

Pro-Abortion Forces Have Filed Initiatives to Enshrine a Right to Abortion in Our Missouri Constitution

Your Voice Is Needed to Defend Life: A public comment period is open through the Office of Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft for each of these 11 Initiative Petitions (IPs) that have been filed by pro-abortion forces to enshrine a right to abortion in our Missouri Constitution. Your pro-life comments are extremely important! **The public comment period closes March 22, 2023.**

- Submit comments to SOS online: <https://www.sos.mo.gov/petitions/2024comment>
- Submit comments to SOS handwritten: <https://www.sos.mo.gov/CMSImages/Elections/Petitions//publiccommentform.pdf>

Please submit your pro-life comments on each of the Initiative Petitions (2024-077 through 2024-087) by March 22, 2023. Below is background and talking points:

Background: On Wednesday afternoon, March 8th, a newly established campaign committee, “Missourians for Constitutional Freedom,” (MCF) filed 11 Initiative Petitions with the Missouri Secretary of State’s office. MCF is a St. Louis based committee, its treasurer is Michael Pridmore and Anna Fitz-James filed the documents. These IP’s seek to enshrine a right to abortion up to the point of birth in the Missouri Constitution. The statement of committee organization filed with the Missouri Ethics Commission by MCF indicates the ballot measure will be on the November 5, 2024 Statewide ballot.

It is our understanding that campaign committees file multiple petitions and move forward with the petition that their polling indicates includes language that most Missourians support. While each initiative petition has some slight variations, they are all identical in their purpose and their effect.

Talking Points to Consider when Submitting Your Comments to the Missouri Secretary of State on Proposed Pro-Abortion Initiative Petitions (2024-077 through 2024-087):

-Missouri has long been a state working to protect women and unborn babies by developing and funding programs such as Alternatives to Abortion and Show-Me Healthy Babies.

-After a baby is born, Missouri cares for women with health insurance programs such as MoHealthNet and Show-Me Healthy Babies.

-Missouri currently does not prosecute women for abortion and does not have plans to do so. Missouri has a strong history of supporting women and their unborn babies.

-All innocent human life has intrinsic value and we oppose abortion at every stage of development from inception of biological development to after the baby is born through natural death.

-As a Missourian we oppose IP # (enter no. from above) for the following reasons:

- The petition will allow for abortions to be performed up until the moment of birth and possibly beyond.
- The petition will allow anyone to perform an abortion with no penalty, prosecution or adverse action for performing the abortion.
- The petition will deny any woman harmed by an abortionist her right to sue for malpractice to recover for her injuries
- The petition will allow for the funding of abortions with public tax dollars.
- The petition nullifies current Missouri laws that protect pregnant women and their unborn babies.

Please check our website frequently (www.missourilife.org) as we will be sharing information and updates. We would love to hear your comments, too!

You can email a copy of your comments to righttolife@missourilife.org

Thank you for standing with us, For Life!