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Missouri Roundtable for Life Sues Carnahan, Sunshines Her Office After Abuse of Power and Staff Admissions of Wrongdoing

Carnahan's Abuses of Power Piling Up

St. Louis - February 9, 2009 – Late Friday afternoon, the Missouri Roundtable for Life filed suit in Cole County Court against Secretary of State Robin Carnahan for once again abusing her power as Secretary of State. This lawsuit is only the most recent brought by citizens groups after Carnahan has re-written proposed citizens' amendments and politicized the process. In addition, after Carnahan's office admitted to back-channel and secret dealing with special interest groups during the process, the possibility of law-breaking in the abuse of power has become likely.

The complaint filed in Cole County Court (and attached to this email) alleges 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. MRFL seeks discovery on how Carnahan's office continues to issue highly prejudicial ballot language and further seeks to determine whether Carnahan has unlawfully allowed pro-cloning and pro-abortion groups to infect what should be a non-political process to get issues before Missouri voters.

"The facts are these: Ms. Carnahan has abused her power one too many times and Missouri citizens need the courts to act to control her" said Steve Clark, attorney for the Missouri Roundtable for Life. "The ballot language Carnahan has presented to the public turned a 44 word amendment into a 128 word statement of her political views. She has brought her continual campaign mind-set to her job and it is unacceptable."

The Missouri Roundtable for Life also today filed Sunshine requests with the Secretary of State and the Missouri Attorney General based on the admissions of one of the Secretary of State's staffers of improper third-party contacts during the process. The Sunshine requests are attached.

For more information about the Missouri Roundtable for Life visit www.moroundtable.org.