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Dear Candidate,

For many years Mississippi Right to Life has sent a questionnaire to candidates for public office. The MSRTL questionnaire is a valuable service that provides a source of accurate information on the positions of candidates on life issues. Our purpose is to help inform citizens so they can participate in the democratic process on the basis of factual information rather than depending on hearsay and rumor.

Enclosed is the 2007 Candidate Questionnaire. We have provided a brief explanation for each question. If you have further questions, please feel free to call our office and leave your name. Someone will return your call and discuss the question with you.

Endorsement by MSRTL's State Political Action Committee is based on several factors including response to this questionnaire.

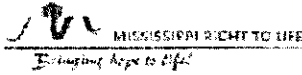
Mississippi Right to Life works in the areas of education and legislation and of course our state PAC works in the political area. We have a website, currently being updated, located at www.msrtl.org that gives more information about our organization. MSRTL is the oldest pro-life group in the state, organized in 1977. We are the state affiliate for National Right to Life, the largest pro-life organization in the nation.

Please return your completed questionnaire by **June 15**. Again, if you have any questions, please contact our office at 601-631-4098, and someone will return your call.

Sincerely,

Barbara Whitehead
Mississippi Right to Life

*you may fax back to me at 601-634-1304.
Please call first so I can have my fax running.*



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2007 STATE CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE

ABORTION

Mississippi Right to Life believes that unborn children should be protected by law, and that abortion should be permitted only when necessary to prevent the death of the mother. Under what circumstances, if any, do you believe that abortion should be legal?

_____ Only to prevent the death of the mother (the Mississippi Right to Life position).

_____ To prevent the mother's death, in cases of incest, and in reported cases of forcible rape.

Other: (please explain)

NOTE: In every question below, a "yes" response indicates agreement with the position of Mississippi Right to Life.

ROE V. WADE

In its 1973 rulings in *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*, the U.S. Supreme Court created a "right to abortion" for any reason until "viability" (into the sixth month), and for any "health" reasons – including "emotional" health – even during the final three months of pregnancy.

(1) Do you support the complete and immediate reversal of the *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton* decisions, thereby allowing the state legislatures and the Congress to once again protect unborn children?

YES NO _____

THE PAIN OF UNBORN BABIES

There is now overwhelming scientific evidence that abortion methods used by the fifth month (and perhaps earlier) such as "dilation and evacuation" (dismemberment) method, and the partial-birth abortion method, causing excruciating pain to the unborn child.

(2) Would you support legislation to require that any mother considering an abortion

first must be provided with clear and accurate information about the capacity of an unborn child to feel pain, and about possible alternatives to lessen or avoid that pain?

YES NO _____

PARENTAL NOTIFICATION/CONSENT FOR MINORS' ABORTIONS

Laws are in effect in 24 states requiring notification or consent of at least one parent (or authorization by a judge) before an abortion can be performed on a minor.

Our State has such a law.

(3) Would you oppose any attempts to weaken this law?

YES NO _____

PROTECTION OF HUMAN EMBRYOS

The right to life of human beings must be respected at every stage of their biological development. Human individuals who are at the embryonic stage of development should not be used for harmful or lethal medical experimentation. This applies equally to human beings whether their lives were begun by in vitro fertilization, by somatic cell nuclear transfer (human cloning), or by some other laboratory technique. Mississippi Right to Life opposes harvesting "stem cells" from living human embryos, since this kills the embryos. Note: Mississippi Right to Life is not opposed to other research on "stem cells" that are obtained without killing embryos – for example, stem cells harvested from umbilical cord blood and from adult tissue. *agree*

(4) Will you vote for measures to protect living human embryos from being used for medical experiments that would harm or kill them, including so-called "embryonic stem cell

research" that would require the killing of human embryos, regardless of the method used to create these human embryos?

YES NO

HUMAN CLONING

Human cloning is a process (technically known as "somatic cell nuclear transfer") in which genetic material from one person is artificially transferred into a human or animal egg cell, thereby beginning the life of a new human individual who has only one parent and who is genetically nearly identical to that parent. **Mississippi Right to Life** believes that human life at every stage of biological development is deserving of respect and protection regardless of the circumstances under which that human life was created. It has been proposed to create human life through cloning for the purpose of destructive experiments on those humans, resulting in their deaths, a process sometimes referred to as "therapeutic cloning." In Congress, the Brownback-Landriau and Weldon-Stupak bills (S. 558 and H.R. 1357) would prohibit the use of somatic cell nuclear transfer (cloning) to create any humans, including human embryos.

(5) Would you support a similar legal prohibition on all human cloning on a state level, including the creation of human embryos by cloning?

YES NO

As an alternative to a genuine ban on all human cloning, some Members of Congress have proposed legislation (such as S. 1520 and H.R. 3932) that would permit the use of cloning to create human embryos to be used in medical research (so-called "therapeutic cloning"), but that would attempt to prevent the implantation of such an embryo into a uterus. These bills are sometimes misleadingly referred to as "bans on reproductive cloning," but they really do not ban human cloning at all -- rather, they ban the survival of human clones. Such a bill would impose a legal mandate that every clone must be killed or allowed to die. **Mississippi Right to Life** strongly opposes such "clone and kill" legislation.

(6) Would you oppose legislation on a state level that would permit the creation of human embryos by cloning but in effect require the death of each

such embryo (that is, legislation to "ban reproductive cloning" but to simultaneously permit so called "therapeutic cloning")?

YES NO

Using cloned mammals, cloning researchers are actively developing techniques for "fetus farming." This means that they create a cloned embryo of a given species, implant that cloned embryo into the uterus of an adult female of that same species, allow the cloned animal to grow into various stages of fetal development, and then abort the fetus in order to harvest the desired tissues or organs. For example, in one study published in 2005, researchers reported implanting cow clones and then aborting the cow fetuses at four months into pregnancy, in order to harvest their liver tissue; this was reported as an advance for "therapeutic cloning."

(7) Would you support legislation that would prevent "fetus farming" in humans, by prohibiting establishing a human pregnancy for any purpose other than intending a live birth.

YES NO

UNBORN VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE ACT

The Unborn Victims of Violence bill would establish that if an unborn child is injured or killed then the assailant may be charged with a second offense on behalf of the second victim, the unborn child. The bill would recognize that when a criminal attacks a pregnant woman, and injures or kills her unborn child, he has claimed *two* human victims. The bill does not apply to any abortion to which a woman has consented, to any act of the mother herself, or to any form of medical treatment.

Our State has such a law.

(8) Would you oppose any attempts to weaken this law?

YES NO

ABORTION FUNDING

In the Webster decision handed down July 3, 1989, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the Missouri statute that limited the use of public facilities for abortions when the mother's life was not at stake. It is now clear that it is entirely appropriate and legal for a state to make a decision to stay out of the abortion business altogether.

(9) Would you vote to prevent the use of tax funds for abortion other than to prevent the death of the mother?

YES NO

(10) If it was not possible to pass the law described in #9, would you vote to prevent the use of tax funds for abortion other than to prevent the death of the mother, when the pregnancy is the result of forcible rape (reported to law enforcement agencies within 7 days), or when the pregnancy of a minor is the result of incest (when the perpetrator of the crime is reported to a law enforcement agency)?

YES NO

EUTHANASIA QUESTIONS

The pro-life movement has always sought to protect not only the unborn from abortion, but also the vulnerable born, especially older or disabled people, from euthanasia. We consider rationing of health care, resulting in the denial of lifesaving medical treatment against the will of the patient, to be unacceptable involuntary euthanasia.

Today there is dispute concerning whether patients' entitlement to food and fluids should depend on their "quality of life." Suppose there is a disagreement over whether a particular patient's "quality of life" is worth living and the patient is no longer able to make decisions.

(11) If the patient, while competent, had requested food and fluids, should the patient be given food and fluids?

YES, be given food and fluids (Mississippi Right to Life position).

NO, be denied food and fluids.

Other (please explain): _____

(12) If the patient, while competent, had not made his or her wishes known, should the patient be given food and fluids?

YES, be given food and fluids (Mississippi Right to Life position).

NO, be denied food and fluids.

Other (please explain): _____

INVOLUNTARY EUTHANASIA

A significant number of hospitals have implemented formal policies authorizing denial of lifesaving medical treatment against the will of a patient or the patient's family if an ethics committee thinks the patient's quality of life is unacceptable, even though the patient and family disagree.

(13) Would you support preventing involuntary denial of lifesaving medical treatment by providing that if failure to comply with a patient's or surrogate's choice for lifesaving treatment would in reasonable medical judgment be likely to result in the patient's death, a health care provider unwilling to respect the choice for lifesaving treatment must allow the patient to be transferred to a willing provider and must provide treatment pending transfer?

Complicated question, but if I understand,
YES NO

(14) In 1991, Oregon approved a health care rationing plan for its Medicaid program. An important factor in denial of treatment is the expected degree of disability or poor "quality of life" it is claimed a patient would be likely to have after treatment. This is a form of involuntary euthanasia. Would you vote to oppose any legislation in this state that, like the Oregon plan,

that would impose rationing that intentionally denies treatment on the basis of disability or "quality of life" of those denied treatment?

I would like to know more about the Oregon law -
YES _____ NO _____

(15) Would you support a law to prevent "assisting suicide" by allowing relatives or others affected by an attempted or completed suicide, as well as public officials, to sue the person who "assists" for money damages and to obtain an injunction against future attempts by that person to assist suicides?

would like to know more here too - I would want to know more specifics about such a law -
YES _____ NO _____

Oregon has adopted a law affirmatively legalizing prescription of lethal drugs to assist suicide in certain cases.

(16) Would you oppose the legalization of assisting suicide through lethal prescription as under the Oregon law?

YES NO _____

Cory Todd Wilson _____ *Cory T Wilson*
Signature of Candidate Please print or type name

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