



MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri House and Senate Members

FROM: Steve Rupp, President
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RE: **Support of SS SCS SB's 45 & 90**

NOTE: **HCS SS SCS SB's 45 & 90 and HCS HB's 354, 965, 254 & 957**
Do Not have Pro-life Clarifying Language

Missouri pro-life legislators have worked for years to ensure that women in crisis or unexpected pregnancies have resources to help them through their pregnancy and give them resources to better their lives after childbirth. Pro-life legislators have provided assistance to these women and their unborn babies through programs like Alternatives-to-Abortion and the Show-Me Healthy Babies Programs. These programs, through great resources like our Pregnancy Resource Centers, have helped more women choose life for their unborn babies.

Missouri Right to Life has supported the passage and funding for these programs because they promote care for a woman and her child upon childbirth.

As these bills have moved through the legislative process, Missouri Right to Life has come to support the Senate Substitute version of SB's 45 & 90 that includes clarifying language to ensure that people are not paying for a woman to have an elective abortion and then receive care paid for with public tax dollars in the MoHealthNet Program. While we have concern for post-abortive women, we in no way want to provide an incentive for someone to seek an abortion knowing that she will have this extended care available.

While Missouri Right to Life supports continued funding for the Alternatives-to-Abortion and Show-Me Healthy Babies Programs, we support the SS SCS SB 45 & 90 because it clarifies that insurance coverage for the end of a pregnancy is for birth of the child, stillborn or miscarriage and does NOT include elective abortions unless clarified by the life of a mother exception.