!

Pray constantly and remember we are in Jefferson City and Washington, D.C. fighting for the right to life of those who have no voice in this trying time.

Memorials

*In memory of a loved one or a friend,
these gifts were made to Missouri Right to Life.*

In memory of ~

Alicia M. Brauer

Bertha Goettemoeller

Mary Pudlowski

Patricia Unland

Gerald Vogel

Given by ~

John & Audrey Brauer

Jim & Ann Cole

St. Peter Catholic School & Staff

Mark & Marcia Azar

Ed & Christy Baum

Kelly & Kristi Cobb

Brian & Barb Vogel



Missouri Right to Life thanks those who honor their deceased loved ones or who celebrate an important event by making a gift to MRL.

A Reminder ~

You will receive your next MRL News in July. It will be the Primary Election issue and will have Missouri Right to Life Political Action Committee's major-party candidate information for the August 4th Primary.

July 8th is the last day you may register to vote in the August 4th Primary.



February's statewide Republican Lincoln Days in Springfield finds MRL in attendance. (L-R) Jerry Nieters, MRL Legislative Chair, Susan Klein, MRL Ex. Director, and Dave Plemmons, MRL PAC Chair, man the MRL booth at Lincoln Days.

I'm counting on you!

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- 1. Pray for a return of respect for life!**
- 2. Continue defending life!**
- 3. Send your most generous gift to support the mission of Missouri Right to Life!**

Thank You!

Remember When

All of Missouri Right to Life's normal chapter and region activities have somewhat ground to a halt -- the fair booths, parades, spring festivals, and banquets. But you're still spreading the message of the beauty of life however possible, and you will all be back out there just as soon as possible.

Let's share some moments from the past -- let's look back at just a few of the good works you have done to share the pro-life message!



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Be a Voice for the Voiceless!



Join the Pro-Life Communication Network!

Legislators tell us that listening to their constituents is very important to their decision-making process. After almost 47 years of working in the legislative arenas, we know that's true.

Pro-life constituent participation is critical to passing pro-life legislation!

To enhance our lobbying efforts, Missouri Right to Life has initiated the Pro-Life Communication Network to update you on state and national legislative efforts, public policy situations, and action alerts.

With your agreement, we send you a text or email informing you of a need to contact your U.S. or state elected officials.

This network, with the touch of one button, will give you the ability to contact these important individuals with a pro-life message or request.

Please join the Pro-Life Communication Network!

- Go to: <https://www.votervoice.net/MOLIFE/home> and enter your email address and zip code for email alerts.
- To receive text messages, please text MOLIFE to 50457.

You have our guarantee that your private information will be used for no other reason than this Pro-life Communication Network and will never be shared or used for any other purpose.