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## **MAJORITY WHIP BRIAN NIEVES FILES TAXPAYER PROTECTION ACT**

*Once Passed, H.J.R. 38 Allows Voters to Block Tax Dollars  
from Abortionists, Cloners*

St. Louis - March 25, 2009 – Representative Brian Nieves (R-Union), the Majority Whip in the Missouri House, late yesterday filed a House Joint Resolution, H.J.R. 38 that would prohibit Missouri tax dollars from being spent on abortion services, human cloning, and other destructive research. A bi-partisan group of 60 other House members joined Representative Nieves as co-sponsors of H.J.R. 38.

"In these tough economic times, Missouri taxpayers expect us to protect every dime that comes to our state," said Representative Brian Nieves. "The Joint Resolution I have filed would allow Missouri taxpayers to make sure that their dollars never go to abortion services or human cloning or other prohibited research. This is common sense to all Missourians and I am proud to sponsor it."

Representative Nieves, a well-known fiscal conservative who serves on the fiscal review committee in the Missouri House and has a reputation for being a tax-payer protector, filed the Resolution to remedy a developing problem of money being funneled to abortion services or other research. A recent court case in Cole County Circuit Court has clarified that certain restrictions passed in 2003 under the authorship of the late Representative Richard Byrd have been struck down. Those restrictions made clear that Life Sciences Research Trust Fund dollars would not be spent on abortion services, human cloning, and other destructive research.

If passed by the House and the Senate, H.J.R. 38 would allow the citizens of Missouri to vote on the following amendment:

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.

This amendment would appear on the ballot during the next general election (2010) or a special election if called by Governor Jay Nixon.

"Missouri Roundtable for Life thanks Representative Nieves for taking leadership on this issue to protect Missouri taxpayers and for finding 60 other House members from both parties to co-sponsor H.J.R 38," said Todd Jones MRFL Executive Director. "MRFL encourages the House to

take up and pass H.J.R. 38 immediately. Missourians need to stop the raid of the Missouri treasury by fringe special interest groups like Planned Parenthood and others who seek taxpayer dollars for abortion services and human cloning. The time to stop that raid is now!”

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