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KCFL Encourages Congressman Todd Akin to Stay in Senate Race

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The Kansas Coalition for Life (KCFL) strongly supports Congressman Akin's decision to remain in the race for U.S. Senate and encourages all pro-lifers in Missouri to cast their votes for Congressman Akin on November 6th.

Although the words "*legitimate rape*" which Congressman Akin used in a recent interview were poorly chosen, the point he was trying to make is valid and is supported by medical science.

Congressman Akin's use of the word "*legitimate*" in connection with the word "*rape*" was intended to point out that many abortion-minded women routinely claim they have been raped, and are even instructed by abortion facility personnel to claim rape, as a means of avoiding existing abortion restrictions. This false (or "illegitimate") use of the word "rape" is the contrast that Congressman Akin was attempting to draw.

Congressman Akin's point that in the case of an "*actual forcible rape*" pregnancy rarely occurs, is supported not only by the nationally known Dr. Jack Willke, but also by the popular website, WEB MD which states:



ProLife Missouri Congressman Todd Akin will make a great U.S. Senator. He is a man of principle and voters like that! He has apologized for his one mis-spoken sentence, and what he said does not rise to the level of calling for him to step down.

"While doctors may not know the exact links between stress and fertility, a series of studies shows the impact is hard to ignore.

In research published in the journal Human Reproduction,

doctors compared pregnancy rates in couples that reported being stressed and those who were not.

What they found: Pregnancy was much more likely to occur during months when couples reported feeling "good" -- happy and relaxed. It was less likely to occur during the months they reported feeling tense or anxious."...

This fact is also well known among couples who use Natural Family Planning (NFP) to achieve a pregnancy. Even a mildly stressful event on an otherwise fertile day, could result in a delay of an attempted pregnancy for another month.

While the natural biological-hormonal response to stress does not always prevent a pregnancy, it does make it less likely to occur, and that was Congressman Akin's point.

Congressman Akin should be applauded for being honest and courageous enough to bring this fact to the public's attention. If we cannot forgive a candidate for one mis-spoken word, than no one on Earth is fit to be a candidate for public office.

This incident has become a great teaching-and-learning opportunity for the American public and the media. Therefore, KCFL calls on all media outlets to inform the public fully, by clarifying the point that Congressman Akin was trying to make.

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