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Missouri Will Continue to Reject Taxpayer-Funded Abortions

In an unprecedented move, the federal government has passed health care legislation that will find a way to intrude into your life. For Missourians, unless something changes, this legislation ultimately means higher taxes and health care costs, less freedom when it comes to your health care, and federal subsidies going to pay for abortions and programs like Planned Parenthood.

I will not sit back quietly while this happens. I had hoped, like many of you, that this unpopular bill would have been stopped before it got to this point. Now that it is a reality, I will continue to stand up for the rights of the people of Missouri.

The day after the health care bill passed Congress, and before the president even got a chance to sign it, I testified on behalf of my legislation, [Senate Bill 747](#), which prohibits any health insurance exchanges in Missouri, including federally-mandated insurance, from allowing abortions using taxpayer dollars. The bill, which was passed out of committee and will now be placed on the calendar for full debate, is endorsed by pro-life contingencies from across the state.

I see this as the most important legislation on my docket right now, and I will do what I can to ensure its speedy approval from my colleagues. There have been assurances and even an executive order that federal money could not be used for abortions. However, the Supreme Court has ruled in other instances that an executive order does not trump the law, and thus there is no way to block your tax dollars from funding abortions in the legislation passed Sunday night in Washington, unless Missouri enacts the legislation I am sending to the floor of the Senate for debate.

There are also concerns within the federal health care plan of the powers and authority given to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). It could be read that the HHS could provide direct appropriations to agencies that provide abortions, thus circumventing any other directives not to do so. My bill will protect Missouri's desire to remain opposed to taxpayer-funded abortions.

It is constantly stated that the federal health care plan is historic, and it is, because never in our history has there been such a blatant disregard of the sovereignty of the states and the will of the American people. This fight is far from over, and I will do my part to make sure Missourian's concerns will be heard.

If you have any questions about this week's column or any other matter involving state government, please do not hesitate to contact me. You can reach my office by phone at (866) 271-2844.

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