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# Sen. Griesheimer Takes Exception with Missouri Right to Life Scorecard

JEFFERSON CITY— Sen. John Griesheimer, R-Washington, is taking exception with a scorecard from Missouri Right to Life that ranks him below many pro-abortion lawmakers. According to the lobbying group's August 2007 scorecard, Sen. Griesheimer ranks 15<sup>th</sup> out of 34 senators in what the group considers "key votes" in the legislature.

"They're just plain wrong," said Sen. Griesheimer. "They have tried to distort my voting record to try to show it doesn't support a pro-family, pro-life agenda. Nothing could be further from the truth."

Sen. Griesheimer points out that his pro-life voting record with Missouri Right to Life went from a 100 percent rating last year to a significantly lower ranking this year. He attributes the drop to the group's focus on the votes he made regarding the partial sale of Missouri Higher Education Loan Authority assets that will be used for much-needed capital improvements to several colleges and universities across the state. Sen. Griesheimer contends that Missouri Right to Life is trying to punish him and the governor for not putting more restrictions on where the money would go, in particular, accusing lawmakers of allowing too much of the money to go to stem cell research.

"None of the projects on the list send money to stem cell research. I want to point out that I have been put on the board for the Missouri Technology Corporation, in part, to ensure that no MOHELA money would be used for stem cell research," said Sen. Griesheimer. "Furthermore, my long voting record on pro-life issues, in addition to my lifelong commitment to the Catholic Church, should stand as true examples of just how committed I have been to truly preserving the sanctity of life — not the extremist agenda Missouri Right to Life has taken up in the last couple of years."

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