

December 15, 2024

Dear Pro-Life Partners,

A culture does not collapse on a dime, but in gradual withdrawals of common sense. This past year may have arguably brought us to the precipice of disaster, but a significant segment of America seems to have been increasingly taking leave of their senses for some time now. Thank God for fresh starts and second chances. Though 2024 brought us a devastating setback to pro-life legislation, let's pray that 2025 brings positive change to hearts and minds in Missouri.

I would like to give a big "Thank you!" and extend my sincere appreciation for everyone who

- gave financially to Missouri Right to Life this year,
- used their talents to further the cause of life,
- stepped out of their comfort zone to make an impact on our communities,
- spent precious time to get involved, and
- prayed for the many aspects of the pro-life movement.



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2025 may bring some new tweaking to our specific goals, but our overarching purpose is timeless and consistent—defend the sanctity of life. We want to be a voice for the unborn and an advocate for women, because each abortion leaves two victims in its wake. Anyone who is interested in helping out can get on our volunteer list (email [mrl-wr@att.net](mailto:mrl-wr@att.net)) and stay informed on upcoming festival booth events, training events, educational events, fundraising events, public outreach (including Hispanic and African-American communities), board opportunities, and prayer needs.

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#### **Western Region Goals and Financial Needs for 2025 (not exhaustive)**

- Increase # of student scholarships to attend the March for Life in Washington D.C.
- Host a pro-life training or educational event once every quarter.
- Produce literature and sponsor events specifically for public outreach campaigns.
- Create new initiatives to reach the Hispanic and African-American communities.
- Market curriculum to reach youth via area schools and churches.
- Increase contributions to the state office of MRL to help fight Amendment 3 in an upcoming election cycle (TBD).

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#### **What Missouri Right to Life is doing in Jefferson City to Fight Amendment 3 (not exhaustive)**

- Scrutinize each point of every lawsuit that Planned Parenthood is filing to challenge present safeguards for women in Missouri and determine if we have a basis to rebut.
- Lobby for complete transparency in abortion statistics reporting. Presently, reporting is skewed and veiled, which hinders the ability to get a clear view of how women are being harmed by abortion, putting women's health at risk. Accurate reporting will allow us to challenge tangible data.
- Write statutes to challenge the ramifications of Amendment 3 in the constitution. In the event that stated outcomes arise, we will have them on record and have grounds for legal action.
- Possibly open a lawsuit to challenge undefined terms such as "viability." Hence, any legislation piece we propose will be airtight in its specificity.
- Push for a referendum (written by the House & Senate) to go back on the ballot, perhaps for the midterm, but more likely in 4 years. (We will not need to collect petition signatures since we have already given evidence of a large pro-life coalition.)

Let's work together to make 2025 a Project for Life!

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