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Mike Ross Defends Life In Subcommittee

The Arkansas Right to Life Political Action Committee (PAC) regretfully announces that our endorsement of Sheilla Lampkin to Arkansas House of Representatives District 10 during the 2010 General Election has been withdrawn.

On Friday February 11th, surrounded by pro-abortion Democrats in the House Energy and Commerce Health Subcommittee, Arkansas' 4 th Congressional District Congressman Mike Ross (D-AR) voted against every hostile amendment to the Protect Life Act (H.R. 358) which will effectively do what the Stupak-Pitts Amendment failed to do: explicitly exclude abortion coverage and funding from the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act (PPACA) also known as Obamacare.

Arkansas Right to Life greatly appreciates the actions of Representative Ross to protect not only the unborn, but the moral beliefs of pro-life Americans and most importantly his fellow Arkansans who spoke loudly and clearly with the adoption of Amendment 68 to the Arkansas Constitution in 1988 "no public funds will be used to pay for any abortion, except to save the mother's life."

By rejecting the weakening amendments Ross, a co-sponsor of the Protect Life Act, did what his Arkansas counterparts in the Arkansas House Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committee refused to do in debate over SB113 legislation that reaffirmed Amendment 68 by opting out of abortion coverage in the health care exchanges except for the life of the mother. Instead, 11 Democrats voted to add the Wardlaw Amendment, a poison pill to allow public funding of abortion on demand in Arkansas in the health care exchanges.

On behalf of all pro-life Arkansans, Arkansas Right to Life encourages Congressman Ross to remain strong as he fends off more bad amendments in the full House Energy and Commerce Committee tomorrow.

"Healthcare reform that includes publicly funded elective abortions is totally unacceptable," said Rose Mimms, executive director. "Abortion is not healthcare and Arkansas Right to Life applauds Congressman Ross for his defense of the unborn and his staunchness in guarding against requiring pro-life Arkansans and Americans from paying for elective abortion on demand."

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