

MATT BLUNT

PROTECTING CONSERVATIVE FAMILY VALUES

Striving to honor and uphold our values is the Governor's most basic commitment as a public servant, parent, and spouse. Matt Blunt is a clear and strong voice for the traditional values that make America the greatest nation in history and provide the foundation for what is good and lasting in our families and communities.



- **Protecting Innocent Life** The first pro-life Governor of Missouri since 1992, Governor Blunt summoned a special legislative session to protect the lives of innocent children from abortion. He enacted laws to prohibit the transportation of minors to other states for abortions without parental consent and to protect women by requiring abortion "clinics" to have local hospital access.

- **Stopping State Payments to Abortion Providers** Governor Blunt halted payments to Planned Parenthood when he discovered taxpayer dollars were being used to fund the nation's largest abortion provider.

At the same time, he increased funding for health screenings for Show-Me Healthy women by \$500,000, helping more than 1,200 additional women get this important care without compromising their values by visiting abortion providers.

- **Ensuring the Safety of Women** Governor Blunt signed pro-life legislation that establishes important provisions to make women undergoing life-changing medical procedures, like abortion, safer than ever by enacting strict regulations on abortion clinics that require them to follow the same standards as any other ambulatory surgical center.

- **Supporting Pregnancy Resource Centers** Blunt is protecting the lives of innocent children by providing a tax credit for charitable donations to pregnancy resource centers that do not perform abortions or refer women to abortion providers.

- **Encouraging Abortion Alternatives** The Governor signed legislation making the "Alternatives to Abortion" program permanent, which offers counseling and services to pregnant women and encourages them to carry their unborn children to term. Another important component of this legislation keeps abortion providers like Planned Parenthood out of Missouri classrooms.

- **Protecting Individual Rights** Governor Blunt believes the government must respect the religious and moral convictions of all people, including health care providers. Blunt supports "conscience protection" for pharmacists who cannot in good conscience dispense products they find morally objectionable.

- **Preserving Traditional Marriage** The Governor stood with the overwhelming majority of Missouri voters in supporting the protection of traditional marriage from activist liberal judges. In August 2004, Blunt support Missouri's constitutional definition of marriage as the union between a man and a woman.



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