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## **MCCL achieves nearly all pro-life goals in 2008 election**

*Pro-lifers elected in key U.S. House, Minnesota House races*

MINNEAPOLIS — Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL), the state's largest pro-life organization, achieved nearly all of its goals in the 2008 general election. In spite of national losses of pro-life lawmakers, MCCL actually increased the number of pro-life legislators in the Minnesota House and held on to pro-life seats in the U.S. House.

“The loss of the U.S. presidency to a pro-abortion extremist is tragic, but there is a lot of good news for MCCL and the pro-life movement,” MCCL Executive Director Scott Fischbach said. “Minnesota fared far better than other states, which is a testament to the dedication of our state's powerful pro-life majority.”

Pro-life voters turned out in record numbers in Minnesota, which produced possibly the highest voter participation of any state. Nearly three million Minnesotans voted, which benefited pro-life candidates tremendously.

Congresswoman Michele Bachmann was re-elected to her second term after the media and Barack Obama supporters worldwide flooded pro-abortion candidate El Tinklenberg with cash in an all-out effort to defeat her. Many conservative and party sources abandoned Bachmann, but MCCL never did.

Erik Paulsen won retiring Congressman Jim Ramstad's 3<sup>rd</sup> District seat in a tough race. Paulsen will be a stronger pro-life advocate than Ramstad, who has a 0% pro-life voting record in his current term.

Several members of a Minnesota House health committee recently have tried to gut the Positive Alternatives program, which provides state grants to organizations offering life-affirming alternatives to pregnant women in need. MCCL targeted the two worst Positive Alternatives foes for defeat: Ken Tschumper (La Crescent) and Shelley Madore (Apple Valley). Both made efforts to de-fund Positive Alternatives; both were replaced by pro-life leaders.

Ron Erhardt (Edina) lost his seat after sponsoring the Reproductive Privacy Act, the most extreme pro-abortion legislation yet put forth by the abortion industry. As the Minnesota version of FOCA (Freedom of Choice Act), the Reproductive Privacy Act would overturn virtually all protective legislation including parental notification, Woman's Right to Know and Positive Alternatives. The Reproductive Privacy Act was one of the last bills filed in the 2008 session and it is Erhardt's final bill.

MCCL is Minnesota's oldest and largest pro-life organization with more than 70,000 member families and 240 chapters across the state. For more information about MCCL, visit [www.mccl.org](http://www.mccl.org) and [www.mcclpac.org](http://www.mcclpac.org).

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