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The Freedom Principle MO supports this bill because this bill will help provide transparency regarding initiative petitions and referendums. Many voters are unaware of the impact of initiative petitions because there is generally limited information provided by the Secretary of State or the media. Additionally, what is put on the ballot is limited and usually misleading, such as the language for Amendment 3. Requiring the Secretary of State to develop a fact sheet will help grassroots organizations educate the voters about the various petitions. Elected leaders should strive to make sure all voters are educated as much as possible on both the positives and negatives of a petition and allow the voter to make an informed decision.



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The Ballot language for Initiative Petitions is often complex and deceiving, bent towards the writers bias. The average citizen may not truly understand the language and outside advertisements may mislead the voter. Having fact sheets for petitions and referandums will offer clarity and continues to make our government truly transparent.



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Looks like more accountability for the petitioners. I am in support of it.



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I oppose HB 834 on the grounds that this bill limits free speech and takes power away from the people. Gutting the initiative petition process makes it more difficult for Missourians to have their voices heard, and I oppose all changes to the initiative petition process.



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I oppose HB 834 since it requires the Secretary of State's fact sheet on a petition to be used. The Secretary of State is a political office. A non-partisan fact sheet should be the only one required. However, I oppose a law that says every person signing a petition must be read the statement or be given the sheet. And invalidating signatures collected on an entire date if one signer did not get the fact sheet seems impossible to enforce (unless that state has a lot of money to have valid observers at every single place IP circulators are working). So, the real reason is to discourage someone from trying to gather signatures. This is another attempt to suppress the Citizen Initiative Process. I oppose all efforts to take the rights away from citizens to have their voices heard. Sincerely, Carol Schreiber



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MOVPC opposes HB 834. This proposal would require the Secretary of State's office to make a petition fact sheet using public comments and information from the person who submits the petition. It would further require all petition circulators to present that fact sheet or read it aloud to every person who signs the petition. This is unnecessarily burdensome to circulators, and duplicative. The petition already includes the summary statement regarding the measure. Even more, HB 834 would invalidate any and all signatures gathered on any date the circulator is found to have failed to provide and/or read the fact sheet to any individual. Because HB 834 places unnecessary and duplicative burdens on circulators and invalidates the signatures of valid voters who wish to sign the petition due to no fault of their own, this measure further violates the first amendment rights of voters to sign petitions and participate in the petition process - a right the Missouri Supreme Court has held in highest regard. Accordingly, MOVPC urges this committee to oppose HB 834.



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This bill would add unnecessary restrictions to the treasured initiative petition process. I oppose these restrictions on the voice of the people



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Good Day, A fully-paid Golden Life member of both the NAACP and THE Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service sisterhood founded on Christian principles, I have visited the Missouri Capitol several times over the years. I traveled from Kansas City as part of our Social Action Committee's annual Delta Days at the Missouri State Capital. More recently, I was an advocate of Medicaid Expansion. Established in 1913 at Howard University in Washington, DC, Delta's first social action was marching down Pennsylvania Avenue for women's suffrage. Communities Creating Opportunities and other community and faith-based organizations sponsored several bus trips to the Missouri State Capital in Jefferson City in support of Medicaid Expansion for citizens caught in the Affordable Health Care gap. I was impressed with the historic art and accessibility to the legislative process. The hallowed halls contained pictures of public servants I respect such as Senator Yvonne Wilson and Representatives Mary Groves Bland, Bill Gray, Jackie McGee and others. Most legislators live up to their title, The Honorable. Years before, I wrote to The Honorable John Ashcroft, Missouri's 50th Governor (1984-1993) who went on to serve as US Senator (1995-2001) and 79th US Attorney General, aka Justice Dept CEO (2001-2005). I urged him to sign the bill on his desk passed by a progressive Missouri House and Senate to divest Missouri funds in an international response to apartheid in South Africa and then enforce the law he signed when the MOSERS (MO State Employees Retirement System) Board refused to comply 5 years later. I was surprised, both times, he did the honorable thing after I appealed to him citing Old Testament references in the name of Jesus. I supposed as a Republican, he would not sign the Democratic led divestment bill into law. Little did I know, he was the son of a Pentecostal preacher and was not Jewish as I assumed. I try to leave judging people to the Lord God Almighty now. Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Archbishop Desmond Tutu visited UMKC and praised Missouri's forward thinking in this important fight for human rights. Divestment did not cost the state any money as was predicted. In fact, funds increased. Nelson Mandela, another Nobel Peace Prize Winner, was subsequently released from prison after 27 years and went on to vote for the first time in a presidential election he won. GLORY TO GOD. I do not understand why Medicaid Expansion did not pass the Missouri legislature. How could a state legislators refuse billion\$ of federal funding to comply with the spirit of federal law in deference to public health? Your health care is partially funded by the taxpayers in the gap!!! Many benefited from Affordable Health Care (aka, Obama Care) especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Missouri has profitted from the influx of federal funding as one of the 39 Medicaid Expansion states. Despite many challenges, "it is notable that almost 300,000 people have applied for the Medicaid expansion in one year and evidence suggests that many if not most of these individuals were uninsured before receiving the expansion coverage and may never have had insurance before." – Washington University – St. Louis Institute for Public Health. (November 29, 2022) THE PETITION INITIATIVE PROCESS MUST BE MAINTAINED AS IS. It is an important check to the partisan politics I saw evident in Medicaid Expansion which required Supreme Court intervention to be

enacted. The failure of a partisan Missouri legislature to act in the best interests of our citizenry was countered by this process to get the issue on the ballot and passed with the current percentage of signatures in the current number of Congressional Districts with the current simple majority. HJR-18, -24, -25, -28, -29, -30 and -43 and HB-391, -703, -780 and -834 are not in our best interests. The process which already exists requires a high thresh hold of signatures and has served us well. A two-thirds majority on any ballot decision or election is unrealistic. How many legislators could garner 2/3 of the vote from their constituencies to hold office? Amazed by His Grace, Sis. Getta R. Hall (pronounced "G" as in Glory - "Ta" - "Hall" as in Hallelujah) (816)-483-9759 - getta_hall@yahoo.com ACA Medicaid expansion in Missouri [Updated 2022 Guide]



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HB834 is just so ridiculously wrong (invalidating an entire days' signatures for one infraction?) and has the potential for so much to go wrong (the ability to collect signatures depends on the SOS's timely production of a fact sheet!?) it is absolutely blatantly a purposeful obstacle to democracy that willfully removes rights from Missouri voters, and is a transparent power grab by the legislature.



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I oppose this proposal because it would make the initiative petition process more difficult. For more than 100 years Missourians have been able to use the initiative petition process to advance legislation independent of the legislature, Both conservatives and progressives have used the initiative petition process, with the Hancock Amendment being a conservative example and Medicaid expansion being a progressive example.



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Date: April 11, 2023**To:** Chairwoman McGaugh and Members, Elections and Elected Officials**From:** Holly Honig, Policy Director, Empower Missouri**Re:** Opposition for Altering the Initiative Petition Process - HB 834

Empower Missouri is a rare organization in the state that is actually older than our state’s initiative petition process itself. For the last 120 years, Empower Missouri has worked to alleviate the effects of poverty across our state, with the ultimate goal of ending poverty. To reach that vision, citizens must be actively involved in the policy making process. The initiative petition process is one of the most important avenues for our neighbors to directly engage in the democratic process. These individuals have unique insight into their own lives and experiences with Missouri policy that most elected officials simply will never have the chance to experience. Sometimes that means individuals who know best what helps and hinders their everyday lives do not always feel represented in state policymaking. The initiative petition process is neither partisan nor easy. Throughout our state’s history, it has benefited individuals of all political ideologies who had a desire that was unfulfilled by their current representatives. The IP process is not an easy way to get legislation to the people— only about 100 pieces of legislation have been brought to MO voters this way since 1910. HB 834 proposes changes that add unnecessary requirements and penalties for circulators that would make signature gathering significantly more time consuming and more expensive, while also making it easier to challenge and throw out legitimately gathered signatures – rendering the effort and the process ineffective. Throwing out all of a day’s collected signatures after proving one transactional failure is undemocratic. A “one bad apple spoils the whole barrel” approach is NOT GOOD DEMOCRACY. Additionally, the \$0 fiscal note is deceiving. HB 834 also adds unnecessary expense. The cost of making and distributing the full text plus the secretary of state’s fact sheet during the signature gathering process would make the process prohibitively expensive for most. As a reminder, petition circulators are not asking citizens to agree or disagree with the proposed policy change. They are providing citizens the opportunity to weigh in on whether a proposal should be put to a vote of the people. Making the already challenging and expensive process of gathering hundreds of thousands of signatures to get something on the ballot even more difficult will clearly create even more barriers to the process being accessible and possible for Missourians. Limiting citizens’ ability to get things on the ballot for a vote of the people will make yet another aspect of our government feel, and indeed will be, out of reach. **SEEKING TO MAKE THE SIGNATURE GATHERING PROCESS MORE DIFFICULT IS ADDING TO THE GROWING MISTRUST THAT SO MANY PEOPLE ALREADY FEEL ABOUT OUR ELECTED OFFICIALS AND GOVERNING PROCESS.** Let’s be clear. This bill proposes only restrictions, penalties, and limitations where there is nothing broken and nothing wrong today. **THE INITIATIVE PETITION PROCESS IS FOUNDATIONAL TO THE MISSOURI LAW-MAKING PROCESS AND SHOULD NOT BE HINDERED.** Attacks and limits on the initiative petition

process are anti-democratic and should not advance. We respectfully ask this committee not to pass any policy which will make the initiative petition process more difficult, including HB 834.



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Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is Jen Bernstein, and I am submitting this testimony in opposition of HB 834 on behalf of the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL). NCJWSTL is a non-profit organization in metropolitan St. Louis, representing over 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state. We focus our work on community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children and families while supporting individual and civil rights, and have been doing so since 1895. This bill requires the Secretary of State to develop fact sheets concerning initiative and referendum petitions which have been approved for circulation. We believe this adds an additional barrier to the democratic process and deem it unnecessary. Lawmakers should reject efforts to make direct democracy more difficult. NCJWSTL encourages you to vote no on HB 834.



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My name is Jennifer Stephenson and I oppose all changes to the initiative petition process. This is an infringement to free speech and I find it horrific to minimize citizens' rights to have a say in our government.



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Dear Chairperson and Members of the House Elections and Elected Officials Committee, I am writing to you in Opposition to HB 834. HB 834 further inserts the role of Secretary of State into what is the right of citizens to petition independent of interference from state government officials. This bill would, in essence, give the SOS undue influence over the circulation of a petition by requiring that the SOS develop fact sheets and summary statements for and against the proposal. It would further require that the petition circulator either provide copies of the "fact sheets" or read the "fact sheet" aloud to the voter before the voter signs and dates the signature. Failure of the circulator to do this would invalidate all signatures collected by circulator on that date. What should come next -- perhaps a public shaming of the circulator for daring to participate in what is otherwise known as direct democracy. We Missourians have been able to make our voices heard through the initiative process since 1907. This political process has benefitted Missourians across the political spectrum. Direct Democracy would be harmed by this bill. Please vote NO on HB 834. Joan Gentry, Springfield 65807



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I oppose any House or Senate bill that changes the Initiative Petition process. I believe in democracy and that a vote is passed by a simple majority of 50+1% . I believe the current system is a fair system and should not be changed. Thank you.



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"The people-the people-are the rightful masters of both congresses, and courts-not to overthrow the constitution, but to overthrow the men who pervert it." -Abraham Lincoln, 1859.HB 834 is an attempt to weaken the will of the citizens of the state of Missouri. If Missourians cannot express their wishes to their legislators through petitions, no one wins. Those in office are less aware of the needs and desires of their constituencies, and the citizens are less able to participate in government collectively.



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When legislators pay more attention to special interests than to their constituents, we look to the initiative petition, the most direct form of voter participation in our democracy. Missouri's initiative petition system has been in place for over 115 years. It allows citizens to add their signature to a petition and put an issue on the ballot for a statewide vote. This critical tool, used through the years by citizens from all political persuasions, is now under attack by lawmakers who want to curtail the people's power. This valuable and trusted process is not easy, and the citizens of Missouri have not abused it. This bill adds additional undue burden on petition gatherers in an effort to restrict the initiative petition process and invalidate the will of Missourians. Our democracy depends on the power of people to be directly involved in their government. The initiative petition process is a sacred and trusted right of the citizens of Missouri. It should not be restricted in any way. If anything, it should be made easier.



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I want you to vote NO on HB 834. It should not be harder for Missouri citizens to exercise their state constitutional right to have their voices heard. Why would you, as representatives of Missourians, try to make it harder to get a IP on the ballot or passed?! Please uphold our state democratic process by not passing a bill that hampers the process.



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Protect my right to have my voice heard in government through the petition process.



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How can this bill possibly improve the integrity of any ballot initiative process? This bill only serves to make it more burdensome for the petitioners and serves to add unnecessary detail to the entire process. If you are seeking to dissuade voters from participating in the voting process, this is a good step. If you want to uphold democracy and allow voters to more easily participate in the voting process, I encourage you to do away with this bill.



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A reading of the rest of Section 116RSMo, makes ti clear that these changes are unnecessary.1)When a person votes goes to the polls to vote only the Secretary of States' "Fair ballot language statement" is provided at the polling place and that is merely posted. No one provides a copy or offers to read the SOS's statement. (116.025. Attorney general sent fair ballot language, when — statement posted at polling place.)2) It is already required that the FULL TEXT of the measure must be included or attached to the petition.(116.050. Initiative and referendum petitions, requirements. — 1. Initiative and referendum petitions filed under the provisions of this chapter shall consist of pages of a uniform size. Each page, excluding the text of the measure, shall be no larger than eight and one-half by fourteen inches. Each page of an initiative petition shall be attached to or shall contain a full and correct text of the proposed measure.)Signing a petition is not voting. There are already more requirements for signing a petition to suggest a vote than for actually voting on the measure.. HB 834 is redundant, unnecessary and burdensome.



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Chair, Vice-Chair, members of the committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in opposition to HB 834 which would prevent the initiative petition (IP) process from working for the people of Missouri. Pro-Choice Missouri works to protect and expand every Missourians' right to bodily autonomy, to access essential reproductive healthcare, to access accurate information to make the best decisions for ourselves and our families, and to parent our children in safety and dignity. Moreover, we work to ensure reproductive justice for all Missourians, which involves advocating to reduce disparities based on race, income level, insurance coverage status, and other factors. Over the last 3+ years Pro-Choice Missouri has been heavily invested in several ballot initiatives including Medicaid Expansion, Raise up Missouri, and Clean Missouri. We had a team of 7 people who collected more than 5,500 signatures to help get Medicaid Expansion on the ballot. This number is only a fraction of the total 120,000 signatures that were collected by the larger campaign. Everyday our team got up in the sun, the wind, the snow, and the rain, to speak to strangers on street corners all across the First and Second Congressional Districts. They waited on metro platforms for hours on freezing days being rejected by strangers, hoping for a few good conversations— from the most densely populated neighborhoods in St Louis to the most lonely country roads. Our small non-profit organization puts considerable effort into supporting these ballot initiatives, and makes up only a small fraction of the signatures already required. This amendment would require over 100,000 more signatures and would make it so only well financed groups could access the ballot. This change denies the people their voice in the process and preferences large monied organizations. HB 834 would make the ballot initiative process prohibitively difficult, because the task is already a monumental one. The measure is retaliatory to the millions of voters who voted in favor of medical marijuana, ethics reform, medicaid expansion, and so much more. Further, the increased attacks in this 2023 legislative session are a direct response to the overwhelming number of voters across five states who voted to protect and expand access to abortion in the 2022 Midterm election. Abortion access wins at the ballot. The majority of Missourians, 7 in 10, do NOT support political interference in abortion access. Our elected leaders should stop wasting Missourian's dollars prioritizing unpopular measures (reflected in the number of submitted testimonies in opposition to changes in the IP process) in order to maintain political power. Missourians deserve MORE than power hungry politicians utilizing their positions of power to undo the will of the people they purport to represent. These measures will have lasting negative impacts in Missouri. Pro-Choice Missouri, representing more than 60,000 members across the state, opposes the advancement of these measures, and urges you to vote NO. Thank you.



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This bill would make it harder for initiative petitions to reach the ballot. Access to direct democracy has been beneficial for issues all across the political spectrum. There is no good reason to make it more difficult for the citizens to pass initiatives they support.



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When citizens don't feel their voices are heard, they turn to the initiative petition process, through which, since 1907, Missourians across the political spectrum have benefitted. This process is already difficult and time-consuming and requires the gathering of several hundred thousand signatures from individual citizens. There is no need to add additional barriers to the process. For example, this legislation would require each petition circulator to provide copies of or read aloud the Secretary of State's fact sheet to every voter requesting to sign a petition. The cost of printing and additional time spent in signature-gathering from each individual are just two examples of additional burdens on a process that has proven successful for more than 100 years. The voters have proven to be wise in how they make their voice heard. The League of Women Voters of Missouri is opposed to any effort to make the initiative petition process more difficult.



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I am a retired teacher. I have worked on several petition efforts that presented changes about which I cared deeply. I worked long, hard hours, talking to people, often six hours a day., five to six days a week. In Springfield, Missouri, it is difficult to get petition signatures. Unlike most other cities there are very few places we may legally collect signatures, few places where we are likely to encounter many people. We cannot collect at grocery stores and malls in the Springfield area. We must gather at the libraries and on public sidewalks or attend events. I found asking questions most effective. I referred to the summary and pointed out other salient aspects, often based on voter's concerns. At the risk of seeming immodest, I was an exceptionally successful petitioner, but my end goal wasn't just signatures, I wanted people to understand the issue and know what they would be voting for when it was on the ballot. If there is an honest, fair summary one doesn't need a list. I always read the summary to everyone. A list It would only add to the burden, make it mind-numbingly repetitive, and much more time consuming. Some voters knew about the issue, were in a hurry, and just wanted to sign quickly. This left more time to educate others. There were many times when people, hired blockers, tried to create trouble to get the petitioners kicked off. Pay Day lending reform was the worst. I was assaulted twice, not injured. I was surrounded and sexually harassed, followed, berated, and subjected to vicious remarks based on my religious background. Often passing another petition, the blockers' goal was to create a scene. They didn't care if they were kicked off, they just didn't want us to get signatures. I also had people who weren't hired, they just disagreed and felt they should do what they could to stop the effort. After those tactics backfired, they resorted to quietly complaining to officials that we were violating the rules, harassing people. I carefully followed the rules, and more than once had to tell officials to watch the video replay of the entrance. If those who oppose a petition effort are willing to hire people to violate laws what do you think they will do if a signer only has to say they weren't read all the points? How will this be enforced? Record everyone? Have we reached a point of absurdity, requiring people to sign papers attesting to the fact that they read the papers they previously signed? This is a perfect set-up for less than ethical blockers to destroy the petition effort. This is a poison pill that infringes on our freedom to petition our government. The best approach is a good summary, a fair summary.



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I am totally opposed to HB 834. The current Secretary of State is a partisan activist and any "fact sheet" regarding a petition that would be produced by him would be full of disinformation. His past actions regarding language on ballot issues has been outrageous! The ballot language on Amendment 3 on the November 2020 is a case that makes my point.



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This bill is yet another attempt to silence those fighting for democracy, the will and voice of the people. This time by placing unnecessary burdens on circulators. The summary statement is already included on the petition being circulated.



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April 10, 2023 Chairwoman Peggy McGaugh Elections and Elected Officials Committee MO House of Representatives 201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 402 Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairwoman McGaugh and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Bill No. 834 seeks to change the initiative petition process of Missouri. It requires petition circulators to follow stringent measures to have their petitions considered valid. Therefore, we respectfully request you oppose HB 834 to protect Missouri's right to independently engage in the legislative process. HB 834 burdens Missourians attempting to advance their own policy ideas by requiring extensive challenges for Missourians who wish to have their policy ideas heard through the initiative petition process. These restrictions include: voters shall date and sign petitions, petition circulators shall have the full text available upon request, a petition circulator must provide copies or read aloud the secretary of state's fact sheet before allowing an individual to sign the petition, the secretary of state will invalidate the petition signatures after proof of the violation, and within 30 days of the comment period the secretary of state shall create a petition fact sheet. These changes will create an increased difficulty for Missourians to propose laws that can meaningfully improve their lives. We have our initiative petition structure to protect our democracy and create a balance between Missourians and their respective elected officials. Voters have confidence in this process because everyone gets an equal chance to vote and make a change and we have seen Missourians do this several times in the recent past. It empowers Missourians to collaborate and speak to issues that directly impact them and their communities. For these reasons, MCE opposes any change to the initiative petition process. Once again, Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully urges you to vote "NO" on HB 834 in order to protect Missouri's initiative petition process. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott
 Melissa Vatterott, JD Policy Director Missouri Coalition for the Environment
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When legislators pay more attention to special interests than to their constituents, we look to the initiative petition, the most direct form of voter participation in our democracy. Missouri's initiative petition system has been in place for over 115 years. It allows citizens to add their signature to a petition and put an issue on the ballot for a statewide vote. This critical tool, used through the years by citizens from all political persuasions, is now under attack by lawmakers who want to curtail the people's power. This valuable and trusted process is not easy, and the citizens of Missouri have not abused it. This bill adds additional undue burden on petition gatherers in an effort to restrict the initiative petition process and invalidate the will of Missourians. Our democracy depends on the power of people to be directly involved in their government. The initiative petition process is a sacred and trusted right of the citizens of Missouri. It should not be restricted in any way. If anything, it should be made easier.



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I am a Missouri constituent and voter and I strongly oppose HB 834. I am a regular, everyday citizen who has volunteered as an initiative petition circulator, gathering signatures, talking to voters to inform them of the issues, and answering questions. HB 834 harms our long-standing, well-functioning initiative petition process by adding unjustified burdens and barriers. HB 834 requires circulators to present or read aloud a "petition fact sheet" and would invalidate all signatures gathered on any date on which it is found that this requirement was not met. Remember that a summary statement is already given as part of the petition itself, so this added requirement is unnecessary. Moreover this requirement places undue burdens on circulators, and it is disturbingly unclear how the state would determine whether and when the requirement is or is not met, and what recourse circulators would have to appeal. I urge you to reject HB 834 and the harmful changes it attempts to place on our initiative petition process.



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Please don't take away the will of the people and make it harder for our voices to be heard.



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The League of Women Voters will continue to oppose any changes in the initiative petition process that makes it more difficult to carry out the petition including making it mandatory for signature gatherers to give each citizen who agrees to sign the petition a fact sheet from the Secretary of State giving both pro and con positions of the ballot measure or reading a fact sheet from the Secretary of State stating both pro and con positions of by the ballot measure. Thank you for accepting my testimony in opposition to HB 834. Pat Bartholome, League of Women Voters, Kansas City.



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Signers already date their signatures. This is an unnecessary part of the this bill. Signers can be directed to the fact sheet online. It is not necessary to read it to each signer. Just another way to take time away from getting signatures. Hard copies is a waste of paper and will probably end up littered around the area.



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This places an unnecessary burden on the circulator and the signer of a petition. The current petition process has served Missourians from all political parties since 1907, The direct democracy procedures should not be altered.



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No, all signatures should not be invalidated.



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WITNESS NAME: VANESSA WELLBERY		PHONE NUMBER: 314-531-7526	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ADVOCATES OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF THE ST. LOUIS REGION & SOUTHWEST MISSOURI		TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT OF POLICY & ADVOCACY	
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WITNESS NAME: VICKI K JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please vote no. I & many other people would like to sign petitions if we agree with the petition.



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WITNESS NAME: TRISH VINCENT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-751-4936	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI SECRETARY OF STATE'S OFFICE		TITLE: DEP. SEC OF STATE/COS	
ADDRESS: 600 WEST MAIN			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 4/11/2023 12:00 AM	
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