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**MISSOURI ROUNDTABLE FILES NEW INITIATIVES TO SHED LIGHT ON CARNAHAN'S
SECRET PROCESS**

Sunshine Request Accompanies Amendment Filings to Insure Transparent Process

St. Louis - February 19, 2009 - Today, the Missouri Roundtable for Life has filed paperwork for three new amendments by petition process with the Missouri Secretary of State Robin Carnahan. After the inadvertent admission of a senior staff member of Ms. Carnahan and the public statements of Ms. Carnahan and her staff regarding their frequent contact with special interests including those who have a vested financial interest in the outcome of the amendment process, MRFL was compelled to file a new set of amendments along with a specific request that Ms. Carnahan make the process and allow the MRFL to be present on phone calls, at meetings, or copied on letters or emails when Ms. Carnahan or her staff is in touch with special interest groups.

"Our goal with filing the three amendments and our Sunshine Request is to illuminate the process in which Ms. Carnahan and her special interest allies have hijacked the citizen initiative process" said Roundtable Executive Director Todd Jones. "Last Fall, when we filed our forty-four word taxpayer protection amendment that seeks to stop state taxpayer dollars from flowing to abortion services and human cloning research, Ms. Carnahan re-wrote it into a politicized 128 words that injected partial birth abortion and other hot button political issues. It was the most recent incidence of Ms. Carnahan abusing power, and we will not stand by while she uses her office to help special interests and hinder taxpayer protection efforts."

The three amendments, attached to this release, are a straightforward breakout of the Taxpayer Protection Amendment filed by the MRFL last Fall. The first amendment would ban taxpayer funds from going to abortion services including those offered by Planned Parenthood. The second and third amendments would ban tax dollars from going to human cloning and other prohibited human research.