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# Monday MONITOR

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## HAPPY NEW YEAR...WELCOME, AND WELCOME BACK!

For those of you who are new to the legislature, or new to this publication, the **Monday MONITOR** is a weekly publication of the Planned Parenthood affiliates in Missouri. The goal of the **Monday MONITOR** is to keep you updated on the status of state legislation we are monitoring—both bills that would restrict access to health services and information as well as those that promote good public policy in these areas. We will also share information about what is happening at the Federal level and in the courts. We distribute the **Monday MONITOR** to all elected officials in Jefferson City regardless of positions on reproductive and sexual health, as well as to the Capitol press corps. In addition, we send this to Missouri's Congressional delegation so that they understand what is happening back home. We are providing contact information for our Public Affairs staff on the back of this edition of the **MONITOR**, but you can always contact our full-time staff lobbyist, Michelle Trupiano, at the number above; she is in the Capitol most days during session.

## RESTRICTIVE BILLS FILED

**Representative David Sater (R-68)** pre-filed **HB28** on December 1. Similar to bills filed in prior years, this bill would protect pharmacies with employees who refuse to dispense contraception; the bill erroneously defines emergency contraception as an abortifacient. **HB28** would allow a pharmacist to “refuse to dispense” **RU486**—even though this medication is not available through a pharmacy, but only under direct contract between the manufacturer and an abortion provider. As the chair of the House Health Care Policy Committee, this bill will likely pass out of committee and be sent to the House floor. **Senator Rob Mayer (R-25)** filed a bill [see article below] to add restrictions to abortion—**SB65**. **Rep. Tim Jones (R-89)** is seeking co-sponsors on a companion bill in the House.

## PRO-ACTIVE, PREVENTION BILL FILED

**SB38**, pre-filed December 1 by **Senator Robin Wright Jones (D-05)**, establishes a Prostate Cancer Pilot Program within the Department of Health and Senior Services, operating in two locations in the state through a collaborative funding relationship with either the Missouri Foundation for Health or another non-profit entity. The program funds prostate cancer screening and treatment services to uninsured Missouri men at local public health departments and federally qualified health centers.

## NOT SATISFIED BY LAST YEAR'S OMNIBUS BILL, SENATOR MAYER FILES YET ANOTHER ABORTION BILL

**Senator Rob Mayer (R-25)**, the incoming President Pro Tem of the Missouri Senate, laid out the legislative priorities in his Opening Remarks on Wednesday. “Today as I stand before you...I am hopeful that we can come together and find the best solutions to the state's budget. I am hopeful that we can help put Missourians back to work. And I am hopeful that we will continue our commitment to the education of our children – along the entire education spectrum.” He went on to talk about the state of the economy, lackluster revenues and the hard work ahead and concluded: “Prepare yourself for tough budget decisions. Remember your neighbor who is unable to find work. Think of our children's educational futures and remind your constituents that

their voice will be heard and the spending of their taxpayer dollars held accountable.” And, to be really clear that he is totally focused on jobs, education, and the economy, Senator Mayer filed **SB65**...an abortion bill.

The Senate spent the past 3 years negotiating passage of an abortion bill he sponsored that further burdens the already onerous informed consent process, forces women to receive state-mandated materials which contain ideological messages aimed at causing emotional distress, and requires abortion providers to display a statement that promises state-funded assistance to women if they carry the pregnancy to term, despite the fact that, as he now says: “Prepare yourself for tough budget decisions...” Perhaps that is where his focus should be.

### **BIRTH CONTROL COST CAMPAIGN**

*Springfield News Leader | January 4 2011 | Letter to the Editor (excerpted) from Kevin Rogan, Springfield*

I appreciated Joe Snider's Nov. 8 column arguing for free contraception and birth control [...]. Men and women have the opportunity to gain a benefit they do not presently receive under the new health care law and have their reproductive health services completely paid for, with no co-pays or out-of-pocket costs [...] When it is difficult to obtain affordable and appropriate contraception, the American people suffer as a whole. This is what makes organizations like Planned Parenthood so important. For the next year, Planned Parenthood is running a campaign called "Birth Control Matters" [...] If the Birth Control Matters campaign succeeds, contraception will be available without co-pays or other out-of-pocket costs to ensure everyone has access to the birth control that works best for them. Any pragmatic citizen can see that free reproductive health services will be a good thing, not only for individuals but for society in general. [...] Visit [www.BirthControlMatters.org](http://www.BirthControlMatters.org) or text "BCMatters" to 69866 to add your name to the petition to secure the availability of drastically reduced reproductive health measures.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS TO CELEBRATE ROE V. WADE**

**Columbia:** Street visibility to support Planned Parenthood. **Friday, January 21, 11:30-1:00**—Planned Parenthood—711 N. Providence. You've seen the opponents to Planned Parenthood intimidate women for months; now it is time to show that Columbia supports PP!  
[michelle.trupiano@ppkm.org](mailto:michelle.trupiano@ppkm.org)

**Kansas City:** Film Screening of "12<sup>th</sup> and Delaware". **Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-8:00 pm** at the PPKM Administrative Office, 4401 W. 109<sup>th</sup> St., Overland Park, KS. FMI: contact Vicky at [vicky.leitnaker@ppkm.org](mailto:vicky.leitnaker@ppkm.org) or 913.312.54100 x228.

**Kirksville:** NEMO NOW will distribute lawn signs that read "Choice is a Community Value" for display in January. To participate, contact Julia Reed at [julia.reed82@gmail.com](mailto:julia.reed82@gmail.com)

**Springfield:** "2011 Champion for Choice" honoring Representative Charlie Norr. **Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm** at the Unitarian Universalist Church, 2434 E Battlefield. Tickets \$10; refreshments, entertainment & raffle items! [crystal.brigman@ppslr.org](mailto:crystal.brigman@ppslr.org)

**St. Louis:** A Happy Hour Honoring our Future Providers. **Friday, January 21<sup>st</sup> 5:30-7:30pm** at The Wine Press, 4436 Olive Street. Contributions fund transportation from St. Louis...\$50+ Pilot Pro-Choicers via Private Jet! \$25 Chauffeur volunteers in a Classy Cadillac! \$10 Drive the Bus!  
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### **CONTINUED NATIONAL ATTACKS ON PLANNED PARENTHOOD...**

Last Monday, Americans for Tax Reform, the Daily Caller and Susan B. Anthony List sponsored a televised “debate” among the five candidates vying to lead the Republican National Committee. The moderator—anti-abortion hardliner, Grover Norquist, taking a leaf from Rep. Michelle Bachmann’s book, asked: “Do you support completely de-funding Planned Parenthood?” All five, without hesitation, answered “Yes.” Watch for yourself; the question is posed around minute 05:40. Despite the fact that 95-97% of Planned Parenthood services nationwide are prevention and wellness—cancer screening, STD testing and treatment, birth control, breast exams, HPV vaccinations, pregnancy testing—the leadership of the Republican National Committee would clearly work to take these much needed services away from the women and men who desperately need them. This must be “compassionate conservatism” version 2011.

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