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## MEDIA ALERT

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# Americans United for Life Releases 2014 "Life List," Ranking the 50 States Based on How Well Women are Protected from Abortion Industry Abuses

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**WASHINGTON, D.C. (01-14-13)** – Americans United for Life released its 2014 Life List ranking the 50 states based on how well they protect life in law, announcing that Louisiana tops the list for the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, followed by **Oklahoma, Arkansas, Arizona, Pennsylvania**, and **Texas**. AUL's Life List ranks states by their overall actions on life issues, released in advance of *Roe v. Wade's* infamous anniversary later this month.

For the 5<sup>th</sup> year in a row, **Washington** ranked as the worst state for life for failing to protect women from an unmonitored and under-regulated abortion industry, followed by **California, Vermont, New York**, and **Connecticut**. This year's most improved states include **Texas, Illinois, North Carolina** and **Kansas**. To see the entire 2014 Life List, click [here](#).

"As the legal architects who, since the days immediately following the deadly *Roe* decision, have championed the strategy of using expertly crafted model legislation to protect life, AUL has tracked states' progress toward achieving a nation in which everyone is welcomed in life and protected in law," noted AUL President and CEO Dr. Charmaine Yoest. "Real pro-life momentum is reshaping the country as legislators craft

protections for both mother and child, the victims of an avaricious abortion industry. Common-sense pro-life legislation saves lives and has broad public support in light of what we're learning about the health risks of abortion for women.”

AUL also released the **Women's Protection Project All-Stars** honoring states that have so far done the best in enacting protections for both mothers and unborn children, the victims of abortion industry horrors. The All-Stars ranking is awarded to states based on the enactment of protective, common-sense legislation, specifically the legislative models highlighted in AUL's Women's Protection Project, now being distributed nationwide.

This year's AUL All-Stars include **Texas, Missouri, Alabama, Arizona** and **Arkansas**.

“Each of AUL's All Stars enacted life-saving legislation to protect mother and child from an abortion industry more committed to its financial bottom line than protecting women from a dangerous procedure that is too often performed in substandard facilities,” said Dr. Yoest.

In his forward to AUL's soon-to-be-released 9<sup>th</sup> edition of *Defending Life*, Texas Governor Rick Perry commended AUL's model legislation, observing: “AUL plays a key role in developing and promoting legislation in all 50 states, legislation crafted to minimize the damage done by the abortion industry and its proponents. This year, AUL is promoting the ‘Women's Protection Project,’ a precise collection of legislation that every state needs to consider to fight back against an abortion industry intent upon increasing its profits and political strength at the expense of the health and well-being of the women of our country.”

To learn more about AUL's Women's Protection Project, part of the model legislation in *Defending Life*, [click here](#).

To learn more about AUL's 2014 Life List and AUL All-Stars, [click here](#).

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