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MEMORANDUM

TO: Missouri House and Senate Republicans

FROM: Steve Rupp, President
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RE: **Opposition to Federal Reimbursement Allowance (FRA) without Pro-Life Protective Language Defunding Planned Parenthood See Recommended Pro-Life Protective Language Below**

DATE: January 3, 2024

The pro-life community continues our opposition to public tax dollars going to Planned Parenthood, the largest abortion provider in the United States.

Although abortion is banned in Missouri, Planned Parenthood facilities are affiliates of their National Organization and public dollars are used to subsidize their abortion business nationwide. Our goal is to save innocent pre-born human lives and ensure that public tax dollars are not used for their destruction.

If you have questions or any doubts about Planned Parenthood's intention to undermine Missouri pro-life laws, we encourage you to go to this video and see for yourself some of the blatant ways Planned Parenthood facilities do business:

<https://www.wnd.com/2023/12/video-planned-parenthood-allegedly-willing-send-child-across-state-line-abortion/>. Without accountability, the willful acts of Planned Parenthood to undermine parental authority will continue unchecked.

Advocates for pre-born human lives are united in the commitment to deny public funding to facilities that support abortion via travel, referral or support of their affiliates performing abortions in other states.

Pro-life Missourians have worked tirelessly for more than 50 years to end abortion and we find it abhorrent to think we are forced to continue to pay for abortions in any way.

Missouri Right to Life has been consistent over the years in supporting life-saving legislation to save innocent pre-born babies from being killed in such horrendous ways and to protect pregnant moms from the deceptions of the abortion industry. Paying for abortions in Illinois, Kansas, Oklahoma or any other state through any Planned Parenthood location should not be a part of our Missouri budget for social services or healthcare.

The courts have on numerous occasions said that if the legislature wants to defund Planned Parenthood, that they need to do it by changing statute rather than in budget bills.

The Biden Administration has shown time and time again that they are determined to pay for so-called abortion care in any way and by any means possible.

NOTE: Recent history in our Missouri legislature on this issue has shown pro-life Missourians that the pro-life protective language should be in the same bill as the legislation that seeks to grant public monies to any organization that is affiliated with the largest abortion provider in the United States.

For these reasons, Missouri Right to Life requests the following language be added to any FRA legislation to stop public tax dollars going to any facility affiliated or associated with the nation's largest abortion provider, Planned Parenthood:

Recommended pro-life protective language for FRA:

“It shall be unlawful for any public funds to be expended to any abortion facility, or to any person or entity that is an affiliate or associate of any entity that, in this state or any other state, operates an abortion facility or refers patients to an abortion facility.”