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## **CARNAHAN WANTS TO CHARGE CITIZENS FOR SUNSHINE LAW REQUEST SO MRFL SUNSHINES ALL SUCH REQUESTS**

*It Makes You Wonder What Carnahan Is Hiding*

St. Louis - March 2, 2009 - Today, the Missouri Roundtable For Life responded to Secretary of State Robin Carnahan's demand that the MRFL pay for access to public documents that were responsive to its Sunshine Request. In response, MRFL has requested that Carnahan waive the fees and has also filed a Sunshine Law request with Carnahan to review all of the Sunshine Law requests made to her office since she took office.

"Carnahan's own staff has admitted that their were third party special interests involved in the process of reviewing the initiative process in a secretive way that the public is not aware," said Todd Jones, Executive Director of the MRFL. "Now, because we asked about those secretive contacts, Carnahan is asking us to pay for our right under the Sunshine Law. The public interest will best be served when we understand exactly who and what happens during these secretive interactions. For that reason, we have asked Carnahan to waive the fees AND to make public all other Sunshine Requests so we can see if her fees have been charged to others and in what amounts."

Today's Sunshine request and the "Abuse of Power" Sunshine request MRFL filed with Carnahan on February 9, 2009 follow on the heels of the lawsuit (*Missouri Roundtable For Life v. Robin Carnahan*, case no. 09AC-CC00063) filed by the MRFL on February 6, 2009, in Cole County Circuit Court against Robin Carnahan for abuse of power. The lawsuit filed by MRFL claims that Carnahan conspired with the Attorney General, Auditor and perhaps others to deprive MRFL of a fair and impartial process and to prevent pro-life and anti-cloning groups such as MRFL from ever getting proposed constitutional amendments before the voters of Missouri. Carnahan turned a simple 44 word amendment into a prejudicial 128 word statement of her political views.

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