

## **OVERTURNED**

"Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary."

Galatians 6:9

Our work on behalf of unborn children continues.



t word of the Supreme Court's ruling on Roe v. Wade, Missouri Right to Life President Steve Rupp proclaimed, "Today we thank God! May He be with us as we continue to defend the most precious children in this new era! Today we celebrate! And then we go back to work to protect unborn babies and women from the abortion industry. May God continue to bless our work."

National Right to Life President Carol Tobias, interviewed at NRL Convention 2022 after the reversal of Roe v. Wade, made this statement:

The Supreme Court, in its wisdom, has ruled that a right to kill preborn babies is *not* in the US Constitution and has returned the decision-making ability back to elected representatives of the people.

We'll rejoice! We'll celebrate! Then we'll get back to work.

And we will remember June 24, 2022, as the day a grievous wrong was righted.

During World War II, after the tide seemed to have turned for the better, Winston Churchill famously stated, "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning."

For almost 50 years, the courts have tied our hands, limiting our ability to protect unborn children. We have been fighting for these little ones in many ways but states will now be able to provide far greater protections.

Some of you live in states that refuse to protect unborn children at any point during pregnancy and even use tax dollars to pay for the evil deed -- don't be disheartened and don't give up. Mothers and their unborn children need you to continue to be a voice for Life.

With continued persistence and determination, we will, one day soon, paraphrase Winston Churchill and say, "This is the beginning of the end." Or better yet, "This is the end and the babies are safe!" During this long struggle, every one of you has been a light shining in the darkness. I thank God for each of you and look forward to the coming years as we continue to build a culture that respects the value and dignity of human life.

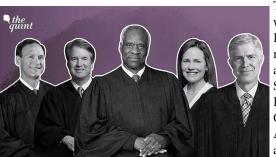
## Missouri became the first state to ban abortions following the decision

The move came at the hands of Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt, who signed an order that outlawed abortion shortly after the Supreme Court's decision was announced.

"This is a monumental day for the sanctity of life," Schmitt said after the signing. "Today [June 24] following the United States Supreme Court's ruling that overturned Roe v Wade, with the issuance of an attorney general opinion, my office has yet again reinforced Missouri's dedication to protecting the sanctity of life, both born and unborn."

At least 10 other states are expected to follow Missouri's lead.

Early on June 24, Supreme Court justices overturned Roe v Wade in a 5-4 vote, handing the power to decide whether abortion is legal to individual states.



These are the justices who voted to overturn Roe v. Wade. Left to right, Supreme Court associate justices Samuel A. Alito Jr., Brett M. Kavanaugh, Clarence Thomas, Amy Coney Barrett, and Neil M. Gorsuch.

## Make your voice heard. Make your vote matter!

# Let's read about why to vote pro-life!

#### Five Reasons to Vote Pro-Life

Voting is an opportunity to share in one of our most sacred rights. The entire U.S. House of Representatives (435 members) is up for re-election, as are 33 U.S. Senators. Missouri has 163 Missouri house seats and 17 senate seats up for election.

With that in mind, let's consider five reasons why we should vote pro-life in the August primary election and the November general election.



Here are some thoughts, a few suggested by Heartbeat International, that seem worth considering:

- 1. If you are a person of faith, you probably already know that God values life and you can recall the words of Jesus who said, 'Let the little children come unto me, do not forbid them," or Jeremiah, "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you." These verses, and many more, highlight God's view of human life.
- 2. Our Declaration of Independence, the words upon which our Country and Constitution were founded, exclaims, "All Men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness."
- 3. In view of these two truths, the third thing your pro-life vote will do is make the case that funding abortion with taxpayer funds, or funding Planned Parenthood, is wrong. We need to elect men and women who will oppose taxpayer funded abortions and funding Planned Parenthood.
- 4. Pro-lifers are building a culture of life. Our prayers and our work have overturned Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that allowed abortion-on-demand for any and all reasons. Electing the right leaders will help confirm the right judges who will reach the right decisions in protecting life.
- 5. Lastly, there are many politicians who come up with creative ways to end human life on behalf of their pro-abortion campaign contributors. They use scenarios that bear no resemblance to reality, making claims like "abortion is health care" when science proves that abortion is almost never medically necessary to preserve the life of the mother, and stopping an active beating heart is the opposite of "health care."

#### Voting Reminders ~

Your next newsletter will have candidate endorsements by Missouri Right to Life Federal and State Political Action Committees for the November 8<sup>th</sup> General Election.

October 12<sup>th</sup> is the last day you may register to vote in the November 8th General Election.

#### Voting Information ~

Registered Missourians who are unable to go to their polling place on election day may vote absentee beginning six weeks prior to the election.

Complete instructions for registering and for absentee voting are available on the Missouri Secretary of State's webpage, www.sos.mo.gov/elections/ goVoteMissouri.

## MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS FOR PRIMARY ELECTION AUGUST 2, 2022

KEYUNLISTED DISTRICTSI IncumbentR RepublicanD DemocratHAVE NO ENDORSEMENT.Candidates in districts with multiple endorsements are listed as they appear on the ballot.

Federal Races	U.S. Congress District 2	U.S. Congress District 6
U.S. Senator	Ann Wagner (R) I	Sam Graves (R) I
Eric Schmitt (R)	U.S. Congress District 3	U.S. Congress District 7
Billy Long (R)	Blaine Luetkemeyer (R) I	Eric Burlison (R)
Eric Greitens (R)	U.S. Congress District 4 <b>Rick Brattin (R)</b>	U.S. Congress District 8 Jason Smith (R) I
Vicky Hartzler (R)		
Mark McCloskey (R)	U.S. Congress District 5	
	Jacob Turk (R)	

#### **STATE RACES**

After careful review of all candidates in each state race, Missouri Right to Life State Political Action Committee issued the endorsements shown on the next pages. Explanation of endorsement consideration:

When your incumbent Missouri Senate and House members say they voted to defund Planned Parenthood, remember the following actions and timeline:

- 1. June 2020 Missouri Supreme Court Rules that "Pro-life Language to defund Planned Parenthood in budget bills is unconstitutional."
- 2. January May 2021 Missouri House and Senate do not put pro-life language to defund Planned Parenthood in statute.
- January May 2021 Missouri House and Senate leaders offer language that would require Missouri to ask the Biden Administration for permission to defund Planned Parenthood. MRL refuses language.
- June 2021 Governor calls Special Session Missouri House puts prolife language in separate FRA (Federal Reimbursement Allowance) bill (HB 2) after Senate had already voted multiple times to defeat pro-life protections.
- 5. June 2021 (Special Session) Instead of holding SB 1, FRA bill with no pro-life language, House sends the Senate the FRA bill with the pro-life language and the FRA bill without the pro-life language. Senate takes up FRA bill with no pro-life language and passes it without considering the bill with pro-life language. Special Session ends.
- 6. House and Senate members state that they could not vote to defund Planned Parenthood in FRA because it would put their rural hospitals in jeopardy. Those rural hospitals are still in jeopardy.

7. Senate begins Interim Committee to "study Planned Parenthood funding issue."

- 8. Senate releases information that Missouri is indeed writing checks to Planned Parenthood, for past years withheld, from direction of the MO Supreme Court decision of June 2020. Over \$1.3 million.
- 9. January May 2022 Missouri Right to Life asks for pro-life language to defund Planned Parenthood be placed in statute as the Missouri Supreme Court mentioned in discussion in June of 2020 as well as Cole County Circuit Judge mentioned as he deliberated Medicaid Expansion in 2020.
- 10. 2022 Legislative Session Senators voted against putting pro-life language in Statute. House members vote for defunding language but it fails to pass the Senate again.
- 11. 2022 Legislative Session House passes supplemental budget bill and sends it to the Senate with *no* pro-life protective language. Senate adds same pro-life protective language to supplemental budget bill HB 3014 that the MO Supreme Court ruled unconstitutional with the exception that they add a line item of "0" dollars for Planned Parenthood. This wording, added by our Senate, legitimizes Planned Parenthood's claim to state funds. Something this Republican super majority should not want to do! The House and Senate did the same thing in budget bills HB 3010 and HB 3011. Planned Parenthood has challenged the language again.
- 12. Missouri Right to Life gave credit to legislators for these 2022 budget bill votes. However, while we hope and pray that this new approach in the budget makes it through the court, the vote in the 2021 Special Session to *not* defund Planned Parenthood and then see Missouri paying out to Planned Parenthood over \$1.3 million of our tax dollars goes against the fundamental position of pro-life citizens across Missouri. We await the court ruling and will be asking that pro-life protective language be put in statute in the 2023 Legislative Session.

There are few votes that override a voting record, and MRL Political Action Committees could not in good conscience endorse incumbents while Planned Parenthood is still getting our tax dollars to fund abortions or now to fund the travel for women to get abortions. We saw a prime example of this in St. Louis City on June 28th when a City Council committee passed Bill 61 to use over \$1.5 million dollars of COVID monies that our MO Dept of Health received from the Federal Government and then disbursed to state agencies for COVID relief. They will now be using some of these funds to pay for women's travel to get abortions. Missouri Right to Life was right in asking for pro-life language to be placed in statute to ensure public dollars do not go to pay for or subsidize abortions. An MRL PAC endorsement is meant to help candidates who will do everything they can to protect these innocent babies from the horrors of abortion. Watching this happen with super majorities in the House and Senate is very disappointing to pro-life Missourians.

#### **Missouri Statewide**

State Auditor David Gregory (R) Scott Fitzpatrick (R)

#### **Missouri Senate**

(Only even numbered senate districts have elections in 2022)

District 2 Nick Schroer (R)

District 4 Mary Theresa McLean (R)

District 6 Scott Riedel (R)

District 8 Joe Nicola (R) Rachl Aguirre (R)

District 10 Bryan Spencer (R)

District 12 Delus Johnson (R)

District 20 Curtis Trent (R)

District 22 Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R)

District 26 Ben Brown (R) Bob Jones (R)

District 30 Angela Romine (R)

District 32 Jill Carter (R)

#### **MO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

District 1 Jasper Logan (R) Alan Bennett (R) Holly Kay Cronk (R) Michelle Horner (R) Jeff Farnan (R)

District 2 Mazzie Boyd (R)

District 12 Tom Hutsler (R)

District 14 Eric Holmes (R)

District 20 Aaron McMullen (R)

District 21 Dakota Worrell (R)

District 28 Jennell Houts (R)

District 29 David Martin (R) James Lowman (R)

District 34 J.C. Crossley (R)

District 38 Chris Lonsdale (R) Eben Hall (R)

District 40 Dan Moran (R)

District 41 Phil Newbold (R) Milton Schaper (R) Doyle Justus (R)

District 42 Jeff Myers (R) M. Rene Yoesel (R) Joseph S. Holiway (R)

District 47 John Martin (R) District 49 Jim Schulte (R) Shannon Graziano (R) Steven Myers (R)

District 50 James Musgraves (R)

District 56 Michael Davis (R) I

District 62 Bing Schimmelpfenning (R) Jessica Jane Levsen (R) Sherri Gallick (R)

District 63 Carla Klaskin (R) Tricia K. Byrnes (R)

District 65 Wendy Hausman (R)

District 69 Adam Schnelting (R) I

District 71 Karan Pujji (R)

District 82 Robert J. Crump (R)

District 92 Bob Mahacek (R)

District 93 Kenneth Abram (R)

District 96 Mike Tsichlis (R) Brad Christ (R)

District 97 David Casteel (R) Ryan Jones (R)

District 98 Ryan Higgins (R)

District 99 LaVanna M. Wrobley (R)

District 100 Philip Oehlerking (R) District 101 Ben Keathley (R)

District 102 Richard W. West (R) I

District 103 Duell Wayne Lauderdale (R) Dave Hinman (R)

District 106 Travis Wilson (R) Buddy Hardin (R) Linda J. Luera-Sanchez (R) Ali Graeff (R)

District 107 Mark A. Matthiesen (R)

District 108 Matthew Griese (R) Justin Hicks (R) Karen Vennard (R)

District 109 John Simmons (R) I

District 110 Bruce DeGroot (R) I

District 111 Cecelie Williams (R) District 113 Terry William Burgess (R) Phil Amato (R)

District 114 Ken Waller (R) Ann Moloney (R)

District 118 Mike McGirl (R) I

District 119 Marty L. Marler (R) Brad Banderman (R) Brian Pickard (R)

District 120 Matthew S. Williams (R)

District 125 Andrew Hurt (R) Dane Diehl (R) Dennis Turner (R)

Dictrict 126 David Kelsay (R)

District 130 Bishop Davidson (R) I District 133 Melanie Stinnett (R)

District 135 AJ Exner (R)

District 137 Thomas R. (Tom) Barr (R) Darin Chappell (R)

District 139 Bob Titus (R)

District 140 Jamie Ray Gragg (R)

District 147 John Voss (R) Elaine Edgar (R) Nathan Thomas (R)

District 149 Donnie Brown (R) Eric Garris (R)

District 150 Cameron Bunting Parker (R)

District 152 Hardy W. Billington (R) I

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Here's a pro-life ballot to take with you to the voting booth! Missouri Right to Life PAC-endorsed candidates that will be on everyone's ballot are listed, then you may fill in your Congressperson, Missouri Senator, and Missouri House member from the endorsements in this *MRL PAC News*. Unlisted districts have no endorsement. Voting districts are shown on your Voter Registration Card or may be found on the MRL website (missourilife.org) at the "Legislation" drop-down box, then "Find My Legislator."

## My Pro-Life Ballot

U.S. Senator (select one) Eric Schmitt (R) Billy Long (R) Eric Greitens (R) Vicky Hartzler (R) Mark McCloskey (R) State Auditor (select one) David Gregory (R) Scott Fitzpatrick (R)

#### **United States Congress**

Missouri Senate (only even-numbered districts)

Missouri House

#### Abortion activists attempt to intimidate pro-life student at his home

Aidan Morley, the founder of the Students for Life of America group at the College of Charleston and president of the campus Catholic Students Association, has said that a group of abortion activists went to his home in the middle of the night recently in an attempt to intimidate him.

Morley detailed the incident in a blog post, saying that it occurred after he placed a sign reading, "I am the Pro-life Generation" in his bedroom window. "I had put the sign in my window because a neighbor across the way from me had plastered various pro-abortion signs in her window, and I wanted to represent the pro-life movement on campus — so I put up a singular sign," he said. "However, my one light-blue sign, which proclaimed my part in the Pro-Life Generation, angered several different pro-abortion female students. They went on a mission to find out whose room it was that held the pro-life sign, and they eventually discovered it was mine."

Morley explained that several young women had previously stolen one of his organization's signs, defacing it with pro-abortion graffiti. They then used that sign to attempt to intimidate him. He wrote, "Around 2 a.m. on April 9, when I was asleep inside my room, the girls stood outside my house with the vandalized sign. They stuck it into the yard and filmed insulting Snapchat videos and pictures, flipping me off and rolling around in the grass. They took the sign and left when they were finished with the vandalism as they didn't want to get caught."

Morley was able to see the whole incident the next day on Snapchat. "[My friend] couldn't believe how creepy it was, and I was right there with him — hanging out in a threatening manner in front of someone's house at night is pretty low (but that's the abortion lobby for you). "

Morley said that he filed a report with the Dean of Students, but the only action taken was to give him \$10 to replace the sign. Despite this disappointing outcome, he says he will not be swayed from his pro-life mission. "No matter what stones abortion supporters throw at me (or how many times they try to intimidate me), the Pro-Life Generation at the College of Charleston will not waver as we push forward to an abortion-free America."

While this incident occurred in April, prior to the leaked Supreme Court draft opinion indicating the court will likely

> overturn Roe v. Wade [and prior to the actual decision to overturn Roe v. Wade], it coincides with an increase in violence and vandalism from the pro-abortion movement. Groups are firebombing pregnancy resource centers and pro-life offices, disrupting church services, and inciting violence online, often with the slogan, "If abortion isn't safe, neither are you."

> *By Bridget Sielicki of Live Action News June 22, 2022. www.liveaction.org/news*



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### Memorials & Honorariums

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

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

## Pro-Life Across Missouri save date

- Sat., July 23 MRL Statewide Leadership Meeting - Pleus Hall, Immaculate Conception Parish, 1206 E McCarty, Jefferson City. Social time 9:30-10:00 am, meeting time 10:00 am-2:00 pm.
  Wed., Sept 7 "Keep Missouri Pro-Life" Dinner & Program - St. Charles Convention Center. See full ad on the back page.
- Fri., Sept. 16 MRL Western Region Golf Tournament - Eagle's Landing Golf Course, Belton MO. Call 816 547-5617 for more info or to register.

September 28 - Fall 40 Days for Life - Is November 6 your church, youth group, or organization wanting to adopt a day or multiple days at the fall vigil? In Missouri, vigils will be held in Columbia and St Louis. In the KC area, a vigil will be in Overland Park. Specific information about each site is at www.40daysforlife.com.



Come alongside us and help save precious lives.

#### **Because LIFE Matters!**

Your gift to Missouri Right to Life PAC helps elect candidates who support the sanctity of innocent LIFE!

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Above - Just one more picture from the April Midwest March for Life in Jefferson City. How could we not pass this on to you -- truly they and many like them are the Pro-Life Generation. And those who have been involved in this mission for many years happily welcome them!

Left - Part of the Missouri Right to Life contingent with Melissa Ohden, the founder of Abortion Survivor's Network. They are attending the National Right to Life Convention 2022. Left to right are Maggie Bick, Jan Boyle, Pam Fichter, Melissa, Susan Klein, and Beth Sykora. All were excited to be at the NRLC Convention when the news broke that the Supreme Court overturned Roe v. Wade. Much excitement and prayerful thanksgiving took place!



#### **INSIDE** -

MRL PAC Candidate Endorsements for August 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election



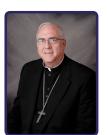


## Save the date!

Wednesday, September 7, 2022



Featuring the testimony of Tim Tebow, a Heisman Trophy winner, first-round NFL draft pick, and a longtime pro-life advocate.



Archbishop Joseph Naumann will be honored with the Champion of Life Award.



Dinner and Program Sponsored by Missouri Right to Life

St. Charles Convention Center St. Charles, MO 7:00 p.m. Banquet ticket - \$100

For additional information, go to MRLBanquet.com



"We are endowed by our creator with certain unalienable rights.... among these are the right to life ...."