



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 10:58 PM
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I Support Life and These Additional Protections Offered for the Child.			



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WITNESS NAME: BECKY CAMPBELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: thecampbellfour@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 8:35 PM
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WITNESS NAME: BETTY SMITH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: bettylousmith53@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 9:25 AM
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WITNESS NAME: BEV EHLEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: bevehlen@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2022 10:01 PM
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WITNESS NAME: BEVERLEY FRIES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: bvfries@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/13/2022 10:07 PM
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Vote Pro-Life. I Support Life and the Republican platform.			



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WITNESS NAME: CAROL PITZER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: allaboutjesus@centurytel.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2022 7:14 PM
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Science tells us that human life begins at the time of conception. From the moment fertilization takes place, the child's genetic makeup is already complete. Its gender has already been determined, along with its height and hair, eye and skin color. The only thing the embryo needs to become a fully-functioning being is the time to grow and develop. To take the life of a live fetus or baby born alive is murder. Therefore, I am in favor of HB1593.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: CARRIE ANN YANSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: carrieann200@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 1:38 PM

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If a child is born alive then by killing it you are committing MURDER. No question about it. As a conservative it is astonishing to me that a human being chooses to kill it's own.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: CHERIE STOTT		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: cstott44@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 8:12 AM
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I support this bill to help babies born alive.			



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: CHERYL BOHL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: cabohl@fidnet.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2022 10:37 PM

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Life begins at conception and babies in the womb need to be protected from tyrannical leftist barbaric laws. I am 100% for this bill.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE (CHRISS) WHITE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 12:00 AM
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: CINDY ANN HORN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: prayingmom1982@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2022 7:47 PM

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I believe every child has a right to live and be given every chance for survival. Please do the right thing and fight for life!



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: CINDY DEGGENDORF		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: cindydeggen@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 9:37 AM
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WITNESS NAME: CONSTANCE R LARSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: larsonfrme@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2022 10:30 PM

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A child born alive from an abortion should have the same rights as any other live born children.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: CYNTHIA BROWN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: brownjcac@outlook.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 6:52 PM
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DANA CROWDER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: dkc4jc@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2022 8:15 PM
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WITNESS NAME: DARLENE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: dbarrett@cityofstjohn.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 4:41 PM
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Children are our most treasure gift we have, we should never loose sight of that. Personally I believe abortion in murder and definitely if they survive an abortion and a child is still killed, it's murder. There are more than plenty of people who cannot have children and would be happy to adopt a child. Please save our children.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DEBRA COCHRAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 12:00 AM
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: DENNIS BOGLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: dbogle38@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/12/2022 2:50 PM
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This is most needed legislation to protect human life.			



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: DON HINKLE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-694-3177	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION		TITLE: DIRECTOR, PUBLIC POLICY, MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTI	
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CITY: ASHLAND		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65010
EMAIL: dhinkle@mobaptist.org	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2022 8:30 PM
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On behalf of more than 600,00 Southern Baptists across Missouri, I urge passage of HB 1593.			



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WITNESS NAME: DONALD LOWTHER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: dlowther@embarqmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 9:16 AM
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Please support HB1593. Thank you.			



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: GARY & BECKY RIDENHOUR		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: Mach1Mustang@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 2:18 AM
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I support HB 1593. All life is precious and a gift from God.			



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WITNESS NAME: GERI THWING		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jimger5@sbcglobal.net		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2022 5:40 PM
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Everyone is entitled to LIFE, liberty and the pursuit of happiness in our constitution. Do not take the lives of the innocent



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WITNESS NAME: GRACE BELLANTE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: gbellante20@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2022 11:02 AM
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I support this bill that protects the infant in all stages of development from conception to birth. I support any and all legislative efforts to protect our yet to be born gifts from God: our children



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES C. MEYER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jmeyer@meyerworks.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2022 12:46 PM

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I strongly support HB 1593. The state has an interest in protecting innocent human life in all circumstances.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES HANN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jameshann1963@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 7:56 PM

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Anyway the legislature can support life is a win for all humanity. If a human being survives abortion it should be afforded all the protections of life liberty and happiness.



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REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: JAMIE MORRIS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-7239	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE		TITLE: LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
EMAIL: morrisj@mocatholic.org	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 2/14/2022 12:15 PM
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WITNESS NAME: JANET HENNESSEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL: yodabird1@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 9:41 AM
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JEN BARKER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: hellojenhere@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 9:22 PM
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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER FOSTER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jennifoster84@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/13/2022 6:19 PM
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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER GORE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-473-0079	
REPRESENTING: CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA OF MISSOURI		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 1322 LEXINGTON ST.			
CITY: MEXICO		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65265
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/15/2022 12:00 AM	
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: JOAN RAWSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: joanrawson@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/10/2022 9:37 PM

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I support this bill 1593 which Sara Walsh from the 50th district has sponsored. I have met adults who were products of botched abortions. These individuals were remarkable adults even though unwanted



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WITNESS NAME: JOSEPHINE LEE AGUHOB GLASER, MD, FAAFP		PHONE NUMBER: 859-619-0063	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PROLIFE OBSTETRICIANS AND GYNECOLOGISTS-FAMILY MEDICINE SECTION		TITLE: DOCTOR	
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Thank you, Special Committee Members on Government Oversight for allowing me to present this letter of support for House Bill 1593 sponsored by Representative Sara Walsh. I am a wife, mother, daughter, sister, elder care giver, naturalized citizen, & Board Certified Family Physician with 26 years experience of womb-to-tomb care for individuals and families. I am an MU Graduate Class of 1996 from the School of Medicine. I am a lifetime member of the American Academy of ProLife Obstetrics and Gynecology--Family Medicine Section, (AAPLOG). Dr. Donna Harrison, the CEO of AAPLOG, provided supportive testimony to a similar bill in OH that was signed into law by Gov. DeWine in 12/2021. I would like to reference one paragraph from Dr. Harrison's testimony: "Physicians who practice according to the Hippocratic Oath understand that no matter the circumstances of their birth, infants who are born alive must be given appropriate medical care. Any infant who is born alive, at any stage of development, is a person entitled to the protections of the law and appropriate care as a new patient. There is no scientific or legal reason to distinguish between human beings born after an attempted abortion and human beings born after attempted live birth. A distressed newborn should get immediate emergency care and a professional evaluation to determine appropriate steps to promote his/her health and well-being. Obviously, a distressed newly born baby presents for emergency medical care at the moment of her or his birth, regardless of whether that birth results from an abortion attempt or attempted live delivery." The following information are obtained from the World Population Review and Charlotte Lozier Institute. Missouri is one of the states with the lowest abortion rates ranging from 1.2-4/1000 women between the ages of 15-44. Missouri reports that when totals from Illinois and Oklahoma are included, there were an estimated 9,238 Missouri resident abortions in 2019. According to Tessa Longbon's 2019 abortion reporting summary, Missouri requires medical professionals who treat abortion complications to report them to the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (MDHSS), regardless of whether the abortion occurred in Missouri or in a different state. In 2019, MDHSS received 93 abortion complication report forms with information on 112 complications. Thirty-seven percent of the forms were submitted for surgical abortions, 57 percent for chemical abortions, and six percent for abortions of unknown type. The most common complication was endometritis, occurring 22 times, followed by 21 cases of retained products of conception and 19 instances of failed abortion in which the pregnancy was undisturbed. The report does not indicate whether any babies were born from the 19 ongoing pregnancies, or whether these pregnancies were ended by a second abortion attempt. There were 17 cases of hemorrhaging, 13 incomplete abortions, three uterine perforations, and two cervical lacerations. Additionally, there were 13 unspecified complications, and two forms were received with no complications indicated. Twenty-nine women were hospitalized. This law ensures that physicians, nurses, and healthcare professionals live up to their duty to care for

vulnerable human beings at their greatest need. This law would require dignified care of the infant and supportive mental health care for the mother and accurate reporting of the outcomes for a failed abortion if the preborn was born alive after an attempted abortion. I support this type of legislation that promotes human flourishing and accountability for abortion providers and the business industry that supports it.



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All unborn children - at any stage of development of life - has the GOD Given Right to Life!! support this bill as any child in any stage of life, especially escaping an abortion, has a right to life!! It is not for any man-made law to interfere with GOD the Creator and His Truth of Life for All. The world has lost so many of GOD's Children through abortion and the result has been the wounding of men and women and those who perform abortion. If a woman/man wants peace, we must seek GOD & His Mercy.



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We need to stop MURDERING our children in the womb! It is NOT "my body my choice" as the pro-abortion people like to say!!...because the child produced from the union of the egg and the sperm is a distinct and SEPARATE HUMAN BEING from the the "host"...ie. the mother. The BABY has its own DNA that is NOT the same as the mother or the father! The tearing apart limb from limb of innocent human babies or burning them with saline...is barbaric and cruel beyond words. UNTIL WE STOP MURDERING OUR CHILDREN WITHIN THE WOMB...God will not look favorably on our nation! I agree unequivocally that any/all child/ren born alive during or after an abortion or attempted abortion shall have the same rights, privileges, and immunities as any other person, citizen, and resident of Missouri, including any other liveborn child....and I would also add ANY UNBORN CHILD AS WELL! NOTE : My comments also represent members of my family.



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It is very important that a child born alive during, or after, an abortion shall have the same rights, privileges, and immunities as any other person, including any other live born children. It is very important that we hold liable any person who knowingly causes the death of a child born alive. Please hear these individuals testimony of being born alive after a notion attempts.
<https://jimdaily.focusonthefamily.com/abortion-survivors-tell-their-stories/>



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If a child survives an abortion, it should be provided care and support. The inaction in such an instance is murder.



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I support pro life



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I support the Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Acts. No child, whether wanted or not by the parents, should be left for dead after a failed abortion. Doctors should stand on their Hippocrates Oath and not be allow to let children perish at their hands. There are many people who have survived an abortion and lived to tell about their experience and how thankful they are to have the chance to live. I was a young prideful, foolish young lady when I had an abortion. What I wouldn't do to have a 2nd chance to allow my child to live.



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Every person no matter the size is made in the image of God.			



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I believe and support that every child born alive during, or after, an abortion shall have the same rights, privileges, and immunities as any other person, including any other live born children. It will also hold liable any person who knowingly causes the death of a child born alive. My husband and the father of our four beautiful children was born to a woman who could not raise him. This mother gave birth to 10 children, raised three of them and gave seven babies up for adoption. She did not allow him or his siblings to be killed. Praise God that his biological mother loved him enough to give him the most beautiful gift possible. Life. Stop the murder of babies. Value the life that has been given. As a country we are in complete disobedience to our creator, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. There is no excuse for this. Jeremiah 1:5 "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart; I appointed you as a prophet to the nations."



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Every child born alive deserves all the help available to keep warm, continue breathing and feel safe in someone's arms. Too often legislators think they represent themselves, their retirement plans or paid lobbyists and powerful groups such as Planned Parenthood. Please remember you are elected to represent your constituents, including babies who survive the brutal abortions now encouraged and promulgated by some. Thanks to David Daleiden and Abby Johnson we KNOW that Planned Parenthood has turned abortion into a hugely profitable industry trafficking baby body parts. This must stop now. Protect infants born with a heartbeat and/or breath. If we don't protect these tiny, innocent babies we are the most pitiable people of all.



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I support bill HB 1593.



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We must protect the most defenseless American citizens among us. The Bible says ..." 'you shall not kill." Abortion stops a beating heart and ruins a woman's soul. . . Rescue thise being led away to slaughter for God hates the shedding of innocent blood. God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. We will all give an answer to Him for what we have done while here on earth.



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All babies born alive should have same right to live as any other person. To pursue life, liberty and happiness.



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I support this important Pro-life legislation because I believe that life begins at conception. Each unborn child has all the makings of a beautiful and productive citizen and should not be discriminated against because someone tried unsuccessfully to kill him/her. This is wrong. If a baby survives, that child is no less of a person than any other live-born child. The baby who survives abortion deserves the same protections and medical care as any other newborn. Please. Do the right thing. Support these little, defenseless survivors of abortion and grant them full personhood and full rights as a citizen of Missouri.



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Every American has a right to life. I'm glad my mom saw it that way.			



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If we don't have the WILL in Missouri to stop killing babies with abortion, we must at least respect & save & redeem what we can of the lives of the unborn.



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We must do everything we can to protect the unborn.			



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In support of passage of HB 1593, it is stated in the Constitution of Missouri that all persons have a natural right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness as well as equality under the law. The Constitution of Missouri specifies a fourteen-day limit on stem cell research and no implantation but fails to protect survivors of abortion that are born alive, treating the results of research with more ethical standards than a child that has been born. There are more protections, regulations, oversight, and ethical considerations for stem cell research than the birth of a child as a result of an abortion. There have been documented cases where such a child has been left to die without any pain relief or compassion, outside all standards of established, basic healthcare standards. This measure ensures that the same care would be provided to any child born alive at the same gestational age. This would extend the stated constitutional natural right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness in a fair and equal manner under the law to that of any other child born alive. Can it be ethical to do otherwise? I sincerely appreciate your consideration of this matter and the protection it would extend to all children born in the state of Missouri. Life is a precious gift that needs valued and protected.



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Testimony in Support of HB's 1593 & 1959The "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act"House Special Committee on Government Oversight – Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2022, 12:00 noonSamuel Lee, Director of Campaign Life MissouriHB's 1593 & 1959 would update the current prohibition on intentionally killing a child born alive after an abortion, by updating the law to conform with Missouri's Criminal Code and giving family members an opportunity to file a wrongful death action against someone who unlawfully caused the child's death.Currently, section 188.035 states: "Whoever, with intent to do so, shall take the life of a child aborted alive, shall be guilty of murder of the second degree." This section was first enacted in 1974.However, the section is unclear as to whether there are penalties if a born-alive abortion survivor dies or is injured because of someone's recklessness or criminal negligence, such as providing inadequate or no medical care. A prosecution under those circumstances might not proceed at all, or if initiated, might fail, because as the U.S. Supreme Court stated in 2008 in United States v. Santos, 553 U.S. 507, 514: Under a long line of our decisions, the tie must go to the defendant. The rule of lenity requires ambiguous criminal laws to be interpreted in favor of the defendants subjected to them.HB's 1593 & 1959 fix this ambiguity by updating section 188.035 to conform with Missouri's Criminal Code and allow for prosecution when a defendant knowingly, recklessly or with criminal negligence, causes the death of a child who was born alive during or immediately after an attempted abortion.How often are babies born-alive after an abortion? In 2016 The CDC issued a report finding that of the: Infant deaths for the 12 year period 2003 – 2014 assigned to code ICD-10 code P96.4 – Termination of pregnancy, affecting fetus and newborn ... of 588 deaths with mention of P96.4, 143 (24.3%) could definitively be classified as involving an induced termination ... However, it is possible that this number (143) underestimates the total number of deaths involving induced termination.To be clear, the CDC estimate is of those babies who were born alive and subsequently died after an attempted abortion. The numbers do not include those babies who survived the abortion attempt.And as the attached testimony from Melissa Ohden from Missouri from a few years ago in support of a similar Senate bill also points out: "It's important to note that this is an underestimate, because these are just reported numbers from hospitals, not abortion facilities." Mrs. Ohden herself is a survivor of a saline abortion attempt in 1977 and is the founder of The Abortion Survivors Network.HB's 1593 & 1959 also provide for a cause of action for wrongful death or personal injury when an "unlawful abortion or attempted unlawful abortion was performed or induced" and the mother or child was injured or died. This might occur when an abortion is performed later in pregnancy where the unborn child was viable. Or this might occur if illegal abortion pills were obtained later in pregnancy.A 26-year-old Newark, N.J., man was sentenced to a year in prison after he and his then 20-year-old girlfriend in 2019 ordered abortion pills online from a company in India and took the pills. She was 28 to 29 weeks pregnant. A baby boy was born alive the next day in their

apartment, but they did not seek medical care for the baby, who died and was discarded in a trash bag. The woman went to the hospital when she was hemorrhaging with the umbilical cord sticking outside of her. She received probation and 100 hours of community service, and told a judge she had been abused by her boyfriend since age 17.

March 12, 2019
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Dear Senator Onder and Members of the Senate Health and Pensions Committee,

Thank you for hearing SB 388, the "Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act" sponsored by Senator Eric Burlison. This bill is vitally important because children do survive abortions and the Born Alive Infants Protection Act signed into law by President Bush in 2002 was a definitions bill that provided no consequence for failing to provide medical care to survivors. There's limited data on the incidence of children surviving abortions, because, in the words of Doctor Willard Cates, former head of the CDC's Abortion Surveillance group, (quoted in the Philadelphia Inquirer of August 2, 1981): "(Live births) are little known because organized medicine, from fear of public clamor and legal action, treats them more as an embarrassment to be hushed up than a problem to be solved. It's like turning yourself in to the IRS for an audit. ... The tendency is not to report because there are only negative incentives." However, data from the CDC about the incidence of infants surviving abortion gives us an idea of the depth of the issue. As Arina Grossu testified before Congress, according to the CDC, "between the years 2003 and 2014 there were somewhere between 376 and 588 infant deaths under the medical code P96.4 which keeps track of babies born alive after a "termination of pregnancy." The CDC concluded that of the 588 babies, 143 were "definitively" born alive after an attempted abortion and they lived from minutes to one or more days, with 48% of the babies living between one to four hours. It's important to note that this is an underestimate, because these are just reported numbers from hospitals, not abortion facilities. Gosnell is only one abortionist who was responsible for "hundreds of snippings" of born-alive babies, yet he did not report even one. His numbers alone exceed the "definitive" numbers of the CDC. As if the number of children surviving abortion wasn't enough, as if the reality of the lack of consequence for failing to provide timely medical care to survivors or even killing them post-birth wasn't enough to convict me of the importance of this bill, my own story most certainly does. I am an abortion survivor, myself. In August of 1977, my birthmother, as a 19-year-old college student, had a saline infusion abortion forced upon her against her will by her mother, my maternal grandmother. The saline infusion abortion was the most common abortion procedure performed at the time, which involved injecting a toxic salt solution into the amniotic fluid surrounding me in the womb. The intent of that toxic salt solution was to poison and scald me to death. Typically, that procedure lasts about 72 hours—the child soaks in that toxic solution until their life is effectively ended by it, and then premature labor is induced, expelling the deceased child from the womb. My medical records indicate that I didn't soak in that saline solution for just three days, but five, while they tried numerous times to induce my birthmother's labor. No matter what people believe about abortion in our society, most people agree that what happened to me was horrific. But I also hope that people recognize that what happened to my birth mother during those five days was also horrific. Abortion ends the life of its primary victim—most of the time, and dramatically impacts the life of the secondary victim—the woman. Her labor was finally successfully induced on the fifth day, and I was delivered in the final step of that abortion procedure at St. Luke's Hospital in Sioux City, Iowa. However, instead of being delivered as a successful abortion—a deceased child, I was miraculously born alive. I weighed a little less than three pounds, which indicated to the medical professionals that my birth mother was much further along in her pregnancy than the 18-20 weeks pregnant that was estimated in medical records. In fact, a neonatologist remarked that he estimated me to be about 31 weeks gestational age. Whether the abortionist simply estimated wrong the gestation based on my birthmother's self-reporting, or he was lying in order to proceed with the abortion, we'll probably never know. What we do know is that when I was delivered alive that day, there was argument about whether I would be provided medical care. My adoptive parents were told that I was "laid aside," and that nurses intervened to save my life. I was contacted by a nurse two years ago now who was able to elaborate on this. She had read my book that had just been published, and knew that I was the baby that she remembered from St. Luke's. She shared how she was working in the NICU that day when a tall, blond nurse rushed me in, shouting "that damn Dr. Kelberg messed up!" Dr. Kelberg was my abortionist. She went on, though, and said, "she just kept gasping for breath! She just kept gasping for breath, and so I couldn't just leave her there to die!" I am one of the lucky ones—to not only survive an abortion, but to have someone fight to save me. We know this is not always the case. Look up the testimony of nurse Jill Stanek, in case you haven't heard of her experience, although there are so many more stories like hers. Despite the miracle of my survival, my prognosis was initially very guarded. I suffered from severe respiratory and liver problems, seizures...the doctors actually thought I had a fatal heart defect initially because of the amount of distress that my body was under. They indicated they didn't know how long I might live, and if I continued to live, that I would suffer from multiple disabilities. Yet here I am today, perfectly healthy. Passage of SB 388 will ensure that the fate of survivors like me aren't left in the hands

of their abortionist or the “luck of the draw” in what medical professional is working that day. Thank you for giving SB 388 every consideration and for all that you do for lives like mine through your legislative work. Sincerely yours in Life, Melissa Ohden, MSW Founder, The Abortion Survivors Network



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It's common sense, if a human being is born alive they should be afforded the same protections under the law as any other human being. It's frightening that we must clarify this in a law.



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Chairman Taylor, Vice-Chairman Eggleston, members of the committee; thank you for the opportunity to testify today in opposition to HB 1593 & 1959. Pro-Choice Missouri works to protect and expand every Missourian's right to bodily autonomy, to access essential reproductive health care including abortion, to access accurate information in order to make the best decisions for ourselves and our families, and to parent our children in safety and dignity. Moreover, we work to ensure reproductive justice for all Missourians, which involves advocating to reduce disparities based on race, income level, insurance coverage status, disability status among other factors. HB 1593 & 1959 have nothing to do with how abortion care actually works and are based on false claims. These proposed bills only seek to allow politicians to interfere with family decisions about palliative care for an infant who tragically won't survive for long. These families are making the best decisions they can in heartbreaking circumstances. Parents facing these situations often want to spend this very limited time with their infant comforting them. Politicians shouldn't force medical intervention when families are trying to peacefully say goodbye to a child who cannot survive. If this becomes law, parents and doctors will have absolutely no say in how the last few minutes or hours of their child's life will be spent. Existing law criminalizes infanticide in the state of Missouri and on the federal level. The passage of HB 1596 in 1986 expanded the definition of infanticide under §1.205.2 in Missouri, and the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act of 2002 was passed and signed into law to criminalize infanticide. Neil Siegel, a professor of law at Duke Law School, explains that "there is no lack of statutory or constitutional law that would protect babies through a live birth or a failed abortion." The disinformation perpetuated by this bill vilifies families and the doctors who care for them and wildly misleads the public about these rare and complicated scenarios. When families are making difficult, complicated, personal medical decisions, one-size-fits-all laws don't work and often lead to prolonged suffering. Missourian Robin Utz, who speaks to this body often about her family's harrowing experience navigating MO's extremist health restrictions, writes that it "was one of the most callous and insulting experiences we have ever endured," in her op-ed Opinion



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This big government overreach is utter nonsense that will result in real harm to people seeking abortion and curtail their liberty.



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Testimony of Robin Pierucci, M.D., M.A. Associate Scholar, Charlotte Lozier Institute Missouri House Special Committee on Government Oversight HB 1593 – Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act February 15, 2022 To the Distinguished Chair and Honored Members of the Committee: My name is Robin Pierucci and I am an associate scholar at the Charlotte Lozier Institute. As a neonatologist my job is to care for critically ill babies. After over 20 years of practice in a 50-bed level III+ neonatal intensive care unit (NICU), I have not been able to resolve every infant's medical issue, but I also have not abandoned a baby who was born alive. Whether or not we can heal someone, there is always a duty to care. With regards specifically to caring for newborn infants, caring can be done in several ways: One form of medically caring is to attempt to resuscitate the baby. The Neonatal Resuscitation Program (NRP) provides a consistent, research-informed guideline for how to help a newborn baby transition from intrauterine to extrauterine life. Clearly, the more premature a baby is at birth, the more at risk they are for requiring significant help making this transition. However, the NRP's algorithms are specifically designed to guide neonatal teams' assessment and intervention for even our sickest and smallest babies. The NRP defines the medical standard of care that all liveborn newborns are to receive; it defines the standard of care that all medical staff who regularly attend deliveries are responsible for providing. In an adult emergency, resuscitation is the assumed plan—if we miss the opportunity to resuscitate, death tends to be irreversible. In fact, in the adult world, one needs written permission through a “do not resuscitate” (DNR) order for physicians to have the medical and legal permission not to resuscitate someone. The fact that it is currently legal to intentionally abandon an infant who is born alive is inconsistent with how we treat every other human being. Resuscitation is the standard of care whether or not the live birth occurs in a hospital with or without an NICU, in an outpatient clinic, at home, the bus stop, a campground, or any other place that babies have been born. Because my hospital is the regional referral center for our area, over the years we have sent our transport team out to some interesting places—and every place is not prepared to handle a term newborn, much less one who is premature or has other complications. While studies have demonstrated that extremely premature babies have better outcomes when born in a facility that routinely cares for their unique needs, we and other NICUs with transport programs throughout this country successfully transport babies into our units every day. Emergencies happen, that's just one reason why we in the NICU and all critical care responders exist. No one guarantees the outcome; all of us guarantee that if called, we will show up. This is the medical standard of care that applies to all patients. There are no ethical reasons why this medical standard should be abandoned for a subgroup of people because they might be less “wanted” than others. The degree to which a baby is wanted does not determine the degree to which they are a human being. Put another way, it would be medically and ethically negligent if I only responded to the needs of babies who were born without any potential

disabilities, or were planned, or had “normal” families. Wantedness does not determine if we have a right to live. Importantly, caring for every baby does not mean every baby should be resuscitated. There are patients who are beyond our ability to heal. The NRP acknowledges this, stating: “The birth of extremely premature babies and those with significant chromosomal abnormalities or congenital malformations frequently raises difficult questions about the initiation of resuscitation. ... each situation is unique, and decision making should be individualized” There is no “one size fits all” delivery plan, but at every delivery, the living person deserves to be assessed and extra help sought if those present are not sure what to do next. A living baby at every gestational age, with or without obvious malformations, is a real human being; and just like every other patient, newborns need to be both skillfully and compassionately evaluated. As with every other age group of human beings, we err on the side of life, with a simultaneous awareness that there are times when keeping our patients safe and free from unnecessary pain or procedures that offer minimal benefit, may be the best “medicine”. Good medical care includes knowing when not to do a procedure. When an intervention or a medical procedure risks prolonging suffering, or the intervention has minimal benefit, there is no ethical or medical mandate to do it. This means a procedure or a medical treatment can be futile or worthless, but worthless does not ever describe a newborn human being. If you practice medicine long enough, you learn we get things wrong. Over the years, I’ve seen well-meaning maternal-fetal medicine doctors tell parents that the prenatal screening tests indicated the presence of an anomaly that was supposedly “incompatible with life”—and they were wrong. There is so much we cannot foretell until we actually meet and evaluate the baby. One mother of a child with trisomy 21 (Down syndrome) came back to visit us in the NICU and show us how well her daughter was doing. She said to me, “Everyone told me about the problems we should expect and how she would be different, but no one told me how much she would be the same as my other children.” Currently, abandonment of an adult or failure to evaluate a teenager is not ethically, medically, or legally tenable; but if newly born, abandonment or intentional disregard is still legal. For those babies who are too immature or have pathology beyond our ability to help, there is something called palliative care. Palliative care is not a euphemism for neglect until dead; perinatal palliative care is about helping a baby live well with a disease process we do not have the ability to heal. I have walked with parents through pregnancies, knowing there would be limits to what we could do for the baby. I have also walked into a delivery room where we discovered that things were definitely not right with the baby. But in both these scenarios, instead of hurrying death, with the aid of palliative care, when possible we took the time to confirm diagnoses, and then the families had the opportunity to meet their baby—with favorite music, loving grandparents, siblings, and clergy. Photos and plaster imprints of tiny hands and feet were made. And about a zillion pictures were taken. One parent wrote me a letter describing how grateful they were that they actually took their baby home and had months together. That particular family’s baby was born alive, though we knew ahead of time that his life would potentially be limited. Therefore, given what we had learned about him from ongoing care during the pregnancy, we agreed that we would do parts of a normal resuscitation but would not place him on a ventilator. We wanted to see if he would respond to simple interventions but did not want to use measures that a) wouldn’t solve anything, and b) would limit the family’s ability to hold him. It turned out that he responded beautifully to just a little blow-by oxygen and then was able to be placed in his mother’s arms. We couldn’t cure that baby, but we could and did provide care for him. In all of these cases, the first and primary diagnosis regardless of degree of prematurity or discovered abnormality is, it’s a baby. The other diagnoses one collects over a short or long lifetime never negate this first one. By this fact alone, every human being born alive deserves to be cared for. There are zero reasons to intentionally abandon a person, much less a baby. Mother Teresa stunned the entire world by picking up dying, disregarded people from the gutters of Calcutta and tending to them whether or not they could be cured. We too should never allow a baby, especially a baby, to die anywhere but in the warmth of our arms, nestled securely against our hearts. Conclusion: Wantedness does not determine whether or not we are a human being. A pathologic diagnosis does not negate our humanness. We may choose to act only a little humanely, but we are never born only a little bit human. There is no “one size fits all” strategy for how much or how little to medically do for a newborn baby; but if he or she is born alive, we are always obligated to care. I offer this testimony in the hope that my decades of insights as a neonatologist can contribute to protections that uphold the dignity of all human life, including babies born alive during abortion. Such protections not only allow us to care better for the little one; we will simultaneously also better care for their mothers, which will extend to an entire family tree of affected loved ones.