



MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Members of the Missouri Senate

FROM: Steve Rupp, President
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RE: Pro-Life Amendment 1 to SS#2 to SB 1

As you know, on Tuesday, April 20th, Senator Bob Onder offered pro-life Senate Amendment 1 to SS#2 SB 1. The following pro-life amendment would prevent public tax dollars from being used to pay for abortion services in Missouri:

", provided, no funds shall be expended to any abortion facility, as defined in section 188.015, or any affiliate or associate thereof";

Last year Planned Parenthood, the nation's number one abortion provider, sued the State of Missouri in order to gain access to all Missouri citizens public tax dollars. The Missouri Supreme Court ruled that legislators could not legislate in a budget bill. The Court was silent on whether elected officials could protect Missouri's public monies by placing regulations in Missouri statute. The pro-life majority in the Missouri Senate should have no problem passing this simple pro-life amendment that you have voted on for over a decade in the budget bills.

Advocates for unborn human lives are united in the commitment to stopping public funding of abortions. Pro-Life Missourians have worked tirelessly for 50 years to end abortion and we find it abhorrent to think we could be forced again to pay for someone else's abortion.

When the pro-abortion Biden Administration does away with the Hyde Amendment, the above pro-life amendment will give the Missouri leaders of Mo HealthNet direction on what pro-life Missourians do not want to spend our public dollars on. Pro-life Missourians are more interested in saving innocent lives and finding solutions to help women and mothers rather than being forced to pay for abortions. And, we need our pro-life majorities in the Missouri House and Senate to make sure this does not happen.

Missouri Right to Life has been consistent over the years in supporting life-saving legislation to save innocent preborn babies from being killed in such horrendous ways and to protect pregnant moms from the deceptions of the abortion industry.

For these reasons, Missouri Right to Life strongly supports the above "pro-life amendment language" to Senate Sub #2 to SB 1 and respectfully asks the Missouri Senate to retain this new pro-life provision in any further actions to MO HealthNet. Our goal is to save innocent human lives in all cases and work to prevent our public dollars from paying for abortions and the destruction of innocent human lives from conception until natural death.