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## **MISSOURI ROUNDTABLE FOR LIFE CONDEMNS OBAMA'S HUMAN CLONING EXECUTIVE ORDER**

### ***MRFL Calls on Missouri Legislature to Pass SJR 17***

St. Louis – March 9, 2009 – Today, President Barack Obama signed an executive order that opens the door to federal funding of embryonic stem cell research on new embryonic stem cell lines. This is a complete reversal of President George W. Bush's policy which only funded stem cell research on stem cell lines that existed at the time President Bush signed the executive order in August of 2001.

"While we are disappointed with President Obama's order that will now direct federal money to human cloning research, we are not surprised especially in light of his reversal of the Mexico City policy which will now allow organizations that do abortions and counsel young women to have abortions to receive American taxpayer dollars," said Todd Jones, Executive Director of the Missouri Roundtable For Life. "Both of these actions by President Obama make it more clear why the constitutional amendment the Missouri Roundtable For Life has proposed is necessary. The Missouri Roundtable For Life's 'Taxpayer Protection Amendment' simply stops Missouri taxpayer dollars from going to abortion services and human cloning research."

The Taxpayer Protection Amendment, introduced in the Missouri Senate at Senate Joint Resolution 17, states:

Section 38(e). It shall be unlawful to expend, pay, or grant any public funds for abortion services, human cloning, or prohibited human research, as such terms were defined by the 92nd Missouri general assembly in 2003, in Revised Statutes of Missouri Section 196.1127, L.2003, H.B. 688.

"We strongly urge the Missouri Legislature to quickly pass SJR 17 to prevent Missouri tax-dollars from paying for this unconscionable destructive human research," said Todd Jones.

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