

## **The Battle to Keep Missouri Pro-Life Talking Points**

On Wednesday afternoon, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 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. 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. The SOS has a comment period (LINK: [2024 Initiative and Referendum Petitions Filed \(mo.gov\)](#)) that closes March 22, 2023. Please submit your comments on each of the initiative petitions if you haven’t already done so. Below are some talking points:

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

1. 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.
2. After a baby is born, Missouri cares for women with health insurance programs such as MoHealthNet and Show-Me Healthy Babies.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. We continue to stand with *The Missouri Stands for the Unborn Act* (HB126) which became effective after the Supreme Court of the United States overruled *Roe v. Wade*, making abortion unlawful in Missouri except in cases of medical emergency as defined in statute.
6. As a Missourian we oppose IP # (enter no.) for the following reasons:
  - The IP legalizes abortion up to the point of birth.
  - The IP nullifies current Missouri laws that protect pregnant women and their unborn babies.
  - The IP allows taxpayer funding of abortion.
  - The IP uses misleading language to deceive voters to undermine current laws and protections for women and babies.
  - The IP legalizes any non-medical person to perform or induce an abortion on another person.