



On Your August 4th Primary Ballot, vote NO on Medicaid Expansion!

Nine Things to Know About Missouri Right to Life's Opposition to Amendment 2 Medicaid Expansion

1. **Abortion is not health care.** It is wrong to ask the people to pay for more abortions as the price for expanding Medicaid coverage in Missouri, as Amendment 2 does.
2. **It's the wrong time to expand Medicaid** when the Hyde Amendment is under attack. If Amendment 2 is approved and the Hyde Amendment falls after that, Amendment 2 may double the number of surgical abortions that Medicaid would pay for in Missouri.
3. **Since the target population includes** adults without children, expanding Medicaid will greatly expand existing Medicaid payments for abortions that are caused by "morning after" pills.
4. **Medicaid is a program** for the state and the federal governments to pay health care providers. It is not a federal subsidy to the State Treasury. Nor is it "free money"—every taxpayer pays taxes to the federal government for the federal share as well as taxes to the state government for the State's share. And every payment of federal dollars toward Medicaid expenses must be matched by the State's percentage share of those expenses.
5. **Amendment 2 requires the State** to maximize the federal share of Medicaid dollars that are paid to Missouri health care providers. That means the State government cannot replace federal Medicaid programs with its own Missouri-funded programs that will not pay abortionists for non-abortion services (PP) or that are simply better than the federal programs.
6. **The provision for maximizing federal dollars** will also prevent the State from paying for lawyers (including the Attorney General's staff) to attempt to obtain protection for the unborn if the Hyde Amendment is ended. The Missouri legal cavalry would not save the day; they could not even saddle up to make the attempt.
7. **It is not surprising that Planned Parenthood** and other pro-abortion organizations are among Amendment 2's most active supporters. The Supreme Court of Missouri has recently ruled that the State cannot exclude Planned Parenthood from participating in Medicaid. Expanding Medicaid would shovel more money into Planned Parenthood's coffers just when Missouri has put the surgical abortion business on the ropes.
8. **Amendment 2 proposes** a state constitutional amendment that, if adopted, cannot be amended by the legislature, but only by another vote of the people. If the state's budget were unable to keep up with the new costs of Medicaid, the State Legislature could not change the program to reduce Medicaid expenses.
9. **The Missouri Department of Social Services**, the agency that manages Medicaid in Missouri, has estimated that the cost for the first year of expanded Medicaid services under Amendment 2 would be over \$2 billion dollars, of which the share owed by the State of Missouri would be over \$200 million. Where is the State going to get this money—especially since over \$400 million has had to be cut from this fiscal year's budget because of COVID-19?

An expanded explanation of Missouri Right to Life's opposition to Medicaid Expansion, Amendment 2, may be accessed at a PDF link on the homepage of Missouri Right to Life PAC's website at missourilifepac.org.

“*You*
were born for such a time as this.”
Esther 4:14

From the Political Action Committee Chairman ~

It's Time to Pray, to Work, to Vote Pro-Life!

The year 2020 will certainly not go down in history as an uneventful one. Pandemics, economic uncertainty, and social unrest are all realities that we'd rather choose to forget! But what better distraction than a vigorous Missouri election season?

And not one without challenges. Not only is there a presidential election, but most of the statewide constitutional offices are at stake. Missouri pro-lifers also have historic opportunities to advance our goals by strengthening our supporters in the General Assembly, even beyond current veto-proof majorities.

The first priorities for us all are to keep both President Donald Trump and Governor Mike Parson in office.

President Trump has done more as President to advance policies protecting unborn children than all of his predecessors, and he has presented his anti-life opponents with incredible dilemmas that continue to confound them. The sheer volume of judicial appointments and nominations, his staffing of important agencies, his proclamations and executive orders, and his consistent communication of life-affirming policy statements are without precedent.

It's great to have Pro-Life President Trump!

As our Governor, Mike Parson has been a true friend to Missouri's guardians of life. He has frequently joined the fight to protect the unborn, from signing the historic House Bill 126 in 2019 to keeping steady watch on threats, whether budgetary or policy. His commitment to the sanctity of life has provided assurances that his decisions will last as legacies in Missouri's pro-life future.

Missouri Right to Life is grateful for Governor Parson's leadership and his friendship!

President Trump faces anti-life former U.S. Senator and Vice President Joe Biden, while Governor Parson will likely be challenged by State Auditor Nicole Galloway, also strongly supported by pro-abortion forces.

The statewide offices of Lt. Governor, Secretary of State, Attorney General, and Treasurer all warrant our attention as well. Surely those who want to protect abortion will be working hard for control of these positions, currently all held by pro-lifers. We must be steadfast in our resolve to hold these crucial offices.

The endorsements of the MRL Political Action Committees are shown on the following pages. Please study these carefully and share with your pro-life family and friends.

We need every pro-life Missourian to join our efforts in promoting our endorsed candidates! They depend on *YOU* to pray, work for their success, and make *every vote* count for life!



Dave Plemmons
MRL PAC Chairman

In Respect for Life,
Dave Plemmons

MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEES

CANDIDATE ENDORSEMENTS

Primary Election ~ August 4, 2020

Below are the candidates endorsed by Missouri Right to Life Federal Political Action Committee and Missouri Right to Life State Political Action Committee for the August 4th primary election. Unlisted offices/districts have no endorsement.

KEY

I Incumbent
R Republican
D Democrat

MISSOURI STATEWIDE

Governor
Mike Parson (R) I

Lieutenant Governor
Mike Kehoe (R) I

Secretary of State
John R. (Jay) Ashcroft (R) I

State Treasurer
Scott Fitzpatrick (R) I

Attorney General
Eric Schmitt (R) I

MISSOURI SENATE

(Only odd numbered senate districts have elections in 2020)

District 1
David Lenihan (R)
Mitchell Kohlberg (R)

District 3
Elaine Freeman Gannon (R)

District 5
Michael Hebron (R)

District 9
David Martin (R)

District 15
Andrew Koenig (R) I

District 17
Mickey Younghanz (R)

District 21
Denny Hoskins (R) I

District 23
Bill Eigel (R) I

District 25
Jeff Shawan (R)
Jason Bean (R)
Eddy Justice (R)
Stephen Carroll Cookson (R)

District 27
Kathy Swan (R)

District 29
Mike Moon (R)
David Cole (R)

District 31
Rick Brattin (R)

District 33
Robert Ross (R)

MO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

District 2
J Eggleston (R) I

District 3
Danny Busick (R) I

District 4
Greg Sharpe (R) I

FEDERAL

United States President
Donald J. Trump (R) I

U.S. Congress Dist. 1
Winnie Heartstrong (R)

U.S. Congress Dist. 2
Ann Wagner (R) I

U.S. Congress Dist. 3
Blaine Luetkemeyer (R) I

U.S. Congress Dist. 4
Vicky Hartzler (R) I

U.S. Congress Dist. 6
Sam Graves (R) I

U.S. Congress Dist. 7
Billy Long (R) I

U.S. Congress Dist. 8
Jason Smith (R) I

In addition to endorsements, candidate ratings by Missouri Right to Life Federal and State Political Action Committees for each major party candidate will be found at the MRL PAC website, www.missourilifepac.org.

District 5
Louis Riggs (R) I

District 6
Ed Lewis (R)

District 8
Darlene Breckenridge (R)
Randy Railsback (R)
David Woody (R)

District 9
Dean VanSchoiack (R)
Tina Goodrick (R)

District 10
Bill Falkner (R) I

District 12
Josh Hurlbert (R)

District 14
Eric Holmes (R)

District 16
Chris Brown (R)

District 17
Brandt Vircks (R)

District 20
Bill E Kidd (R) I

District 30
Jon Patterson (R) I

District 31
Dan Stacy (R) I

District 32
Jeff Coleman (R) I

District 33
Chris Sander (R)
Alex Holt (R)

District 34
Rick Roeber (R)

District 35
Sean Smith (R)

District 36
Nola Wood (R)

District 37
John D Boyd, Jr (R)

District 38
Doug Richey (R) I

District 39
Peggy McGaugh (R) I

District 40
Chad Perkins (R)
Heather Dodd (R)
Ron Staggs (R)
Woodrow Polston (R)
Thomas R (Tommy) Schultz (R)

District 42
Jeff Porter (R) I

District 43
Kent Haden (R) I

District 44
Cheri Toalson Reisch (R) I

District 47
Charles (Chuck) Basye (R) I

District 48
Tim Taylor (R)
Don (Donnie) Baragary (R)

District 50
Sara Walsh (R) I

District 51
Kurtis Gregory (R)

District 52
Bradley Pollitt (R) I

District 53
Terry Thompson (R)

District 54
Dan Houx (R) I

District 55
Mike Haffner (R) I

District 56
Michael Davis (R)
Chip Anderson (R)
John Webb (R)

District 57
Rodger L Reedy (R) I

District 58
Willard Haley (R)
Timothy T Faber (R)

District 59
Rudy Veit (R) I

District 60
Dave Griffith (R) I

District 61
Aaron D Griesheimer (R) I

District 62
Chris Beyer (R)
Bruce Sassmann (R)
Tom Reed (R)

District 63
Richard W West (R)
Dale Schaper (R)

District 65
Tom Hannegan (R) I

District 69
Scott E Cazadd (R)

District 72
Darren L Grant (R)

District 82
Robert J Crump (R)

District 89
Dean Plocher (R) I

District 92
Bill Heisse (R)

District 93
Gabriel Jones (R)

District 94
Jim Murphy (R) I

District 95
Michael A O'Donnell (R) I

District 96
David J Gregory (R) I

District 97
Mary Elizabeth Coleman (R) I

District 99
Lee Ann Pitman (R)
Vince (John) Moreland, Jr (R)

District 100
Derek Grier (R) I

District 101
Bruce DeGroot (R) I

District 102
Ron Hicks (R) I

District 103
John D Wiemann (R) I

District 104
Adam Schnelting (R) I

District 105
Phil Christofanelli (R) I

District 106
Adam Schwadron (R)

District 107
Nick Schroer (R) I

District 108
Justin S Hill (R) I

District 109
John Simmons (R) I

District 110
Dottie Bailey (R) I

District 111
Shane Roden (R) I

District 112
Rob Vescovo (R) I

District 113
Dan Shaul (R) I

District 114
Becky Ruth (R) I

District 115
Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway (R)
Marvin Fricke (R)
Ryan Jones (R)

District 116
Dale Wright (R) I

District 117
Mike Henderson (R) I

District 118
Mike McGirl (R) I

District 119
Nate Tate (R) I

District 122
Bill Hardwick (R)

District 123
Suzie Pollock (R) I

District 124
Lisa Thomas (R)
Duell Wayne Lauderdale (R)
Benny Earl Thomas (R)
Luke A Hagedorn (R)

District 125
Jim Kalberloh (R)

District 126
Patricia Pike (R) I

District 127
Ann Kelley (R) I

District 129
Jeff Knight (R) I

District 130
Bishop Davidson (R)
Macy Mitchell (R)
Sam Snider (R)

District 131
Bill Owen (R)

District 132
Sarah Semple (R)

District 133
Curtis D Trent (R) I

District 134
Alex Riley (R)
Daniel Romine (R)

District 135
Steve Helms (R) I

District 136
Craig Fishel (R) I

District 137
John F Black (R) I

District 138
Brad Hudson (R) I

District 140
Jamie Ray Gragg (R)
Tricia Derges (R)
Jeff Parnell (R)

District 141
Hannah S Kelly (R) I

District 142
Terry Brown (R)
David J Giarratano (R)
Bennie Cook (R)

District 143
Jack Bates (R)
Jaret Holden (R)
Ron Copeland (R)
Frank DeVenuto (R)

District 144
Chris Dinkins (R) I

District 145
Rick Francis (R) I

District 146
Barry D Hovis (R) I

District 147
Wayne Wallingford (R)

District 148
Will Perry (R)
Jamie Burger (R)

District 149
Don Rone (R) I

District 151
Herman Morse (R) I

District 152
Hardy Billington (R) I

District 153
Larry Kimbrow (R)
Darrell Atchison (R)

District 154
David Paul Evans (R) I

District 155
Travis Smith (R)

District 156
Karen Best (R)
Brian H Seitz (R)

District 157
Nathan Bowen (R)
Wally Long (R)
Mitch Boggs (R)

District 159
Dirk Deaton (R) I

District 160
Ben Baker (R) I

District 161
Lane Roberts (R) I

District 162
Bob Bromley (R) I

District 163
Cody Smith (R) I

Here's a pro-life ballot to take with you to the voting booth! Missouri Right to Life PAC-endorsed candidates that will be on everyone's ballot are listed, then you may fill in your Congressperson, Missouri Senator, and Missouri House member from the endorsements in this *MRL PAC News*. Your voting districts are shown on your Voter Registration Card or may be found on the Missouri Right to Life website (missourilife.org) at the "Legislation" drop-down box, then "Find My Legislator."



My Pro-Life Ballot

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United States Congress

Missouri Senate
(only odd-numbered districts)

Missouri House

"NO" on Amendment 2 Medicaid Expansion

Administrative Hearing Commissioner Declines to Protect the Health and Safety of Missouri Women

On May 29, in a 97-page decision, Administrative Hearing Commissioner said Planned Parenthood demonstrated that it meets the requirements for renewal of its abortion facility license in St. Louis.

Missouri Right to Life is disappointed that a lone Administrative Hearing Commissioner, not elected by the people and not a medical professional, can instruct our Director of the Department of Health and Senior Services, a man with

over 30 years of OBGYN experience, to issue a license to an abortion clinic with known infractions and a history of breaking Missouri laws.

The Planned Parenthood in St. Louis, Missouri, has had multiple ambulances called to their facility over the years because of complications with abortions. Missouri Right to Life calls on our elected officials to protect women and correct the system that allows an unelected person to make health decisions for our state.

Pro-Life Across Missouri

save³date

- Friday, July 24** **MRL "Fore Life" Golf Tournament**, The Links at Dardenne, O'Fallon MO. Information/Registration at www.easternregionmrl.org/golf
- Tuesday, August 4** **Primary Election Day**
VOTE FOR MRL PAC ENDORSED CANDIDATES
- Thursday, August 13** **MRL-Randolph County Celebration of Life Banquet**, Moberly MO. For information, contact Therese Sander at 660.651.9748 or Sarah Mefford at 660.651.8327.
- Saturday, August 29** **MRL-St. Charles County Chapter Pro-Life Trivia Night**, Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall, Dardenne Prairie. Information at www.easternregionmrl.org/trivia.
- Saturday, Sept. 12** **MRL Statewide Leadership Meeting** Jefferson City
- Friday, Sept. 25** **MRL "Life Is Good" Golf Tournament**, Eagles' Landing, Belton MO. Information/Registration at www.mrlwesternregion.org/golf-tournament.
- Tuesday, Nov. 3** **General Election Day**
- Thursday, Nov. 19** **Missouri Right to Life Celebration of Life Banquet**, Orlando Event Center, Maryland Heights MO. Information at www.easternregionmrl.org/dinner



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*Thank you for sharing
in our work to help save
precious lives.*

Because LIFE Matters!

*Your gift to Missouri Right to Life
supports the work of restoring
respect for innocent LIFE!*



MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE AND NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE SAY U.S. SUPREME COURT WRONG IN JUNE MEDICAL, L.L.C. v. RUSSO

On June 29, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against Louisiana's 2014 "Unsafe Abortion Protection Act" in a 5-4 decision. The law was before the High Court in June Medical Services, L.L.C. v. Russo.

Missouri Right to Life along with National Right to Life and pro-lifers around the nation are very disappointed in this decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Because of this ruling, in Louisiana patient safety and common sense restrictions enacted by a state legislature have taken a backseat to abortion ideology. It is unfortunate that Chief Justice Roberts decided to change his vote from the earlier Texas case the Court used as precedent.



STRIKE THREE FOR SATANISTS

On June 9, 2020, a 3-judge panel of the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals unanimously affirmed a District Court's dismissal of the latest suit by a Satanic Temple plaintiff against Missouri's pro-life laws which she claims violate her 1st Amendment religious freedom rights under the U.S. Constitution.

Strike one: in 2018, the 8th Circuit upheld a District Court dismissal of a case brought by another Satanist making similar claims. Strike two: the Missouri Supreme Court ruled against the Satanists in a similar case last year.

That makes the June 9 appeals court ruling strike three!

The Satanist claimed that the Missouri statute stating that "Life begins at conception. . . ." constitutes the establishment of religion in violation of the 1st Amendment to the U.S. Constitution because the Catholic church holds the same belief.

The fact that life begins at conception is a matter of science. The court acknowledged that just because the state and a religion hold the same belief does not mean that the state has established a religion.

The Satanist also claimed that state law, requiring that she be provided written information containing abortion facts before an abortion, violated her free exercise of her Satanist religion. The court acknowledged that the state has a legitimate interest in protecting women from harm by virtue of the information provided to a woman before an abortion and denied it violated her free exercise of religion.

Note that the 3 judges deciding the case were Duane Benton, who was appointed by George W. Bush, and L. Steven Gras and David R. Stras, both of whom were appointed by President Trump. Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt and his staff are doing a tremendous job of defending the pro-life laws of Missouri!

We commend the efforts of the pro-life community in getting these pro-life statutes passed and in electing pro-life people! Without you, this would not be happening! Thank you!

Stay tuned to MRL for more information. At printing, the Satanists have filed a new motion.

Inside --

Candidate Endorsements for the August 4th Primary Election



The next issue of the *Missouri Right to Life News* will include the Missouri Right to Life PAC Endorsements for the November 3rd General Election.

VOTING INFORMATION

LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE in the November 3rd *General Election* is Wednesday, October 7, 2020. Registration deadline for the *Primary Election* has expired.

ABSENTEE VOTING ~

During the August primary and the November general elections in 2020, Missouri voters will be eligible to cast ballots by mail with notarization of the ballot envelope, while voters in at-risk categories for contracting or transmitting COVID-19 are eligible to vote by absentee ballot without obtaining notarization.

A two-page summary of your options is available on the Missouri Secretary of State's website, <https://www.sos.mo.gov/elections>, with links to the revised absentee application and the mail-in ballot application.

Memorials



*In memory of a loved one or a friend,
 these gifts were made to Missouri Right to Life.*

In memory of ~

Armella Chisholm

Jim Fleming

Jarrold Hunter

Donald Phillips

Clara Rowan

Michele Voss

In honor of ~

Newborn Grandbabies
 Lucy & Marko

Given by ~

East Central Area MRL Chapter

William Putnam

East Central Area MRL Chapter

East Central Area MRL Chapter

Kenneth Rowan

East Central Area MRL Chapter

Given by ~

Dick & Peggy Hronick

*Missouri Right to Life thanks those who honor
 their deceased loved ones or who celebrate an
 important event by making a gift to MRL.*