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# **Sen. Matt Bartle to File Resolution Opposing Federal Abortion on Demand Policy**

JEFFERSON CITY – Senator Matt Bartle (R-Lee’s Summit) announced today that he will file a resolution on Thursday (1/22) expressing the opposition of the Missouri General Assembly to federal efforts to overturn state laws designed to protect the lives of unborn children.

The so-called Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA), if passed by the U.S. Congress, would establish in federal law a nearly unlimited right to an abortion—during all stages of pregnancy—and would prevent the state from fulfilling its role of protecting all of its citizens, both born and unborn. This new mandate would overturn many laws currently on the books in Missouri, including protections for medical staff who refuse to participate in abortion procedures. It would also strike down the state law—passed by strong bi-partisan majorities in the Legislature—preventing partial-birth abortion.

“If this proposal becomes law, common-sense regulations right here in the Show-Me State that require parental notification when a young girl is seeking an abortion and that provide a woman an opportunity to be fully informed before deciding to go through with an abortion, would be struck down,” Senator Bartle said. “In addition, it could lead to Missouri citizens being forced to pay for abortions with their tax dollars.”

Senator Bartle will file the resolution in the Missouri Senate on Thursday’s 36<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the United States Supreme Court’s *Roe v. Wade* decision.

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