



Attempts to Defund Planned Parenthood in Budget bills Continue to Lose in Court, not on the merit of the issue but rather simply because Republicans have not put Pro-life language in statute

Judge Jon Beetem ruled (again) today, December 28, 2022, that the legislature cannot legislate in budget bills. This was brought about by the legislature's attempt in the 2022 legislative session to include a family planning line item but then to zero it out with no tax dollars appropriated for it. Attempts to defund Planned Parenthood in budget bills continue to lose in court, not on the merit of the issue but rather simply because Republicans have not put pro-life language in statute. Keep in mind the time table below:

June 2020: MO Supreme Court said "you can't defund Planned Parenthood in a budget bill."

July 2021: Circuit Court Judge Jon Beetum commented while ruling in support of Medicaid Expansion said, "if you want to defund Planned Parenthood, you need to put the language in statute."

December 2022: Circuit Judge Jon Beetum ruled that, " you can't defund Medicaid providers " in a budget bill".

How many years does it take super majority Republicans to put pro-life language "in statute" to defund abortion providers who use the shifting of funds from one pocket to another to support their abortion business either here, or referring women to Kansas or Illinois?

Will Republicans in Missouri, with a 150 year historical record in 2023 of holding super majorities across the state,, stop Planned Parenthood from receiving our tax dollars by placing pro-life language "in statute"?