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CORRECTED PRESS RELEASE

St. Louis-March 4, 2009- The release below should be corrected. Debra Carnahan is not the sister of Secretary of State Robin Carnahan. Debra Carnahan is married to Robin Carnahan's brother Congressman Russ Carnahan who served as a municipal court judge in the City of St. Louis from 2001 until her husband began serving in the Congress in 2005 and serves as a director of Planned Parenthood.

MRFL believe that the conflict of interest exists, therefore, between Robin Carnahan and her sister-in-law.

We apologize for any confusion.

CARNAHAN AND PLANNED PARENTHOOD TEAM UP TO DENY MRFL ITS RIGHT TO FAIR AND UNBIASED BALLOT LANGUAGE

The Carnahan Conflict: Carnahan's Sister On Board of Planned Parenthood

St. Louis - March 4, 2009 - Today, the Missouri Roundtable For Life sent Secretary of State Robin Carnahan a letter demanding to know how she will address the conflict of interest issues arising from one of her main contributors and supporters, Planned Parenthood, filing a separate lawsuit (*Jonas v. Carnahan*, case no. 09AC-CC00074) against the Missouri Roundtable For Life's Taxpayer Protection Amendment. On February 6, 2009, the Missouri Roundtable For Life filed its "Abuse of Power" lawsuit (*Missouri Roundtable For Life v. Carnahan*, case no. 09AC-CC00063) against Carnahan's butchering of the Taxpayer Protection Amendment after learning that Carnahan allowed pro-cloning and pro-abortion groups, such as Planned Parenthood, to infect the non-political ballot-writing process.

Planned Parenthood coming to the rescue of Secretary Carnahan is not unexpected on two fronts. First, Planned Parenthood by filing its lawsuit shows its clear intent to tap open the wallets of every hard-working Missourian to pay for their radical and extremist pro-abortion agenda. Planned Parenthood has never shied away from its desire for public funding. But, just as troubling as Planned Parenthood's desire for taxpayer dollars, is the fact that Debra Carnahan, Secretary Carnahan's sister, sits on the national board of directors of Planned Parenthood Federation of America. As a result of this clear conflict of interest between her connections to Planned Parenthood and the rights of the MRFL to a fair and impartial initiative petition process, Secretary Carnahan should have recused herself from handling the Missouri Roundtable For Life's Taxpayer Protection Amendment.

"Carnahan has abused her power by favoring her own self-interest of pushing her extreme pro-abortion agenda over carrying out her constitutional duty of writing a fair and unbiased ballot title," said Todd Jones, Executive Director of the MRFL. "Carnahan turned a simple 44 word amendment into a prejudicial 128 word statement of her political views. For that reason, we have asked Carnahan to address this clear breach of her duty to the people of Missouri."

MRFL's letter to Ms. Carnahan is attached to this emailed press release as a pdf.

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