



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HJR 43</b>		DATE: <b>1/24/2023</b>	
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>BEN TRAVLOS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-893-1400</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MO FARM BUREAU</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>701 S. COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65109</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 12:00 AM</b>	

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WITNESS NAME: <b>BENJAMIN BRADLEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Our constitution continues to grow because of a low threshold. Allowing modifications by a simple majority vote to such an important document is setting us up for a crazy law to be imposed on the citizens of this great state. Oh wait it already happened. It took the legalization of cannabis to show that the lack of follow through by the legislature to do what people wanted for the legislature to realize they must fix our initiative petition issues. This amendment is the reason the legislature must fix the law and require a true majority vote. You have to have a 2/3rds majority vote to overturn a governors veto and to amend the US constitution, so should any amendment to the Missouri Constitution



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WITNESS NAME: <b>BETTY WETZEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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<b>This needs to pass for all Missourians</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DUSTIN BACKES</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: <b>CAPITAL CIYT INSIGHTS, MO SOYBEAN ASSOC</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP:
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>JAMES HARRIS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-761-7875</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>OPPORTUNITY SOLUTIONS PROJECT</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>122 EAST HIGH STREET</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JENNIFER SPENCER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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<b>I support a yes vote on this bill.</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JIMMY R THWING</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**This the way it's supposed to work!**



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>PATRICIA SKAIN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-635-5110</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI RIGHT TO LIFE</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>PO BOX 651</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65102</b>
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>PHILLIP ARZEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-3911</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>428 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>RICHARD GARCIA</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>SHELLY KNICHEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in support of HJR 30.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>WILLIAM C CORLEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Doubles the signatures requires to put a question on the ballot, so only the deep pocket special interests, not grassroots efforts, will have a chance. Raises the ratification threshold to a 2/3 vote. That means urban areas will have veto power over the amendment process, leaving no real check on the courts' powers.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ADAM GUTTMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I oppose this initiative.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>AIDAN DEROSSETT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>aidanderossett@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 8:55 PM</b>
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Hey folks! My name is Aidan Derossett and, first and foremost, I'd just like to thank everyone for taking a moment to read and/or listen to my statement. To start I'd like to mention that I've been present, in one way or another, in local political spaces for at least half a decade. I started getting more involved while I was in college and would like to think that the Initiative Petition process is one of the MAJOR reasons that, as a young person, I'm still so engaged in our democratic process today. I've worked as a volunteer on a myriad of different ballot initiatives over the past few years and, thanks to those experiences, have a great appreciation for the extreme amount of effort that goes into engaging with our fellow voters and simply getting an initiative on the ballot (let alone passed). It takes thousands of volunteer hours, expansive state-wide efforts, and the full-time dedication of countless individuals; all just to reach what are already nearly unreachable signature qualification numbers. All that to say, the Initiative Petition process is already difficult enough to work with as it is. I firmly believe that adding any more barriers to this process, like those proposed HJR43, would render it virtually UNUSABLE. These bills would effectively put an end to the rich direct democratic process that Missouri has protected since 1907. Not only that, but they would remove a critical avenue of engagement for local young voters—on all sides of the political spectrum—to have their voices heard and see the value of participating in the political process. Please stop trying to stifle our voices and evade the will of the people! We deserve a say in what issues make it on to the ballot. We deserve a legitimately usable process by which to promote and vote on issues important to us. We deserve better than HJR43.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ALICE M HOLTZ</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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<b>Vote no. Remember you represent all of MO and not just yourselves</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ALICIA GILLEAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**This has been tried before & only benefits special interest groups with lots of money. Grassroots will suffer.**





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WITNESS NAME: <b>ALLYN HARRIS DAULT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**This proposed amendment is unnecessary, harmful, and misleading. It would lead to MORE out-of-state money affecting our ballot initiatives. It reduces the ability for the will of the people to be our supreme law. Also, the dog-whistle about only citizens voting is the exact kind of unnecessary addition to the state constitution your side claims to want to keep out of the constitution.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ALVIN R WHITEHEAD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>ALYSSA BURKE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>AMANDA MICHEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Vote no.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>AMY BONSALE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am against changing the initiative process. It works, (witness Hancock amendment, right to farm, the conservation department). Proposed attempts to increase necessary percentages will effectively kill the ability of citizens to directly participate in democracy. This is a transparent effort to subvert the will of the majority of the people of Missouri. Leave it alone.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>AMY CROUSE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**This bill makes it more difficult to place and pass measures on a ballot. The people have a right to be heard in the simplest manner possible.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>AMY FERANEC</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Stop taking away our rights!**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>AMY HIGGINS STAMBAUGH</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Please do not change initiative positions. The people's voice must be the most important factor. Vote NO.**



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Vote no



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HJR 43 is the same as HJR 79 that failed to pass the Senate last year and is essentially the same as many other attempt though the years. This type of proposal has also failed on the ballot in many states over the years because voters don't want to give up their right to use the petition process. It:Doubles the signatures requires to put a question on the ballot, so only the deep pocket special interests, not grassroots efforts, will have a chance.Raises the ratification threshold to a 2/3 vote. That means urban areas will have veto power over the amendment process, leaving no real check on the courts' powers.



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<b>Please vote no on all these bills</b>			



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We should not be making it harder for Missourians to get things they want passed in our state. We have passed so many good things the last few years using this process. It's awesome that these have had bipartisan voter support as well. Making it harder for voters to have their voices heard is unconstitutional and Un-American. If our legislators can't get the job done then we should be able to get things on the ballot ourselves and lawmakers should not be making it harder for us to so.



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I believe these proposed limitations of the MO people's ideas and voices all head the wrong direction. I think voters' voices should be stronger and easier to become law, not harder with more obstacles, as these proposed rules are attempting.



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**HERE only deep pocket special interest groups have a chance here.I vote NO.**





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**This is a very wrong and evil Proposed State Constitutional Amendment on Initiative Petitions (I.P.).  
The People of Missouri must hold Accountable and Responsible Elected State Officials to keep our  
State Government with Checks and Balances. The Power is in the hands of Missouri Residents and  
NOT Elected Officials.**



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**Vote no on all of the above. Stop trying to take away my rights.**



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To the Missouri House Election and Elected Officials Committee: The Missouri Sierra Club opposes House Joint Resolution 43. The Missouri Sierra Club represents over 8,000 dues-paying members across the state who advocate for conservation, environmental, social justice, and democracy through grassroots efforts. We believe that every voter should have all the tools to exert their constitutional right to be involved in our democracy. Missouri's 115 year constitutional right to utilize the initiative petition to bring policy to the people of the state is a historic treasure and allows voters to participate in our democratic process. HJR 43 creates unnecessary and unwanted changes to our state's initiative petition. HJR 43 is a constitutional amendment seeking to raise the threshold to pass citizen initiative petitions to 66%. This infringes on Missouri's freedom to be able to pass legislation by the people. Since when does "majority rule" mean 66%? This is an attempt to make it harder for Missouri voters to pass legislation together, leads to minority rule, and is in direct opposition to our organization's values of an equitable and accessible democracy for all. According to research from the Missouri Scout, Missourians across the political spectrum want the initiative petition process to be made EASIER (40%) or LEFT ALONE (33%). The Missouri legislature should respect the voice and will of the people and reject HJR 43. Additionally, HJR 43 increases the number of petition signatures needed before it even makes it to the ballot, raising the threshold for the petition to be signed by 10% of legal voters (U.S. citizens & residents who are registered to vote in MO), in each of the congressional districts in the state. This means campaigns will need to spend even more money, time, and resources for the people of Missouri to even be able to get an item to the ballot, which is already very difficult to manage under the current rules of our state's initiative petition process. This would effectively end possibilities of grassroots led petition campaigns and leave the door for only large money and special interests to utilize the system. The Sierra Club, Missouri Chapter has worked on numerous initiative petition campaigns over the past 50 years. This organization and our leadership understand how rigorous this process already is— you have to get hundreds of thousands of voters to sign on before a measure even gets considered for the ballot. Adding additional barriers does nothing more than censure the voice of the people. This is the people's tool to get things done. As Governor Ashcroft once said, "It is through the initiative process that those who have no influence with elective representatives may take their cause directly to the people. The General Assembly should be reluctant, therefore, to enact legislation which places any impediments on the initiative power which are inconsistent with the reservation found in the Constitution." The Missouri Sierra Club urges you to Vote NO on HJR 43.



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<b>Citizens have a right to have their voice heard through constitutional amendments. Vote No</b>			



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I oppose HR43 because it will unreasonable increase the number of signatures need to place a measure on the ballot to 2/3 majority needed, which will make it virtually impossible for the public to pass these and effectively removes the right to successfully petition. You should ne encouraging more effective citizen participation in government, not less.



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<b>Not a fair way for initiative petitions</b>			



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As a citizen of Missouri and an activist who has spent countless hours encouraging people to vote, I strongly oppose any legislation that makes it more difficult for Missouri citizens to get initiatives on the ballot and/or create higher thresholds for passing ballot initiatives. Missouri's initiative petition process has been used to represent the will of the people ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE. This is the only recourse Missourians have when our public servants fail to address issues that are important to us. The current system which entails getting hundreds of thousand of votes to be considered for the ballot is already rigorous (as it should be). Have you ever stood on a street corner or knocked doors in an effort to get support for a cause or a candidate (or for yourself?) I imagine many of you have and thus you understand how hard you work for every issue, for every vote, for every signature. One can easily extrapolate that to the already complex and lengthy process it takes to obtain signatures for a statewide ballot initiative. In other words, it's already difficult- we don't need you to make it more so. If Republican legislators continue to support and eventually pass this legislation, they will reap what they sow. An electorate who will easily identify that their Republican legislators have upended the Missouri Constitution in an attempt to weaken the influence of the very people who put them in Jeff City.





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The initiative petition process is amongst the purest forms of democratic participation. For more than a century, Missouri citizens across the political spectrum have been able to have their voices heard through the initiative petition process. The Missouri constitution guarantees: "The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly." The process already requires a high threshold of signatures from registered voters to get a proposal on the ballot. Missourians across the political spectrum have used and benefited from the citizen initiative process. Measures passed by a majority - as is currently the case - reflect the will of the people. Making it more difficult - as these bills do - undermines the will of the people. Representatives should be supporting the will of the people - that's what we elected you for.



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**I oppose this bill. Vote no.**



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I oppose this change to the initiative petition process because it makes it more difficult for Missourians to engage in direct democracy. The recent legislature is notorious for not considering the will of the people and passing policy that harms Missourians in need of workplace protections, social services, and full and fair access to elections. These bills expand our long help practice of majority rule that is defined as 50% plus one. Placing higher thresholds for getting initiative petitions on the ballot and passing ballot measures into law limits the will of the people. It is already extremely difficult, time consuming, and costly to get initiatives on the ballot. Majority rule in Missouri should be maintained and defined as it always has, equal to or greater than half votes cast.



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I support Concurrent Majority Ratification (CMR) for HJR 30, to require that two conditions be met before a proposed amendment is ratified or adopted: I Oppose HJR 43, 18, 24 & 25. Justification for HJR 30:1. A majority of voters, statewide with have to vote "yes" AND ALSO2. A majority of voters in each of more than half the 163 state House districts would have to vote "yes." This concurrent majority concept is actually the standard way of making public policy in America. States vote to ratify amendments to the U.S. Constitution – we don't take a national popular vote. The Electoral College – we don't elect the president by a national popular vote. Two U.S. Senators per state, no matter the size of the state. Bicameral legislatures. Members of the House of Representatives (both U.S. and state) represent geographic districts. Amending the state Constitution with merely a statewide popular vote is the exception – it is virtually the ONLY way we make "law" that is not by concurrent majority. (State statutes are sometimes also adopted by a statewide popular vote, but there remains a concurrent majority "check" on them, since the legislature can amendment them.)



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WITNESS NAME: <b>BYRON KEELIN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-402-0655</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>FREEDOM PRINCIPLE MO</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>PO BOX 15095</b>			
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63110</b>
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We are in opposition to this proposed Joint Resolution. This bill is the same as HJR 79 which failed to pass the Senate last year and is essentially the same as many other attempts through the years. This type of proposal has also failed on the ballot in many states over the years because voters don't want to give up their right to use the petition process. HJR 43 doubles the signatures required to put a question on the ballot, so only the deep-pocket special interests, not grassroots efforts, will have a chance. It also raises the ratification threshold to a 2/3 vote. That means urban areas will have veto power over the amendment process, leaving no real check on the courts' powers.



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<b>This bill is undemocratic. Allow the people of Missouri to vote on issues</b>			



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<b>Outrageous. Republicans in this state are out of control. Reign it in please.</b>			



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The state of Missouri has had a citizen initiative petition system for over 100 years, allowing regular folks to exercise the people's power when lawmakers won't. It's a tried-and-true process that in recent years has led voters to raise Missouri's minimum wage and expand Medicaid. But those who say it's been a tool for liberal interests to bypass the Legislature – including some current state lawmakers who want to “reform” the process – should take a broader view beyond the recent past. Since 1907, Missourians have also used ballot measures to create the state's nationally recognized Conservation Commission to manage fish, game and wildlife resources; enshrine the Right to Farm in the Missouri Constitution; and set constitutional limits on state and local taxation and spending, among other conservative efforts. The current requirement to pass an initiative petition is a simple majority, whether initiated by citizens or added to the ballot by lawmakers. No fewer than 20 different pieces of legislation in Jefferson City would make that more difficult, including one fast-moving bill which increases that threshold to 67 percent. This wouldn't “reform” the process – it would effectively eliminate any chance of a successful citizen-led effort. So would increasing the minimum-signature threshold. The process is hardly the cakewalk critics describe. In the past 115 years, only 40 percent of citizen-initiated constitutional amendments succeeded (28 of 69). Thousands more proposed initiatives never received enough signatures to even qualify for the ballot. Thirty years ago, then-Gov. John Ashcroft, a Republican, rejected a similar effort by the Democratic majority in the General Assembly to drastically curtail citizen power to make laws. Here's what Ashcroft – father of current Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft – had to say in his veto message of that attempt: “It is through the initiative process that those who have no influence with elected representatives may take their cause directly to the people.” “The General Assembly should be reluctant, therefore, to enact legislation which places any impediments on the initiative power which are inconsistent with the reservation found in the Constitution.” Adding these obstacles is unnecessary, unfair and should not be enacted. Our 100-plus years of citizen petition process has worked; please do not change what is NOT broken.





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The initiative petition process is amongst the purest forms of democratic participation. For more than a century, Missouri citizens across the political spectrum have been able to have their voices heard through the initiative petition process. The Missouri constitution guarantees: "The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly." The process already requires a high threshold of signatures from registered voters to get a proposal on the ballot. Missourians across the political spectrum have used and benefited from the citizen initiative process. Measures passed by a majority - as is currently the case - reflect the will of the people. Making it more difficult - as these bills do - undermines the will of the people. Lawmakers should reject efforts to make direct democracy more difficult.



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**What do I say to oppose this other than a big fat NO!! This is not a dictatorship! Missourians do not want this and we will riot in the streets! Keep coming for us and our Children! You will not limit our voices! WE WILL BE HEARD!**



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**Vote no on all these bills, protecting the initiative petition process is protecting the will of the people.**



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Ballot initiatives engage Missourians directly into the democratic process, increase civic participation and investment, and most importantly, give citizens a voice in the policies that govern our lives. Limiting this process is anti-democratic, plain and simple. I oppose this bill.



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Vote no



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Vote no.



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<b>Vote no on all of these bills</b>			



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Madame Chairperson and Members of the Committee, Since 1907, Missouri voters from all sides of the political spectrum have used the ballot initiative process to advance their priorities. Despite its popularity, the process has been used only rarely for major changes requested by the citizens when the state legislature has been unresponsive to their priorities. I oppose HJR43 because, if enacted, it would cripple the effectiveness of this valued tool of direct democracy rendering it effectively useless. The extremely high signature requirements of this bill would ensure that no initiative petition ever reached the ballot again. Should a petition ever meet this new high bar, the measure would never become law because it requires a 2/3's majority of votes to pass. This bill is, in essence, a repeal of the initiative petition. Why is it not simply written that way? Because the sponsors knows that the initiative petition is a treasured democratic tool of the Missouri citizenry and if those citizens knew the devastating effect of the changes this bill would make to the process, they would never tolerate it. So they have couched it in terms that make their intent less obvious. I am a retired person who has the time to follow the bills that are introduced and heard in the General Assembly. Many Missouri citizens do not have that ability with the demands of their everyday lives. So, I stand for myself and all of those citizens in opposing HJR43 and I call on this committee to oppose the passage of this bill out of committee.





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EMAIL: <b>chanschen@hotmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 12:14 PM</b>
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Governments in free societies function with the consent of the governed and should therefore encourage input from and participation by as many citizens as possible. Any move to make it harder for citizens' voices to be heard should be rejected by this legislature. Democracy is threatened, not just by armed rebels, but also by those who seek to limit the voices they choose to heed. This measure increases the power of those in rural areas at the expense of those in urban areas. It is anti-democratic at its core, small d democratic that is.



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This bill would make it more difficult for Missouri voters to influence the laws that govern us. Since government functions by the consent of the governed, it is anti-democratic (small d) measure. This bill increases the power of the legislature at the expense of the voters who choose you. It is not an easy task to collect the thousands of signatures necessary to get an initiative petition on the ballot now. Once it's on the ballot, it still has to pass. The only reason to make it more difficult is because the legislature doesn't approve of the voters' choices. However, these same voters chose the legislature and it is the legislature job to respect the will of the voters. Please reject this proposal.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCILS</b>		TITLE: <b>DEPUTY DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>12 MILLSTONE CAMPUS DRIVE</b>			
CITY: <b>SAINT LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63146</b>
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The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), guided by Jewish values, advocates, educates, collaborates and mobilizes action on issues important to the Jewish community, 60,000 strong in St. Louis. We are committed to pursuing religious tolerance, civic discourse and social justice in St. Louis and beyond. The Sage Hillel taught "Al tifros min hatzibur," Do not separate yourself from the community (Pirke Avot 2:5). Moreover, it is our responsibility to play an active role in our community and in choosing its leaders. Rabbi Yitzhak taught that "A ruler is not to be appointed unless the community is first consulted" (Babylonian Talmud Berachot 55a). Rabbi Yitzhak further explained that in the Torah, Bezalel could be chosen to build the Tabernacle only with the community's approval. This deeply embedded ethic of political participation has guided Jews to enthusiastically participate in the American electoral process. These Resolutions make it difficult for our people and all people in our state to participate in the electoral process. Our state constitution gives us the right to initiate legislative action through the petition process. This already onerous and costly process, has helped our community achieve some of its policy objectives, including making health care available to more of our citizens. By making it more difficult to certify a petition both by increasing the number of signatures required, increasing the threshold for approval of the initiative from a simple majority to two-thirds of the voters, and limiting initiative petitions to only general election ballots, these changes will make the ballot initiative process too expensive and burdensome for many grassroots efforts - effectively removing power from the people. As people of faith, we oppose any efforts that challenge our ability to participate in the electoral process and ask you to oppose the bills.



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<b>Vote NO!!</b>			



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Please oppose this proposed Resolution.HJR 43 is the same as HJR 79 that failed to pass the Senate last year and is essentially the same as many other attempt though the years. This type of proposal has also failed on the ballot in many states over the years because voters don't want to give up their right to use the petition process. It:Doubles the signatures requires to put a question on the ballot, so only the deep pocket special interests, not grassroots efforts, will have a chance.Raises the ratification threshold to a 2/3 vote. That means urban areas will have veto power over the amendment process, leaving no real check on the courts' powers.Again, this Resolution is flawed and ask that it be opposed.



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**Vote NO on all of these “repressive” bills. The legislature should concentrate on actions that will improve the lives of their constituents not suppress our rights to take action when we disagree or want something addressed.VOTE NO on all of these bills!!**



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**Don't make it harder on the general public to make changes our elected officials refuse to address.**



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We need to keep things the way that they are. It would be incredibly damaging to both sides to change the way things are done with putting things on ballots now. I am not a Republican but even I can recognize how it could end up biting them in the ass, too. Stop supporting the taking away rights of American citizens. It's clear these bills are trying to make things even harder for some citizens.





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**I oppose this legislation.**



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<b>I want fair representation of Missouri voters.</b>			



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Vote no



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**This bill makes it harder for citizens to participate in the democratic process in violation of our constitutional right to petition our government.**



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I am against making it harder for the voters to pass initiatives These have been used to enact very important rights and laws. Sometimes these do not pass and sometimes I vote against them. Sometimes the legislature ignores the will of the people as expressed in the vote on an initiative. I understand that and understand that some of these items rejected by the legislature become better laws because of that rejection like happened with the puppy mills. But I want to continue to see my desires become reality. I vote for people for many reasons but I can vote for ideas independent of those reasons. I think the people make valid choices and should be able to continue to do so without a super-majority vote.



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**Stop trying to restrict the will of citizens to participate in the processes of government. We have a right and a duty to actively be involved in the function of legislation. I'm sorry that you can't have your own way without the interference of the citizens you pretend to represent.**



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**Stop making it harder for citizen's voices to be heard. The process works fine as it is. Listen to the voters when they speak by signing ballot initiatives!**





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The purpose of this bill and bills like are to take power away from the people, inching us closer and closer to authoritarian rule buy a group of individuals who are fuel their reelections with lies and disinformation. 170,000 in person signatures is more than enough of a challenge for any group or group of individuals to then have access to the will of the people. If you, the politician, would do your job, bills like this would not be necessary. I strongly appose this bill and others like it.



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**Please vote no on these bills and keep democracy in the hands of the voters. There is no reason to restrict the ability to petition and it's unconstitutional anyway.**



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The initiative petition process is just fine at 50% threshold. Requiring signatures in all Congressional Districts will bring in more out of state people. If the concern is that constituents are not contacted, then state reps can do a better job of meeting with constituent relations. The citizenship language is a dog whistle and will mislead voters.



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I oppose any bill that will make it more difficult for the people of Missouri to participate and engage in government. The Initiative Petition process gives power to the people when the legislature refuses to listen. Because of blatant gerrymandering, many of us have no valid representation in the legislature or the senate. The IP is our only way forward. For the past 20 years, our voices have been diminished to the point of near silence. It is time to restore power to us, not further erode it. I urge you to oppose these bills. Stop them in committee.



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**It is already difficult enough for the people to use their right of initiative petition process without requiring more than a majority vote. We must be allowed to keep our rights.**



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Vote no



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**I feel the initiative petition process is stringent enough already. All this will do is cause the taxpayers of Missouri millions of dollars in unnecessary legal defense expenditures to defend these changes with no guarantee of the outcome.**



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<b>Vote NO!</b>			



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Vote no



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DEE BRAY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Our current system of amending the state Constitution does a very poor job of protecting the rights of minority interests and preventing tyranny of the majority. In the last election Amendment 3 was ratified with just 16 of the 116 jurisdiction (counties, more or less) in mostly urban areas voting "yes". The other 100 said no! Concurrent Majority Ratification would require the two conditions be met before a proposed amendment is ratified: 1) a majority of voters statewide vote "yes" AND 2) a majority of voters in each of half the 163 state House districts vote "yes". This is actually the standard way of making policy in America. Stop this bad bill!



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DENISE D. LIEBERMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-780-1833</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION</b>		TITLE: <b>DIRECTOR &amp; GENERAL COUNSEL</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>6047 WATERMAN BLVD</b>			
CITY: <b>SAINT LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63112</b>
EMAIL: <b>denise@movpc.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 10:56 AM</b>	
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The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC) submits this testimony in opposition to HJR 43. This resolution undermines Missouri's long-standing and well-functioning citizen initiative process by making it harder for citizens to place measures on the ballot and by raising the threshold for passage to near impossible levels. This would effectively exclude all but the most well-funded efforts from participation, and silence the voices of Missouri's citizens of all political persuasions, who have relied on the citizen initiative process to advance ideas across the political spectrum. We should be encouraging citizen participation, not limiting it. The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition is Missouri's statewide nonpartisan network of voter advocates who work to advance the right to vote in Missouri through policy advocacy, strategic litigation, voter education and coordination of the statewide nonpartisan Election Protection program. Through the collective experience of our 50+ partner organizations and nationally recognized expertise of our leaders and partners, over the last 15 years, we have provided this Committee with analysis and assessment of how legislation before the committee stands to impact access to the ballot for Missouri's voters. HJR 43 strikes at the heart of representative government. HJR 43: Proposes increasing the number of signatures needed to place citizen initiatives on the ballot by requiring signatures from voters 10% of voters (instead of 8%) all 8 Congressional districts, rather than 6, and signatures from 5% of voters in all 8 districts for statutory proposals). Proposes increasing the threshold for passage once a citizen proposed amendment is on the ballot, increasing the threshold from a simple majority to 2/3 - a supermajority. This means that citizen proposed changes that are supported by a wide majority of Missourians — including measures supported by nearly 2/3 of Missouri's voters — would still not pass into law, upending the democratic process that has characterized our electoral process. Sets forth a needless limiting definition of legal voter to "only" U.S. Citizens. Citizenship is of course already a requirement to be eligible to vote, and Missouri's Constitution properly reflects the right to vote for "all" of Missouri's citizens, reflecting the fundamental value we place on the right to vote for all our state's citizens. It should remain so. As a practical matter, this resolution results in the following negative impacts on citizen democratic participation: The resolutions would significantly increase the number of signatures citizen advocates must obtain to require 200,000 - 400,000 ADDITIONAL signatures than they must already obtain, making the process significantly more difficult and costly. Advocates will confirm that obtaining even a dozen signatures in one hour is a challenge. Current law already requires a high threshold of voter signatures to place measures on the ballot, requiring enough citizen agreement that a proposal should be put to voters. This has worked well. Dramatically increasing the signature requirement only serves to make the process elusive to all but the most well funded efforts who can support a large cohort of paid canvassers. By increasing the threshold for passage from a majority to 2/3, the resolutions set a

nearly impossible threshold for passage. This means that citizen proposed changes that are supported by a wide majority of Missourians — including measures supported by more than 60% of Missouri's voters — would still not pass into law, upending the democratic process that has characterized our electoral process. We should not limit citizen participation as HJR43 proposes. The initiative petition process is amongst the purest forms of democratic participation. About half the states have an initiative petition process. For more than a century, access to the citizen initiative process has allowed for a voter engagement on a range of issues by Missouri voters across the political spectrum - conservative, progressive and everything in between. The citizen initiative process provides a manner for direct participation. It promotes civic engagement and encourages citizens to discuss issues with one another. It promotes accountability between the government and the governed. But for this potential to be realized, it must be actual — by not erecting undue barriers to participation. The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution provides: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances." Creating a prerequisite for ballot measures that is too high for all but the wealthiest and best supported measures, and establishing a passage threshold that ignores the will of a majority of Missouri's voters belies the First Amendment's promise. Missouri's initiative petition process allows its citizens to effectuate the Constitution's guarantee and ensures the ability for all Missourians to have a voice in their government. Lawmakers should applaud Missouri's initiative process that encourages participation across the political spectrum, and eschew efforts to make direct participation more difficult and elusive for Missouri's citizens. Missouri and this nation are at a crossroads. We are faced with decisions as a state and as a nation that will impact the saliency of our democracy for decades to come. We know democracy only functions with robust citizen participation. Missourians deserve nothing less. Accordingly, we urge you to reject this and other resolutions that further constrict democratic participation in the state of Missouri.



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**Please vote against these bill that would give special interests more control than we the people.**



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Vote no



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<b>Stop stealing our rights and freedoms!</b>			





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<b>I vote NO on these bills. I do not want the Initiative Petitions to change.</b>			



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**Vote NO to keep individual's constituents voices heard above the political rhetoric that fills our medias everywhere**



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HJR43 increases both the number of signatures required to place a measure on the ballot and the threshold for passage from a simple majority to 2/3. For more than a century, Missourians from across the political spectrum have been able to have their voices heard through the initiative petition process. The process already requires a high threshold of signatures from registered voters to get a proposal on the ballot. Please don't diminish the voice of the people.



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<b>Horrible way to be able to petition.</b>			



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<b>Please do not support this bill</b>			



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**I oppose HJR 43**





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**VOTE NO! When the LEGISLATURE refuses to listen to the People, they are acting like TYRANICAL KINGS, not REPRESENTATIVES.**



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If we wanted you to make it even harder for us to put good legislation to work in this state, we would let you know. We're not. Leave the initiative petition process be, and get a bit more used to accepting the will of your voters. That IS your job, after all.



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I believe in the foundational principle of American democracy: Checks and balances. These bills would all weaken the check We the People have over our legislature. These bills expand the power of government, weaken the ability of Missourians to be civically involved, and would lead to the adoption of worse policy that many Missourians don't want. I share concerns that we are resorting to amending our state's constitution too often, but the solution to that problem is making the proposition process more effective and less subject to immediate changes pushed by the legislature, not effectively eliminating one of the most important constitutional checks we have on government power in Missouri. I ask you to vote no on all these bills.



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<b>vote no</b>			



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My name is Elizabeth Franklin, Plattsburg MO and I am submitting the following regarding House Joint Resolution No. 43. I do not support this House Joint Resolution and am respectively submitting testimony in opposition. The ballot initiative process is rigorous. Currently only 40% of the constitutional amendments placed on the ballot via citizen petition initiative have passed, proof that the process is demanding and requires much thought by Missouri voters and exceedingly hard work by interest groups who want an initiative on the ballot. Requiring signatures for constitutional amendments from 10% of voters in all eight congressional districts instead of the currently required six districts is excessive. It is not clear what "problem" is being fixed by this increased requirement or if there is any real problem at all. The proposed change to increase the threshold for ballot passage from a simple majority to two-thirds is unreasonable. The General Assembly should listen to our former Gov. John Ashcroft's statement when he vetoed efforts to suppress the use of the ballot initiative: "It is through the initiative process that those who have no influence with elective representatives may take their cause directly to the people. The General Assembly should be reluctant, therefore, to enact legislation which places any impediments on the initiative power which are inconsistent with the reservation found in the constitution." I also refer the Committee to my testimony on HJR's 18, 24 and 25 and the Opinion piece by Mr. Carl Bearden cited in that testimony. The Committee members would also be wise to consider to Mr. Bearden's words. As a former republican legislator in leadership, Mr. Bearden speaks with expertise and experience. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.



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<b>I oppose this bill because it takes away the voice of the people.</b>			



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**I am opposed to any changes to the initiative process. It seems to be the only way to get anything productive done to help the citizens of Missouri.**





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<b>VOTE NO</b>			



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Since 1907, Missouri's constitution has guaranteed, "The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly." The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy that allows us to maintain our freedom to have a say on important issues. The Missouri legislatures' interest in making the initiative petition process more difficult is a power grab that evades the will of the people. For their personal gain, these elected officials and wealthy special interests seek to make it harder for citizens to place important issues on the ballot, more difficult to pass initiatives, and easier to overturn the public's vote.



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**We oppose these proposed changes to the initiative petition process.**



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<b>This is a bad resolution for the citizens of Missouri</b>			



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I want the citizen's initiative process preserved. Although the description that appears on the petitions and ballots could be more objective. I worked for the Clean Missouri initiative to reform redistricting, but I noticed that the popular restrictions on lobbyists were listed first and the more important redistricting reform last. The ballot to repeal that initiative did the same thing, putting a token lobbyist restriction first. In both cases it looked like the description was manipulated to make it pass. Also, it might be good to have a modest limit to the percentage of paid initiative signature gatherers, to insure some popular support for the initiative, maybe 50%. Gerrymandering of districts has made the Legislature less representative of the people than it should be. The citizen's initiative returns some of the power to the people.



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I'm opposed to the proposed bill for the following reasons:• Doubles the signatures requires to put a question on the ballot, so only the deep pocket special interests, not grassroots efforts, will have a chance.• Raises the ratification threshold to a 2/3 vote. That means urban areas will have veto power over the amendment process, leaving no real check on the courts' powers.



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Good Day,I am a Golden Life member of both the NAACP and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service sisterhood founded on Christian principles. I have visited the Missouri Capitol several times over the years. Specifically, I traveled from Kansas City as part of our Social Action Committee's annual Delta Days at the Missouri State Capital and more recently as an advocate of Medicaid Expansion. Delta was founded in 1913 at Howard University in Washington, DC. Our first social action was marching down Pennsylvania Avenue for women's suffrage soon thereafter. Communities Creating Opportunities and other faith-based and community organizations sponsored 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 of the edifice and accessibility to the legislative process. The hallowed halls were lined with pictures of public servants I respect such as Senator Yvonne Wilson and Representatives Mary Groves Bland, Bill Gray, Jackie McGee and others. These and others live up to their title, The Honorable.Years before, I wrote to The Honorable Governor John Ashcroft who went on to serve as US Senator and US Attorney General. 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 Board refused to comply almost 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.Bishop 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 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 still do not understand how Medicaid Expansion could not pass the Missouri legislature. How could a reasonable group of people refuse federal funding to comply with federal law? This was in deference to public health! Many have benefited from Affordable Health Care (aka, Obama Care) especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Missouri is now one of 39 Medicaid Expansion states (39 as of 2021).THE PETITION INITIATIVE PROCESS MUST BE MAINTAINED AS IS. It is an important check to the partisan politics I saw evident in Medicaid Expansion. The failure of the Missouri legislature to act in the best interests of our citizenry that time 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. HJR18, -24, -25, 30 and 43 are not in the best interests of our democratic process. The process which already requires a high thresh hold of signatures 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 home constituencies?Amazed by His



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The procedure for citizen initiatives and constitutional amendments works well and should not be changed. The initiative and amendment process are at the heart of democratic self-governance and should not be made more difficult.



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There is nothing wrong with the current initiative petition process in Missouri. In fact, it is a model for other states in the country. Place a ballot initiative is not an easy task. Raising the threshold for signatures makes this task even harder. For anyone who has seen the campaigns to collect signatures, these are massive undertakings and not easy to pull off. The current system works well and should not be made harder for Missouri citizens to participate in their government with little 'd' democracy.





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All of these proposals are inadequate, standing alone. Any change should be part of a more comprehensive approach, as explained here:[https://www.stltoday.com/opinion/columnists/how-to-fix-missouri-s-people-s-constitution/article\\_4269901c-5760-5f6e-bc3b-13f2074df569.html](https://www.stltoday.com/opinion/columnists/how-to-fix-missouri-s-people-s-constitution/article_4269901c-5760-5f6e-bc3b-13f2074df569.html)



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An initiative proposal rises when the public senses that certain changes to Missouri's laws are needed so that we can survive and surmount deep adversities. The United States has fine channels for evaluating and distributing information, and if a broad section of Missourians sees a problem and a feasible solution that the Legislature has not addressed and dealt with, then our present initiative process provides a way for Missourians to move us beyond an unacceptable bog-down. I have spent many hours as a volunteer gathering signatures on a busy shopping street. When I can get ten signatures an hour, that tells me that a good percentage of the public shares my sense that the proposed initiative needs to be on the ballot. The initiative process serves to reduce great disparities between the will of the public and the will of Legislators who can be excessively influenced by the money power of special interests. The initiative process is not a cakewalk that can clutter Missouri's statutes with frivolous matters. In the past 115 years, only 40 percent of citizen-initiated constitutional amendments succeeded (28 of 69). Thousands more proposed initiatives never received enough signatures to even qualify for the ballot. Therefore I believe that the present features of Missouri's initiative process are well in balance as part of government of, by, and for the people. In our present time of rising threats to broad-based liberties and prosperity, it would reflect poorly on the judgment of the 2023 Missouri Legislature if our initiative process were changed as the present bills propose to do.



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**VOTE NO!** The Republican Party is attempting to usurp the will of the people they are supposed to represent by wanting to pass these bills. Republicans love to scream about their freedoms all the while actually trying to restrict them! Enough!



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Increasing signatures required for ballot access prohibits a minority of people the chance to be heard and their issue addressed. We cannot all afford to pay people to collect signatures nor pay for advertising to get an issue before the public another way. This makes it where only the wealthy can do so.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JAN ROUFF</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>rouffjan@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 11:33 AM</b>
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<b>Vote no. I support the current ballot initiative process. A majority of votes is sufficient!</b>			





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EMAIL: <b>janschu22@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 10:14 PM</b>
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Voters from all sides of the political spectrum have used the ballot initiative process to advance their priorities. The ballot initiative process is the only recourse voters have when politicians fail to address the issues that matter to them. This tool has been used by conservatives, progressives, moderates, and independents. No reason to make it more difficult now.



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EMAIL: <b>rjpuszkar@att.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2023 4:06 PM</b>
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This resolution needs to be defeated because it doubles the number of signatures required to put a question on the ballot, so only the deep-pocket special interests, not grassroots efforts, will have a chance. It also raises the ratification threshold to a 2/3 vote. That means urban areas will have veto power over the amendment process, leaving no real check on the courts' powers.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JANE REED</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>janesuzanne@me.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 1:50 PM</b>
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I vote no. The people need to be heard.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JARRELL LUSK</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jerrylusk@windstream.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 6:49 PM</b>
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Doubles the signatures requires to put a question on the ballot, so only the deep pocket special interests, not grassroots efforts, will have a chance. Raises the ratification threshold to a 2/3 vote. That means urban areas will have veto power over the amendment process, leaving no real check on the courts' powers.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JARRETT PILLSBURY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jmpillsbury@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 11:04 PM</b>
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**I oppose this legislation.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JEANETTE MOTT OXORD</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-775-1326</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>PARAQUAD, INC.</b>		TITLE: <b>PUBLIC POLICY AND ADVOCAY MANAGER</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>5240 OAKLAND AVENUE</b>			
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63110</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 12:00 AM</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JEFF BRIGGS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>Jeffbriggs63@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/20/2023 5:43 PM</b>
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<b>Please do not make it harder for the people's choices to be heard!</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JEFFREY BITTLE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jeffbittlemo@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 8:59 AM</b>
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Each of the bills up for consideration in this committee today have one simple aim — to restrict the rights of Missourians to place initiatives on the ballot. Missouri has a strong initiative process, and (as you know) it works exceedingly well. The motivation for these bills is quite clear: the initiative process has led to policy outcomes not preferred by the legislative majority. It is appalling that the natural response to this is to essentially remove the single most democratic way to change the law in this state. I urge you to vote no on behalf of the vast majority of Missouri voters who still wish to have a voice in their government.





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WITNESS NAME: <b>JEN BERNSTEIN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-277-9080</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ST LOUIS</b>		TITLE: <b>ADVOCACY MANAGER</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>295 N. LINDBERGH BLVD.</b>			
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63141</b>
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jroberson1181@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 9:01 PM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JENNIFER WHITE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Vote no.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JERRY ARLO MERCIER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>jjinmo3@hotmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2023 8:33 AM</b>

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**This HJR is so similar to past HJR 79 and would just make its intentions more difficult.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JESSICA PAXTON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jnpaxton22@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 10:50 AM</b>
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"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." One of these rights stated in our constitution is the Right to Petition. All of the above bills propose stricter regulations and requirements that would make our right to petition nigh impossible without the right connections or political standing. If you care at all for the values and rights of our country, of which the men and women of Missouri have graciously sacrificed their time, and often their lives, to protect- you must and will vote no on all of the above. As your constituents, we implore you to do so.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOAN GENTRY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>joangentry2012@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 2:13 PM</b>
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January 23, 2023 Dear Chairperson McGaugh and Members of the Elections and Elected Officials Committee, I am writing to you in opposition to the following Bills: HB's 43, 18, 30, 24 and 25. All five of these bills are an affront to one of the most precious parts of our Missouri Constitution – the right to use the initiative process as a means of participating in direct democracy. Each of these bills will make it harder to use the initiative petition process. Increasing the number of signatures required, increasing the number of congressional districts required for gathering signatures, increasing the number of votes required to pass, and tying the number of votes required to voter registration rather than votes cast in an election are just a few examples of the ways in which these bills interfere with our constitutional right to participate in direct democracy. Please don't use the excuse that it is too easy to get an initiative petition on the ballot. The historical data will show you that this is not true. It is already difficult to get a petition on the ballot. Please remember that every eligible voter in Missouri has an opportunity to vote in support of or in opposition to an initiative petition when an election occurs. You are denying the opportunity for these voters to have a voice in support of or against an initiative petition when you make it impossible to put a citizen initiated petition on the ballot. Joan Gentry Springfield, MO 65807



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOAN M MOEHL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>joanmoehl@charter.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 7:14 PM</b>
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I do not support your proposed additional limitations for initiative petitions. As citizens we are not always in agreement with the representatives we elect and their individual political viewpoints and ambitions for just themselves. The initiative petition allows for a reasonable amount of citizens to propose a change and then allow all the voters in Missouri to have their voice heard. Your proposed number of voters needed to make this happen is unreasonable and unnecessary. The existing rules are followed and the voters get their voices heard.



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EMAIL: <b>joannstephan@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 9:00 AM</b>
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<b>Please vote "no" on these bills. Please protect the rights of citizens.</b>			





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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHN BOLES</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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**This is a naked power grab by Republicans who are opposed to democracy and want to limit citizen power.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHN FARMER DE LA TORRE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>jjfdlt.public@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 3:11 PM</b>
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As a citizen, resident of Missouri, and voter who participated in collecting signatures that codified Missouri's initiative process, I oppose HJR 43 which is designed solely to undermine my voice, intent, and demands of the the political process.HJR 43 has one aim, which is to undermine fair elections, which is no less than an effort to deprive Missourians of their voice and power to shape life in Missouri.I encourage democratically-minded Americans to honor the will of the people, as failure to do so is the pathway to authoritarianism.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>john.jbs@hawkisg.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 9:29 AM</b>

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By doubling the required signatures to place a question on the ballot, only "deep-pocketed" special interests will be able to utilize the Initiative Petition process. I strongly OPPOSE this proposal.



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**Please do not support this measure.**



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EMAIL: <b>jzahn1@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 2:01 PM</b>
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The initiative petition process is a check the voters have on political tyranny. That is not hyperbolic, its simple true. I understand that the Missouri legislature doesn't like being usurped but in some issues, it is required. I've heard your arguments about it being "too easy" to place something on the ballot that changes the Missouri constitution, but we all now that's hogwash. It's not "easy" to collect the mandatory 170,000+ signatures — by hand, not online — to get a proposal on the ballot. It's not "easy" to mount a grassroots campaign to educate voters about an initiative. You know what's easy? Passing legislation with a super majority in the legislature and party control in the governor's mansion. That's easy. People already often feel powerless and unheard by their representatives. Making it exceptionally harder for voters to directly address key issues, restraining their voices, is the wrong thing to do. Anyone paying attention sees for what it truly is, your attempt to wrestle even more power away from everyday Missourians so it can be consolidated into the hands of political elites. I urge you to vote this madness down.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOSHUA PENSEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>penselj@capetigers.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 9:55 AM</b>

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Do not take away the right of Missourians to directly influence our government. This is supposed to be a small government state, beholden to the people. Have you strayed so far from that ideal, that you feel the need to remove public participation from government any way that you can? This is shameful behavior from people meant to represent us. You can and must do better, the voters are watching.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JUDITH A CAMPBELL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jacampbell314@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 1:46 PM</b>
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Good afternoon,I am against any modifications regarding provisions for initiative petitions and referendums. I believe the imitative process works best the way it is. Let the people decide what they want. That is a true democracy. Thank you.Judith Campbell





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WITNESS NAME: <b>JUDITH BALLUFF</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>judithballuff@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 10:24 AM</b>
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<b>Please vote NO!!</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JUDITH MOOREFIELD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>jlrmoorefi@aol.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 11:46 AM</b>
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Voters do NOT want to give up their right to use the petition process, and doubling the signatures required gives the special interest groups (who have deep pockets) more power than we the people! This is our country and power should NOT be delegated to special interest groups; it violates the constitution in so many ways! Who do you think you're representing? Represent us, the people of this state and keep your oath! Vote NO on this bill!



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JUDITH WESEMANN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>heyjude0953@aol.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 7:23 PM</b>
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<b>Please vote no. We need our rights.</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JULIANA(JULIE) SCHULZE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>schulzeju@aol.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 11:41 PM</b>
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Members of the Elections and Elected Officials Committee, Good morning,My name is Julie Schulze and I live in Springfield, Missouri. In my community I have trained several times to qualify as a deputy voter registrar. Training is ongoing as our voter laws have frequently changed. As a private citizen I have passed initiative petitions, most recently for expansion of Medicaid.As you well know three St. Louis citizens , Silas Moser , a lawyer, William Preston MD, and Anna Beard worked for almost ten years to ensure that in Missouri there is a power reserved to the voters to propose legislation by petition. In 1908 the Missouri Constitution adopted that process and since then the Initiative Petition has been a citizen's ability to have a direct voice in democracy. There is an imbalance between how the the Legislature is able to place a referendum on a ballot and what the citizens must do to accomplish requirements for an initiative to be placed on a ballot by petition. The Legislature has only to achieve a majority vote of their body. For the citizen the work is much harder. Over many years the process has provided Missouri with many improvements, to name a few, benefits for public workers, funding for construction and maintenance of state highways, and the Missouri Plan, our nonpartisan system for the nomination, appointment, and retention elections of judges. A plan adopted by other states. According to historians the prime reason the three citizens from St. Louis worked so tirelessly to have the Initiative Petition adopted into the Constitution was because they saw the popular control of government had been lost to special interest. More than 100 years later we have political PACs who by law do not have to disclose their donors and can easily influence elections, attempts by the Legislature to restrict voting or make it more difficult to vote. The one place a citizen still has a direct voice in their government is the Initiative Petition. It is held as important by people of all political persuasions.Any attempt to make it more difficult to accomplish requirements of the initiative petition is an attempt to quiet citizen voices.Our state motto on the building you enter everyday you come to work says " the good of the people shall be the supreme law." It is good for citizens to have a voice in their government.I urge you not to dismantle the initiative petition or make it more difficult to accomplish.Thank you,Julie Schulze



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JULIANNE CROCKETT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>juliannelcrockett@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 7:53 AM</b>
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<b>Vote no on these bills! Protect the rights of Missourians!</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KATE LOVELADY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>katelovelady@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 10:00 AM</b>

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**Weakening the petition and amendment process weakens democracy in our state. It's clearly just a way to disenfranchise a majority of voters. Vote no.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KATHERINE ANN DILLON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Vote No! This is not something that favors the American rights of voting citizens. Vote NO! This will dismantle useful right to petition..**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KATHLEEN DOLSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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Protect my right to have my voice heard in government through the petition process. Vote "No" on HJR 18.





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REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: <b>KATHRYN GAMBLE</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573634-4876</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>HEALTH FORWARD FOUNDATION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>213 E. CAPITOL AVE.</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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I respectfully encourage you to vote no on the bills that would put up barriers to the ballot initiative process. I am a volunteer in many areas including church, environment, and local concerns. I've lived in Missouri for a little over 30 years, but have just recently become involved in local politics as I am very concerned about the direction our legislature is heading. I've spent many hours and days and much expense collecting signatures for the recent initiatives and amendments. I've worked in the cold and the heat, collecting a few signatures at a time. We worked months on Clean MO collecting over 250,000 signatures only to have it attacked the following year with a different, very confusing bill. To require more signatures is creating undue hardship on the voters instead of helping to improve lives. Our legislature is not being respectful and is punishing us for not agreeing with the. That's not the will of the people, Our legislature is presenting a power grab that is noticeable from a national viewpoint, as well.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KATHY LANGE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>kathylange@mac.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 10:37 AM</b>
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<b>I am opposed to all of these.</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KAY PARK</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>kaypark122@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 1:36 PM</b>
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The Missouri constitution guarantees: "The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly." These bills make it harder for the citizens of Missouri to have a say in the constitution that is meant to represent them.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KAYE CAMPBELL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I am STRONGLY against. Vote NO and leave the power where it belongs. With the people.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KELI HOUSTON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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<b>Hell NO!</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KENNETH KASKADDEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>KERRY MOLONEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The initiative petition and constitutional amendment process is sufficient as it currently exists and any attempt to change or further limit it is an attempt by the legislature to remove power and voice from the people of Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KEVIN HERTEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The ballot language won't mention the fact that the percentage of signatures, number of congressional districts and percentage of votes all will be raised. Why? Because if it did nobody would vote for it.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KEVIN SMITH</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The initiative petition represents the will of the people. Adding barriers to that shows your hand that you represent special interests over our will. Vote no.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KIMBERLY ANN BESSEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Vote 'NO' on these bills.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KIMBERLY SPRENG-MAXWELL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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<b>Please vote no on this bill.</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KRISTIN MICHELLE MASSARO</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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**Vote no on bill, please. Thank you**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KYLE CHILCOAT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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**Making the ballot petition process harder or requiring more for approval, limits the rights of Missouri citizens. Limiting citizens rights should not be a goal of the elected legislature.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LAURA BURKHARDT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>aplomb-grove0n@icloud.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 1:45 PM</b>

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**The Missouri GOP continually denies the will of their constituents. They want to change the IP process because it gives a shred of control to Missouri citizens, rather than to the legislature.**





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WITNESS NAME: <b>LAURA HAUSLADEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>laura223mo@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2023 7:38 PM</b>
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Please vote against HJR 43. It is not the right solution to the problem. It doubles the signatures required to put a question on the ballot, so only the deep pocket special interests, not grassroots efforts, will have a chance. It raises the ratification threshold to a 2/3 vote. That means urban areas will have veto power over the amendment process, leaving no real check on the courts' powers.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LAURA RAMSEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>laurachristin Ramsey@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 7:24 AM</b>
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Vote no. Very much against this.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LEE WHITE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>leewhitemo@aol.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2023 4:21 PM</b>
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Don't vote for this bill.Thank you,



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LES LARSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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**The State of Missouri needs to keep it's citizens in the forefront and having a hand in proposed changes versus putting all the power with the Governor and Legislature**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LINDA F MCCOY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>LINDA KASKADDEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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<b>Encourage a NO vote on each of these!</b>			



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Need to leave the initiative process alone & let Missourians have their say. This has been an ongoing problem since the "puppy mill" bill. Legislature overturned the will of the people & we are again the worst State for bad dog breeders. Listen to your voters & if you don't like an initiative petition then inform us why & make your case. You work for ALL of us! Remember?





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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>lrezny@hotmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 3:36 AM</b>
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Regarding the percent of vote required for passage of measures brought up by Initiative Petition: There have been Initiative Petitions that did valuable things for Missouri, but did not meet the 2/3 bar this measure would impose. Among them are: Police pensions 2-Nov-1926, 65.4%, Teachers' pensions 3-Nov-1936, 56.1%, Nonpartisan court plan 5-Nov-1940, 54.6%, 1/8 cent sales tax for conservation 2-Nov-1976, 50.8%, Hancock Amendment 4-Nov-1980, 55.4%, River Boat gambling 8-Nov-1994, 53.8%, Boats in Moats 3-Nov-1998, 55.43%, Do not restrict the citizens right to make changes by Initiative Petition by increasing the vote required. information on Constitutional Amendments from 1910 - 2010 [https://web.archive.org/web/20140502223410/http://ipp.missouri.edu/files/ipp/attachments/19-2010\\_constitutional\\_amendments.pdf](https://web.archive.org/web/20140502223410/http://ipp.missouri.edu/files/ipp/attachments/19-2010_constitutional_amendments.pdf)



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These restrictions on the voter's use of the Initiative Petition would have to go to the voters to approve as a Constitutional Amendment. Can you imagine the strategy of the opposition? They would make a list of ballot issues passed recently by Initiative Petition. They will point out that these popular measures would not have passed if the proposed restrictions had been in place. People who supported any of these measures will band together and get out to oppose your restrictive measures. People over 30 remember the Legislature gutting the Puppy mill law they had passed and are willing to Amend the Constitution to keep the Legislature from negating their vote. Missouri Marijuana users know they owe it to the Initiative Petition process. The previously uninsured and their families know Medicaid Expansion came the same way. ANY Initiative Petition restriction will go down in defeat. The Legislature will be labeled as a pack of anti-democratic schemers. You don't want that backlash. Let these restrictions die here in committee. Respect the voters. Respect democracy.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LISA A WOODSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>LISA D WITTE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Just because the voters of Missouri want different issues on the ballot than you do is no reason to make it harder. Stop gaming the system!**



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**It is essential that elected officials listen to the will of the people. Too many times, our government has willfully ignored Missouri voters. Vote "No".**



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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These bills go against the people of Missouri. Time and again our voice is heard through initiative petitions. Voters have spoken. Just because you don't agree with the results does not mean you should put your own rules in place to silence voter voice. Give us more freedom not your narrow version of freedom dictated by you.



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<b>Vote no on all these bills!</b>			





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<b>Stop trying to take away more rights!</b>			



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**Citizens voices deserve to be heard in a Democracy. Taking away or making more difficult our ability to effect changes that affect ou lives is anti-Democratic and anti-American.**



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<b>I do not support this bill. Please vote no.</b>			



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**You are making it harder for us (the people you are suppose to represent) to propose changes to laws and government. VOTE NO.**



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**This hijacking of our rights in a democracy is heresey to our country . This authoritarian power grab strategy is killing this nation and makes this state a draconian culture ...**



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**It is already difficult enough to to get something on the ballot. All this is going to do is cost Missouri taxpayers millions in legal defense of these new laws.**



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The people of Missouri know what they are doing, and the initiative petition process is already hard enough. Only issues of major concern to Missourians make it onto the ballot now. There is no reason to make it even harder for citizens to have their say when the legislature fails to act.





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**I reject this bill. Stop trying to overturn the will of Missourians.**



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House Elections and Elected Officials Committee ATTN: Chair Peggy McGaugh January 24th, 2023 Representative McGaugh, Thank you in advance for the opportunity to testify. On behalf of Action St. Louis Power Project, I would like to express our opposition to all bills submitted today that seek to limit democracy in our state. I offer this testimony to highlight the fundamental flaws of HJR 18, 24, 25, 30, and 43 and to strongly urge the legislature to vote no on the resolution which will make it more difficult for Missourians to enact change through our democratic process. Missouri was born from the depths of direct democracy. Since its conception in 1875, our state's constitution has reserved the right for people to "propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly." It is contradictory to our innately representative government for our state leaders to be focused on adding obstacles for Missourians to participate in the democratic process. Since its adoption in 1945, the current constitution has been amended more than 200 times. Each of these proposals has required 50% + 1 of the vote in order to pass. Each of the bills heard today proposes changing our long-established initiative petition rules by requiring a supermajority, or 2/3rds of the vote, setting a nearly impossible threshold for passage. Measures proposed and supported by a vast majority of Missourians would not pass into law, obliterating the very fundamentals that are enshrined in our state constitution. The ballot initiative petition process is about checks and balances and serves as an important part of our democracy by giving voters the freedom to have a say on the laws that govern us. Systematically denying voters the opportunity to use this tool is anti-democratic. Furthermore, the proposed changes are hypocritical in nature as they require citizen-proposed initiatives to obtain a supermajority to pass. At the same time, each chamber can refer a constitutional amendment to the ballot with a simple majority. HJR 24 & 25 seek to increase the threshold for passage from the majority of votes cast to the majority of registered voters. The Missouri Centralized Voter Registration list as of November of 2020 states that Missouri has 4,338,133 registered voters. The 2022 General Election showed a return of 2,069,130 voter turnout, which equates to about 47%. With less than half of all registered voters turning out to vote, this is a clear ploy to make sure that the will of the people is silenced. The bills heard in committee today threaten the independence of the initiative process. This resolution will silence Missourians by making direct participation more difficult. For these reasons, Action St. Louis Power Project firmly opposes HJR 18, 24, 25, 30, and 43 and urges members of the committee to vote no. Marcel R. Hagens Policy Coordinator Action St. Louis Power Project



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**Vote NO on ALL of these bills! These bills make it more difficult for YOUR constituents to issues on the ballot yet YOU get to maintain an easy way to do the same. Why are YOUR wishes more important than the collective voices of your constituents who voted for you to support their voices? The ballot initiative has allowed citizens to protect and increase our rights. Why do YOU want to take that away from your constituents? Stop making it more difficult to get issues on the ballot! Let the citizens of Missouri decide rather than not even being allowed to vote on what matters to them. Again, VOTE NO ON ALL THESE BILLS!!!**



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I disagree with the proposed legislation that would limit initiative petitions. MO's citizen initiatives have rigorous requirements that fairly allow individuals to vote and be represented with their choices. We have a voice now which is what we need. But legislators want that to change. If these proposed measures are passed it would make it harder for citizens to place a proposed measure on the ballot and make it nearly impossible for citizen initiatives to pass once they are on the ballot. Please vote against this.



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We support the initiative petition process that has been in place and has promoted citizen participation in the democratic process in Missouri for the past century. We oppose the five bills that are scheduled to be heard at noon on January 24, all with language adversely impacting the initiative petition process. HJR 18 – would require signatures from all 8 Congressional districts rather than 2/3 currently and takes away the Governor's right to call the election. To pass would require a 2/3 vote. HJR 25 – reduces to 7% the number of signatures needed, in all 8 Congressional Districts, BUT would require the initiative petition to be approved by a majority of ALL registered voters, not just those voting, an impossible task. HJR 30 – would require a simple majority BUT would need to pass in 51%, a majority of state House Districts. HJR 24 – reduces to 7% the number of signatures needed, in all 8 Congressional Districts, BUT would need to be approved by a majority of ALL registered voters, not just those voting, an impossible task. HJR 43 – would require 10% signatures in all 8 Congressional Districts for a Constitutional amendment, 5% of all 8 for a statutory change, requires the Secretary of State to have a period for review and comment from citizens, and require a 2/3 vote to approve. As you, representatives of the people of Missouri and members of the House Committee on Election and Elected Officials, hear testimony on these bills, please consider these points of importance to us:

- Initiative Petition gives citizens the opportunity to directly participate in democracy.
- Already requires a high threshold of signatures to get a proposal on the ballot.
- Citizens of all political parties have used and benefited from the citizen initiative process.
- These bills take away the rights of citizens as enshrined in the Missouri Constitution.

Trinity United Methodist Church Justice Task Force members: Beth Burnett, Suzanne Fischer, Rev Tino Herrera, David Johnson, Rev Edward A. Kail, Clay Marcusen, Margie Richcreek, Christian Wade, Dallas Ziegenhorn



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I DO NOT support making it more restrictive for the people of Missouri to place an amendment to the Constitution on the ballot, nor to place a statutory change on the ballot. I also DO NOT agree to make it more difficult for the people of Missouri to place an amendment to the Constitution on the ballot or place a statutory change on the ballot. I don't see why we have to make this more complicated! Why do we need to change the threshold, whether it's the % or the congressional districts. At the end of the day, this gets voted on by all the people of Missouri! I also DO NOT support making it more restrictive to pass any measure referred to the people, by initiative petition or by the General Assembly by changing it FROM simple majority. Elected officials are not elected by 2/3 of the vote! We also DO NOT require elected officials to receive approval from a number of votes greater than or equal to a majority of registered voters in order to pass. It seems to me there is a double standard here. I DO NOT agree with making it difficult for people of Missouri to be heard. What we have today works for the people of Missouri. This is a checks and balance process. We need a fair way for the people of Missouri to have a direct say in the governance process. I do not want to give up my right to propose changes and allow my fellow Missourians to weigh in. Please DO NOT make it more difficult for us.



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At present Missourians have the right to make their voices heard through initiative petition. This is an important part of our democracy and should not be taken away. HJR 43 should not be considered for passage in Missouri.



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**It is important to be able to use the petition process. this bill requires double the signatures, making it very difficult for grassroots efforts to succeed.**





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Missouri House of Representatives Elections and Elected Officials Committee January 24, 2023 Testimony on Initiative petition process: HJR 18, HJR 24, HJR 25, HJR 30, HJR 43 The League of Women Voters believes responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people. The citizen initiative petition process is the most direct form of voter participation in our democracy. This process has been enshrined in the Missouri Constitution for more than 100 years. The people resort to the initiative petition, especially regarding changes to the Constitution, only because they feel their voice isn't being heard. Former Missouri Governor John Ashcroft said, "It is through the initiative process that those who have no influence with elected representatives may take their cause directly to the people." In 1913, legislators at that time didn't believe that women really wanted the right to vote. To prove that they did want that right, women in the Missouri suffragist movement used the new initiative petition process to get the question on the ballot, going through the very difficult process of traveling around the state collecting thousands of signatures for a ballot measure. This valuable and trusted process is not easy, and the citizens of Missouri have not abused it. In more than a century, only 29 of 70 citizen-initiated Constitutional amendments have ever been approved. Many more proposed initiatives never got enough signatures to make it to the ballot. It has always been, and is, a difficult process requiring hundreds of thousands of signatures by citizens and a majority vote at the polls, so it is not taken lightly. This is why the League of Women Voters of Missouri (LWVMO) is opposed to any efforts by the General Assembly to make this process even more difficult. Each of these five House Joint Resolutions proposes a change in the current rules on initiative petitions in different ways. For example, there may be a requirement for signatures from more congressional districts, or a higher percentage of signatures required, or require votes from at least 50% of all registered voters to pass it (probably impossible for any vote). But the overall objective is to make the process even more onerous than it currently is. The General Assembly can put an issue on the ballot with just a simple majority (wouldn't need much more than 100 votes), does not require the governor's signature, and can be approved by a simple majority vote of the people. There does not appear to be any effort in current legislation to increase that threshold. In the years between 1910 and 2022, a total of 322 amendments to the state Constitution were proposed to the voters. Of that total, 246 were proposed by the General Assembly and 70 were proposed by citizen initiative which demonstrates how difficult the process is to get a proposition on the ballot. 133 propositions from the General Assembly were passed by the voters (54%) and 29 proposed by citizen initiative were passed by the voters (41%). \* What problem is being solved by making these changes? Legislators have stated they have concerns about the amount of money being used (and coming from outside the state) to support these measures, but by increasing the thresholds, even more funds will be needed, impeding efforts by grassroots organizations. The IP has worked for both conservative and liberal causes which shows that it is a valuable and valued part

of our heritage and works for all Missourians of all different points of view. Legislators have said they have better understanding of the issues because they discuss them in their hearings. The implication is that “the people” won’t have the same knowledge when voting. Missouri citizens have shown that they are paying attention to the issues when they vote. Legislators also say that the Missouri Constitution has too many components added over the years to make this core document overburdened with extraneous matters, but the majority of the ballot issues that have been added to the Constitution were proposals by the General Assembly. Clearly, it would be preferable to use the citizen initiative process to make changes in Statute, rather than in the Constitution. However, in recent years, legislators have reversed some voter-approved ballot issues. Hence, the need was seen for the citizen initiative process to be used for additions to the Constitution rather than statute. Do not underestimate the voters. Proof of their knowledge was shown in the example of the November 2018 election when there were three separate items on the ballot about marijuana. The voters chose wisely and thoughtfully. If the legislature wants to improve the process, they should consider making the process more efficient for county clerks and election officials to check petition signatures. And – for measures proposed both by the General Assembly and by citizen initiative – it would be of great benefit for the voters to require that ballot language be clear and not misleading. Thank you. Marilyn McLeod, President, League of Women Voters of Missouri, January 2023\*This data is from the Missouri Legislative Academy Report, Truman School of Government and Public Affairs, University of MO.



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<b>Please vote no. The people have a voice.</b>			



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This bill is taking away my freedom to petition my government by establishing standards that would be nearly impossible to meet. I am a retired teacher and along with other faith members of my community have worked on a few petitions, especially the one on predatory lending after we saw what was happening to members of our community. We tried to establish the same rate as Senator Talent proposed and passed for the military, 36%. (In other states 36% actually increased access to affordable credit, albeit through fewer locations) Missouri's rates are over 1900% and predatory lending has expanded to farms and small businesses. If you care about Missouri's ability to control the supply and safety of our food and water, this should concern you. However, the standard in this bill would make it nearly impossible to get an issue on the ballot. Hundreds of us worked day and night to get the signatures we needed, and we still didn't have the money to fight the legal battle with the predatory lenders, most of them from out of state, who challenged signatures we knew were good. Additionally, passage should be won in an election by a majority of voters in our state, regardless of their zip code, just like other statewide elections. Only national organizations would be able to afford to back an initiative petition not only to hire workers to get signatures but to afford the expensive advertising campaigns. Some of these organizations like predatory lenders who, in Missouri can legally charge 1950% interest, and take advantage of our most vulnerable people because they can, and who can now lend to farmers, would be able to launch such ventures. (I wonder who might want to get control of our water and farmland? Do you?) Please do not take away our freedom to petition the government? You might want to use this process someday. Making a standard so high that citizens cannot reach it subverts our freedom to speak and to address our own government. It is important to support our governmental checks and balances in order to continue to have a stable society, belief in democracy, trust in our government and representatives.



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**We citizens have right to voice our desires on opinion on important issues which affect our well-being.  
Any attempt to make it harder for us is wrong.**



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Changes to the Initiative Petition Process as endorsed by certain members of the Missouri General Assembly are completely unfair to all Missouri residents who care about their state government and how it conducts its business and decides who can petition the state government and in what manner. Currently the petition process is quite adequate and provides ordinary citizens the opportunity to change laws as they see fit when state elected officials don't respond to the desires of ordinary citizens. This is exactly why the State of Missouri has a petition process in place and any attempt to change that process and move ordinary citizens further away from that process is completely unfair and detrimental to the petition process, citizen engagement and involvement.





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The IP process is citizens' method to participate in the legislative process. The requirements are already so lofty, a majority of petitions never make it to the ballot. Making it harder by requiring 10% of the votes from EACH congressional district is suppression of citizens' right to participate in the lawmaking process. Also, raising the required vote to approve to 2/3 is suppressive and offensive. I am part of a combined group of Missouri Republicans and Democrats who are working to oppose destruction of our current IP process. Most citizens do not want this. I strongly oppose.



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I vehemently oppose HJR 18, HJR 24, HJR 25, HJR 30, and HJR 43. I oppose all of these bills which are related to amending the Missouri Constitution to harm the Initiative Petition process. Each of these bills changes either the signature gathering requirements or the requirements for passing a ballot issue placed on a statewide ballot through an Initiative Petition. In either case, it is an effort to end the viability of ballot issues that are brought forth by registered voters. This will result in only ballot issues (very easily) brought forth by the legislation making it to the ballot box. Each of these bills is effectively an effort to kill the Initiative Petition in Missouri. I wish the proponents on these bills would be honest enough to simply state they want to end Initiative Petitions.



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<b>Vote no on all of these bills.</b>			



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I do not think that any of the proposed changes to initiative petitions would benefit the voters. I think it has been shown to be the most effective means that citizens have to enact amendments that elected politicians are against or are unable to pass in the General Assembly for fear of reprisal from special interests. When I sign a petition to have an issue on the ballot, it is because I think it would benefit Missourians. Even if that ballot measure does not pass, I am thankful that I was able to directly vote on the issue. Please do not make raise the requirements for citizen-led initiative petitions nor for constitutional amendments to be placed on the ballot.



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<b>Vote no. I support the current ballot initiative.</b>			



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**This bill makes it harder for people to have their voices heard in state government. We should be making it easier, not harder.**



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**Do not limit the peoples ability to have input and decision making power of their government.**





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**I strongly oppose.**



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To the House Elections and Elected Officials Committee I am writing in opposition to HJR 18, HJR 24, HJR 25 and HJR 30, bills that will (1) modify the number of signatures or number of congressional districts needed to get a Citizens Initiative Petition on the ballot, or that (2) will increase the threshold of passage of a Citizens Initiative Petition to the point where passage is unobtainable. A 3rd issue may be an attempt to confuse voters regarding who is a "legal voter" in Missouri. Regardless of their stated purpose, all of the bills aim to restrict a Missouri voter's ability to directly amend our state's constitution. The Statement "Make Your Voice Heard" is on the front page of the MO Secretary of State's Website regarding the Initiative Petition Process. The website also goes on to explain that the initiative petition process "Gives MO citizens the opportunity to directly participate in our democracy." The question is why are republicans wanting to make it more difficult for citizens to participate in our democracy. Two arguments emerge: one, the process is too easy and two, keeping out big money. The current threshold is already difficult. It isn't easy getting a citizen's initiative proposal to the ballot. Getting signatures is hard. It's not "easy" to collect the mandatory signatures (by hand, not online) to get a proposal on the ballot. It's not "easy" to mount a grassroots campaign to educate voters about an initiative. Quite the opposite of what it takes to get a legislative amendment on the ballot: a simple majority of both house and senate, and a simple majority of voters. Another argument being offered is "keep the big money interests" out of Missouri when it comes to the initiative process. A hard concept for me to accept when I see "big money" being spent in many other ways around the state when it comes to lobbyists, campaign contributions, ads, 3rd party sources used to copy legislation to be introduced, etc. The initiative petition is also nonpartisan. It is not a republican versus Democrat issue. There is evidence to indicate that prior amendments that have passed, including medicinal marijuana, medicaid expansion and increase of minimum wages, all reflected the will of the people, not a political party. One must then conclude that those attempting to make the process more difficult are not doing so for the "will of the people" but for other political reasons. Yet when elected officials don't want to govern for the "will of the people", but for themselves, the ballot initiative process is the only recourse voters have when politicians fail to address the issues that matter to them.



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**Do not make it harder for citizens to make their voice heard. I am tired of voting for something and havingg the legislature ignore or work around what was approved of by the voters.**



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The best part about our state is the ability for citizens to practice direct democracy through initiative petitions. When a majority of Missourians feel strongly about a particular issue, we have the opportunity to take action. I do NOT support any actions taken to usurp the rights of Missourians to enact change via initiative petitions, nor do I support any changes to the current process.



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CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63130</b>
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January 23, 2023 Chairman Peggy McGaugh Elections and Elected Officials Committee MO House of Representatives 201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 402 Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairman McGaugh and Members of the Committee, The Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Joint Resolution No. 43 seeks to change the initiative petition process of Missouri. It requires amendments to the Constitution to receive signatures from 10% of legal voters in each of the congressional districts in the state. Voters in each congressional district shall have the opportunity to review and comment (in a public forum) upon all initiative petitions proposing amendments to the Constitution following the filing of the petition and not less than fifteen days before This modifies the current requirement that such petitions be signed by 8% of voters in two-thirds of the congressional districts. It adds an added limitation of requiring signatures from an additional 2% of the voters to approve constitutional amendments that arise from initiative petitions, which differs from the current requirement. This will make the initiative process more difficult for Missourians to pass amendments 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. It empowers Missourians to collaborate and speak to issues that directly impact them and their communities. For these reasons, we are coming together to oppose any change to the initiative petition process. Once again, Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully urges you to vote "NO" on HJR 43 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 mvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111



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I have drafted this statement to express my firm opposition to this slate of legislation. The initiative petition process is a necessary tool for making government work in Missouri. Regardless of which party is in power in Jefferson City, Missouri voters deserve the right to organize and petition for change on issues they deem important without interference. To move forward with any of these pieces of legislation sends a message that our voices aren't important, that the only voices that matter are those of people in Jefferson City. But that's not how Missouri works. The people of this state are the ones who send legislators to Jefferson City, and we should be the ones who decide if and how we amend the initiative process. It is how we ensure trust in our government and preserve the strength of our democracy. Please vote no on all of these measures. Thank you.



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This is to urge you to vote NO on these bills (HJR18, HJR24, HJR25, HJR30 and HJR43) each of which seek to make the petition process more difficult. Passage of any one of these bills will diminish citizen rights to guide the rules and regulations under which we live and prevent needed changes favored by the majority. I have helped with a couple of initiative petition drives, always as a volunteer. There have been many that I have not participated in. Under current rules, It is difficult to secure the number of signatures needed to get a petition proposal on the ballot. To get one passed and into law is another very difficult step. It is only through the petition process that some important changes in law that are needed get passed into law. For all of them, previous attempts have been made to achieve change through the legislature and have failed. I will claim that there is not a problem with our petition process that needs attention; the problem is with you our legislators who refuse to tackle contentious issues and produce laws clearly desired by the majority of citizens — clear examples are Medicaid expansion and Marijuana legalization.





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**Don't want to give up the petition process**



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**We Missourians will not cede our right to use the petition process. Please opposed HJR 43.**



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I see what you are trying to do here and it is completely unacceptable. A simple majority of the voter turnout is sufficient. Those who don't care to vote, don't get their voice heard, but that doesn't mean that the rest of us can't make things happen in our state. It is hard enough to make progress in this state. Do NOT make it worse!



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<b>I am in opposition to HJR 43.</b>			



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The ballot initiative process has stymied Republican efforts to keep wages at starvation levels and to keep people uninsured so they want to change the initiative process like the sore losers they are. Pathetic. Vote no.



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The citizens of MO have had the right to collect signatures for citizen petitions and have used them for the benefit of all residents of MO. Just because the MO state legislature doesn't seem to agree with the consensus of it's citizens as to the bills that have been passed, doesn't mean that the right should be stripped away. The MO state legislature is overstepping their roles and should step back.



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The Initiative Petition process has been used for years. There is only one reason why republicans in the Missouri Legislature desire to place even more restrictions on this process and that reason is to **KEEP CONTROL**. If a petition passes on the ballot, that should be a clear signal that maybe you republicans are not listening to your constituents. Therefore, I highly recommend the Missouri republican caucus keep your hands off of this process and let democracy work.



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These bills that seek to require more than a simple majority to pass ballot measures placed by the people at large, and to increase the required signatures to even place measures on the ballot go against the basic 'let the people decide' democracy that we have in the USA. How is it that it takes only a simple majority to elect any of you, yet you want to require more than that to enact that which we also want? These bills are hypocritical to say the least. They are oppressive and totally unnecessary as it is already pretty tough to get enough valid signatures to place a measure on the ballot. This is our democracy. Do not rip it away from us.





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<b>No changes to OUR Initiative Petitions</b>			



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This is another attempt to remove government from the people and leave it in the hands of elected officials who do not represent the views and ideas of the majority of Missourians. The only reason to make it harder for the people to take initiative and put something up to a vote is because you don't want what the people want. This is offensive.



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**Please leave the initiative petitions requirements alone. The proposed changes are anti-democratic.**



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Citizen Initiatives are center to our democratic process in the purest form. It has been used by citizens of both parties as well as independents, from liberal to conservative. As Carl Bearden (R) has stated in an oped it has been instrumental in passing the Hancock Amendment. The bar for getting a citizen initiative on the ballot already has a high bar of 171,592 signatures. Once, it's on the ballot the citizens of Missouri have the option of voting for or against the initiative.



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I am opposed to this bill and other attempts to make the Ballot Initiative process more difficult. I do not see any need to curtail it. The Ballot Initiative is true democracy which enables the will of the majority to be heard, voted on by all voters, and if a majority so chooses, to have it enacted into law. Any of the various proposed changes to increase the difficulty of the Ballot Initiative serve only to restrict the people's right to this democratic process. The proposed bills can only be coming from a desire to limit the people's ability to address issues they see as the priorities but which, unfortunately, are not being addressed by their elected representatives. The collection of signatures is simply a screening process so that frivolous petitions do not make it to the ballot. It is not necessary to collect signatures from all Congressional Districts just to get something on the ballot which ALL voters subsequently have an equal opportunity to vote for or against, as they choose. Currently, the vast majority of ballot initiatives do not make it to the ballot, which shows the current procedures effectively eliminate most initiatives, primarily those without broad support. The number of signatures now required is sufficiently large to keep unpopular initiatives off the ballot. Increasing the required percentage of votes cast for an initiative to "pass" is another way to block what voters want. Amendment 3 in 2020, which undid many of the reforms in the previous ballot initiative sometimes called "Clean MO", only received 51% of the vote. That was passed by a majority as small as can be, yet there was no uproar from the legislature about enacting that initiative into law. Requiring passage by a majority (or more) of registered voters for an initiative to pass is just a blatant attempt to effectively eliminate the Ballot Initiative. What is the logic to such a requirement? As we all know, total voter turnout over 50 percent is an extremely rare event, and to have anywhere near 50 of registered voters all vote the same way is not going to ever happen in the real world. Nothing would ever pass via the Ballot Initiative, which of course is why these types of requirements are being proposed. The truth is that if legislators are responding to what their constituents want, Ballot Initiatives would disappear. No one would spend the vast amount of time and money to complete the arduous process of getting something on the ballot, especially with a requirement that a majority of voters must be in favor of it for a Ballot Initiative to finally pass into law. I do not see a need to make the current Initiative Petition process any more exclusionary. The people have been using the Ballot Initiative for over one hundred years. Legislators do not have all the answers. Let the voice of the people be upheld.



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I urge you to oppose bills that will make it more difficult for Missouri citizens to get initiatives on the ballot and create higher thresholds for passing ballot initiatives that are critical for Missourians. HJR 43 would increase the number of signatures required to place a measure on the ballot and increase the threshold for passage from a simple majority to 2/3 - a nearly impossible threshold. Making it harder to get an initiative on the ballot, limiting when these grassroots measures can be voted upon, and increasing the number of voters who must approve a measure for passage effectively removes power from the people. They undermine our democracy. As our elected representatives, you should make it easier for Missourians to participate in the political process, not more difficult.



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With this bill, and with HJR 18, you are intentionally trying to remove the ability of the People to regulate our government through petition, and only special interest groups will have a chance to collect so many signatures to put a question on the bill. This is a horrible slap in the face to your Oath of Office and to the Missouri People. Have you read your Missouri Constitution? Article 1, Section 1 and 3, spell out that WE the PEOPLE have the power to regulate you and the constitution. Not the other way around. Any Senator or Representative who tries to pass a bill like this is in Violation of the Oath and will be on record of doing so. Any representative who has taken the oath of office who violates that oath is guilty of perjury as stated in our State Constitution.





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**Please do not make changes to the initiative petition process. This is how many Missourians feel heard and our truest form of democracy. Ending this or making it harder would show that the "we the people" mean nothing to our elected.**



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I oppose HJR 43. I support HJR 30.



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Former U.S. Attorney General, Senator, and Missouri Governor John Ashcroft said in 1992, "It is through the initiative petition process that those who have no influence with elective representatives may take their cause directly to the people. The General Assembly should be reluctant, therefore, to enact legislation which places any impediments on the initiative power which are inconsistent with the reservation found in the Constitution." Missouri Health Care for All's supporters have used the initiative petition process to pass meaningful change for Missourians. The passage of HJR 43 would create significant roadblocks and hamper Missourians' ability to exercise their right to contribute directly to democracy and address important issues as voters. These proposed reforms undermine democracy and the ability of the voter to use their vote as their voice. First, HJR 43 proposes an increase in the number of petition signatures required to place constitutional amendments on the ballot, and would also increase the required number of signatures to place a statutory change on the ballot. The existing signature requirement is already a considerable challenge, and this increase will make it more difficult for voters to place their proposals on the ballot. Our team's organizers and our volunteers will be the first to tell you that gathering signatures for a petition is no small job. It is a hard, time-consuming effort that often requires a full day's work to collect a few dozen signatures. And that is on a good day. Additionally, HJR 43 would increase the vote threshold beyond a simple majority to 2/3rds in order to pass a constitutional amendment. This creates an unfair standard to which no other elections are held. Each and every legislator is elected by a simple majority, and this has historically been true of ballot initiatives as well. Ballot measures passed by the majority already represent the will of the people, and by increasing the threshold, legislators are undermining the voters' will. These proposed changes will make it harder for Missourians to stay engaged in the legislative process. It will effectively silence the voice of the people and render law-making in Missouri a practice for only those elite enough to be elected to the General Assembly. The principle laid out by John Ashcroft stands true to this day. The initiative petition process is a right reserved by the people, and it's one we must maintain. As representatives of people across the state of Missouri, it is your duty to empower the people and our voices. Supporting this legislation would do the exact opposite, undermining the power of all Missourians. Missouri Health Care for All is opposed to the proposed changes put forth in HJR 43 and strongly recommends that committee members vote 'no' on this proposal and any others that would obstruct the ability of Missourians to use the initiative petition process, to protect the right of all Missourians to exercise their voice and participate in the legislative process.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>OTTO FAJEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-3202</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI NEA</b>		TITLE: <b>LEGISLATIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>1810 EAST ELM STREET</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
EMAIL: <b>otto.fajen@mnea.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 12:21 PM</b>
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The Association appreciates the opportunity to offer comments on HJR 43. The Association is concerned that this measure will make it significantly more difficult for Missouri citizens to bring forward and gain approval on constitutional measures of interest brought by the initiative petition process and opposes the resolution.



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**Making it more difficult to have successful initiative petitions, as well as making it harder to amend the constitution, is wrong. Taking away our freedom and imposing the will of legislators of an unrepresentative supermajority is no way to run government. If "salus populi suprema lex esto" still means anything, you will not support this.**



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EMAIL: <b>pmcconner@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 8:41 AM</b>
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<b>Vote No</b>			



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EMAIL: <b>ptaalseth@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 7:52 AM</b>
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<b>We must protect the current petition initiative process.</b>			



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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>PATRICIA BARTHOLOME</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>816-813-0167</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF KANSAS CITY, JACKSON, CLAY AND PLATTE COUNTIES</b>		TITLE: <b>VOLUNTEER</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>4331 GILLHAM ROAD</b>			
CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64110</b>
EMAIL: <b>pbartholome50@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 7:23 PM</b>	
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Testimony opposing House Joint Resolutions 43, Pat Bartholome, League of Women Voters of Kansas City, Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties, 816-813-0167, pbartholome50@gmail.com. Legislation that reduces the power of the voter is not in the interest of a democratic society. HJR43 will do just that. I represent the membership of the League of Women Voters of Kansas City, Jackson, Clay, and Platte Counties. We are a non-partisan organization founded on the right of all citizens to have an equal opportunity to participate in our government. In recent years, important changes in public policy were enacted in Missouri, including expanding Medicaid, raising the minimum wage, protecting worker rights, and providing accepted medical practices by approving medical marijuana. These reforms served the needs of the most vulnerable in our state and were enacted using the citizen's initiative petition process. Our state constitution grants voters this power and it has been part of our constitution for over 100 years. When elected Missouri representatives create more hurdles for petition initiatives to make it to the ballot – more signatures, more congressional districts, higher threshold of votes needed to approve ballot measures – these measures are clearly designed to dilute the power of the voter. We believe that the legislature is doing a disservice to all citizens regardless of party affiliation, to put up roadblocks to the initiative petition process. Clear-headed thinking and common sense should prevail, as it has in recent legislative session, when both “sides of aisle” realized nothing was to be gained by dismantling this unique and sacred right. These suggested reforms make it virtually impossible to conduct a petition drive, that, regardless of popular misconceptions, is conducted with local volunteer labor. The League of Women Voters encourage you to carefully reconsider and oppose HJR 43.





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EMAIL: <b>poroark@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 2:42 PM</b>
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HJR43I speak in opposition to HJR 43 because: 1. it would increase the number of signatures required to place a measure on the ballot, and 2. increase the threshold for passage from a simple majority to 2/3.1. According to the Secretary of State's website, there are over 4.3 million registered voters in Missouri. Our Constitution provides that to proceed with an initiative petition proposing a constitutional amendment, it would be necessary to collect 8% of registered voters or approximately 161,000 signatures from across six of the state's eight congressional districts. Increasing the signature requirement to 10% from each of Missouri's eight congressional districts would increase the number of signatures required to over 430,000. This change alone would make the campaigns to gather these signatures tremendously more expensive and require much more time and labor (both paid and volunteer) to successfully place a measure on the ballot. Additionally, efforts to gather signatures typically necessitate the collection of twice as many signatures as is required, because of the number of signatures that end up being deemed invalid – either because they aren't legible or the information from the signer is inaccurate.2. When did a majority change from 51% to 66%? Indeed, when was the last time a measure on any Missouri statewide ballot passed with 66% majority? Even the 2018 Clean Missouri Amendment, an extremely popular measure in this state, would not have passed as it only garnered 65.59% of the vote. The most popular elected officials in Missouri don't get 66% of the vote – unless, perhaps, they are unopposed. Measures passed by a majority, as is the current constitutional requirement, reflect the will of the people. Making it more difficult undermines the will of the people. I urge this Committee to reject efforts to make direct democracy more difficult for its citizens to utilize.



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**Why does Representative Henderson hate democracy?**



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EMAIL: <b>myboysamson@tutanota.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 9:04 PM</b>
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**This does not represent the will of the people, only benefits the people holding office.**



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EMAIL: <b>rachelghana@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 8:10 AM</b>
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I am strongly opposed to any bills that will change our current initiative petition process. This petition system has been in place for 115 years. It signifies a direct way that the people of Missouri have a say in our government. In more than a century only 28 of 69 citizen initiated constitutional amendments have been approved. Changing the current requirement from a simple majority to a 2/3 vote would be making Missouri's threshold the highest of any state in the country. Democracy embraces the idea of "add the people, by the people, and for the people ." All these bills threaten the rights of all Missourians to have their voices heard and to be directly involved in our democracy. The initiative petition process should be protected and encouraged, not attacked and made more difficult. We elect all of you to represent all of us and the people of Missouri want this process to remain the way it's been, a very effective tool that empowers us to make a difference.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RACHIEL REDMOND</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>rachielr915@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 12:04 PM</b>

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Like most Missourians, I work hard and have all my life. But also like most Missourians, I don't get paid enough for my hard work. I couldn't always put food on the table for my family because of how low the minimum wage was. But thanks to a ballot initiative, my wages have gone up, and now I can. I also never had health insurance, but thanks to a ballot initiative, now I do. I love that Missouri voters saw my struggle and voted to support me. Now, some politicians want to make it harder for us to support one another through ballot initiatives. They want to take our power and silence our voices. We can't let them. We must stop this power grab and keep power where it belongs, with the people. Tell politicians to stop attacking the ballot initiative process





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EMAIL: <b>randee.steffen2@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 7:05 PM</b>
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I strongly disagree with increasing the percentage of voters required for a petition and the higher percentage to pass petitions in the legislative body. This bill would limit and discourage voter participation in the legislative process. The initiative petition process is a very important tool and required for direct democracy. It allows us to maintain our freedom and have a say in important issues. Let's keep ordinary people engaged in politics to make Missouri a better place to live.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RAY HERRON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HJR 43 is the same as HJR 79 that failed to pass the Senate last year and is essentially the same as many other attempt though the years. This type of proposal has also failed on the ballot in many states over the years because voters don't want to give up their right to use the petition process. It:Doubles the signatures requires to put a question on the ballot, so only the deep pocket special interests, not grassroots efforts, will have a chance.Raises the ratification threshold to a 2/3 vote. That means urban areas will have veto power over the amendment process, leaving no real check on the courts' powers.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>REBECCA MICHELLE RIDENHOUR</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>madambandit@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2023 6:35 PM</b>
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<b>Missourians must have easy access to ballot initiatives</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>REBECCA S TALLENT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Please vote no**



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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>spriggs@swbell.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 7:31 AM</b>
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<b>Please vote NO on thes bills</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RIAN CERNY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>rcerny68@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2023 8:00 PM</b>
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<b>This is not a bill that is conducive to giving all citizens an equal voice.</b>			



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>rdbest2002@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2023 10:56 PM</b>
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<b>Please vote "no" on this piece of legislation!</b>			



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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>egan.egan@att.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 11:05 AM</b>
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I oppose making changes to the Initiative Petition process. Since 1907, Missouri's constitution has guaranteed, "The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly." The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy that allows us to maintain our freedom to have a say on important issues. The Missouri legislatures' interest in making the initiative petition process more difficult is a power grab that evades the will of the people. For their personal gain, these elected officials and wealthy special interests seek to make it harder for citizens to place important issues on the ballot, more difficult to pass initiatives, and easier to overturn the public's vote. A majority is 50% plus 1. Since when does "majority rule" mean 60%? Changing the threshold just makes it harder for the public to make decisions. The process is already rigorous - you have to get hundreds of thousands of voters to sign on before a measure even gets considered for the ballot. Adding additional barriers does nothing more than censure the voice of the people. Voters from all sides of the political spectrum have used the ballot initiative process to advance their priorities. The ballot initiative process is the only recourse voters have when politicians fail to address the issues that matter to them. This tool has been used by conservatives, progressives, moderates, and independents. Please do not pass this bill.





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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>RICHARD M KUTTA</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>richardkutta@earthlink.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 9:11 AM</b>

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**I oppose any effort to restrict the initiative petition and the opportunity for citizens to guide legislation on Missouri public policy or regulations. Any effort to restrict the initiative petition is anti-democratic. Please vote against any restriction on the initiative petition.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RICHARD MCKIE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>rmckie7@comcast.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2023 5:53 AM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>RICHARD STARKEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>rdstarkey@charter.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 11:12 AM</b>
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**I do NOT support this proposal. Thank you!**



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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>rarh1@msn.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 8:17 AM</b>
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<b>Vote NO on this bill. You should be making it easier for citizens' voices to be heard.</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ROBERT R. BERGFELD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>ROBYN HAMLIN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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**This bill should never have seen the light of day or even have ever been considered. Taking away rights of the people to make changes is not a good thing and leads to tyranny. I oppose this bill totally.**





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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>farthing.r@gmail.com</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2023 10:21 AM</b>

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**This proposal dangerously doubles the number of signatures needed and requires a 2/3 approval ratio.  
These measures are both unwise.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RON BERRY</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>660-537-2239</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>JOBS WITH JUSTICE VOTER ACTION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>PO BOX 722</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65102</b>
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>ron@mofirst.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 12:19 PM</b>
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HJR 43 is an obstacle to the solution because it will not pass the Senate and would be refused by voters.-----This HJR supposes that the problem is with petitions, but the real problem is with the ratification process -- the bar must be raised above a simple majority statewide vote.-----

-----The single thing I hope this committee understands is the need to separate anything that is put on the ballot -- anything relating to petitions should be a separate question that amendments dealing with ratification. Any restrictions on petitions will rejected by voters -----HJR 30 is probably the ONLY one of the bills under consideration that has a path to success.----- IP Reform / Ratification Reform -- Principles in Play See for a searchable database of all past ballot issues: [www.mofirst.org](http://www.mofirst.org) See the link at the top right of the landing page.-----All Political Power is Vested in the People-----Missouri Constitution Article I Section 1-----"That all political power is vested in and derived from the people; that all government of right originates from the people, is founded upon their will only, and is instituted solely for the good of the whole." -----

-----The People Have the Inherent Right to Alter or Abolish Their Constitution-----Declaration of Independence----- • We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness. • That to secure these rights, Governments are instituted among Men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed, • That whenever any Form of Government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute new Government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their Safety and Happiness.-----

Missouri Constitution Article I Section 3-----"That the people of this state have the inherent, sole and exclusive right to regulate the internal government and police thereof, and to alter and abolish their constitution and form of government whenever they may deem it necessary to their safety and happiness, provided such change be not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States.."-----

-----The People of Missouri Have Reserved The Right to Use the Petition Process "Independent of the General Assembly"-----Missouri Constitution Article III Section 49-----"The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly, and also reserve power to approve or reject by referendum any act of the general assembly, except as hereinafter provided."



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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>RORI PICKER NEISS</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-442-3770</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL</b>		TITLE: <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>12 MILLSTONE CAMPUS DRIVE</b>			
CITY: <b>ST LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63146</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>RUTH EHRESMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>ruthrehresman@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 4:10 PM</b>
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My name is Ruth Ehresman. I have been a volunteer collecting signatures on initiative petitions for the last 40 years. I have worked on campaigns that won, and on campaigns that lost. But I would say that all my work has been successful in that it promoted citizen voter awareness of issues and provided an opportunity for voters to have a direct voice about policies that affect them. I highly value the fact that since 1907 the Missouri Constitution has guaranteed the power of the people to propose and "enact or reject laws" independent of the General Assembly. This House Joint Resolution seeks to weaken that power. Voters from across the political spectrum: conservatives, progressives, moderates and independents have used this important tool of direct democracy. Collecting the required number of signatures is already a difficult undertaking. I have collected signatures in blistering heat and biting cold. I (along with hundreds of others) have spent hours talking to voters outside grocery stores, churches, fish fries, schools, elections, at parades and sports events. I say this not to ask for sympathy, but to underscore how important the tools of direct democracy are to me and to all Missourians. Creating more rigorous standards regarding the numbers of signatures needed, and raising the bar for what constitutes a majority, weaken the voices of the people. These proposed changes shift power toward elected officials and the special interests who court their favor. This is taking Missouri in the wrong direction. I urge you to protect the Constitutional rights of Missourians and vote NO. Thank you for this opportunity to share my perspective.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SALLY S WEBER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>sallyweber.mo@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 8:02 AM</b>
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<b>I do not support bill HJR 43</b>			



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>SAM LICKLIDER</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-418-5069</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI REALTORS</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>100 E. HIGH</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65109</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>SARAH STARNES</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>starwal@aol.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 10:00 PM</b>
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My name is Sarah Starnes. I've lived in Kansas City my entire adult life and worked for Missouri and federal governments and nonprofit organizations. I've gathered hundreds of signatures on ballot initiative petitions, as a volunteer. I've also notarized the signatures of other signature-gatherer affiants. While it has been exceedingly difficult to obtain 200,000-350,000 signatures, as required of ordinary citizens--which is MUCH more challenging than a limited number of lawmakers putting something on the ballot--with enough everyday citizens doing the work over a sufficient period of time, we can petition our government through the ballot box. We don't talk about party affiliation when gathering signatures. Republicans, Libertarians, Democrats, and people with other party affiliations have used the citizen ballot initiative process to engage in direct democracy. Signature gatherers must inform the voters signing a petition what it is they are signing and I encourage them to read the ballot language—which accompanies the petition forms. **WE MUST MAKE IT EASIER, NOT HARDER, TO ENGAGE VOTERS IN THE PROCESS OF CONTINUOUSLY MAKING THIS A BETTER STATE. PLEASE VOTE "NO" ON ALL OF THE CITIZEN BALLOT INITIATIVE BILLS THAT WOULD PUT UP BARRIERS TO THIS PROCESS. THESE BILLS WOULD LIKELY BE CHARACTERIZED BY FORMER GOVERNOR JOHN ASHCROFT AS REPRESSING CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT**, based on his statement in 1991, when he vetoed a bill in this regard: "It is through the initiative process that those who have no influence with elective representatives may take their cause directly to the people. The General Assembly should be reluctant, therefore, to enact legislation which places any impediments on the initiative power which are inconsistent with the reservation found in the Constitution." **I RESPECTFULLY ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE "NO" on the bills that would put up barriers to the ballot initiative process, radically changing our state's 150 year history of making government accessible to our citizens. Thank you.**





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WITNESS NAME: <b>SARAH DAVIS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: <b>smdavis0909@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 8:24 AM</b>
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**Please vote no on this. No Missourians want these bills to pass. Time to stop pushing harmful legislation and start trying to help the people of our state. Missourians are struggling to afford homes, medicine, transportation. Focus on making our lives better (which is your job) instead of these culture issues that only cause harm to an already disadvantaged group of people in our state. VOTE NO ON ALL OF THESE BILLS.**



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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>flanagan.smf@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 12:02 PM</b>
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I'm in opposition to this bill.



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<b>Please vote no on HJR43!</b>			



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The initiative petition process in Missouri is an important check and balance to be sure our elected officials are actually acting in the interests of the majority of Missourians. It is pure, one voice/one vote democracy in action. For it to be effective, constituents have to actually put aside party and express their personal feelings on a single issue -- especially since there's such a high threshold of signatures to get a proposal on the ballot. The process is difficult enough, and is working well. Don't fix what isn't broken. It is also important to note that the process is reserved to us by our State constitution. Please reject any effort to "reform" a direct democracy process that is actually working!



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<b>Vote NO</b>			



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I oppose efforts to weaken Missourians' right to petition. This is an essential right because of legislator's frequent negligence of issues important to citizens and their discouraging efforts to overturn the will of the voters. Missourians understand that it is already extremely difficult to get an issue on the ballot via the petition process, so it does not need to be made more difficult. It is also important to recognize how few votes it takes for legislators to make a law or propose a constitutional amendment in comparison to the thousands and thousands of signatures and votes from citizens to accomplish the same.



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I am a resident of Joplin, Missouri and I brought my family up here and they are all bringing up their children (my grandchildren) here. I have a keen interest in their future which depends on Missouri being a diverse state with a thriving economy with a functioning democracy in our state. Every act by our representatives in Jefferson City should be about making it EASIER for voters to express their needs and concerns, and this proposal would only make that harder. I have volunteered collecting signatures for ballot initiatives and the number of hours and difficulty in reaching people and getting signatures is a huge hurdle to jump and if anything the process should be made easier for the people to be heard. I do not support any of the bills put forward to make the initiative petition process more difficult. As a constituent I strongly urge a no vote on all five bills that limit the power of the people to participate in democracy.



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<b>Vote no.</b>			



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**Vote no!**



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<b>I oppose HJR 43</b>			



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EMAIL: <b>steveall@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 8:40 AM</b>
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Respectfully: Where is the demand for this change to the Missouri citizens' right to petition? Is it the "Political Donor Class" that demand total control of the Missouri Legislature? It's hypocritical of the General Assembly to try to limit the citizens' right to petition to get something on the ballot when 100 of our 197 legislators can approve ballot language to reverse a change to our Constitution that was approved by voters. Amendment 3 clearly reversed the will of the larger majority of Missouri voters who supported Clean Missouri reforms. Missouri's initiative petition system has been in place for 115 years. This critical tool, that allows citizens to put an issue on the ballot for a statewide vote used through the years by citizens from all political persuasions, is under attack by lawmakers who want to curtail the people's power! Thirty years ago, when faced with a similar effort by a different set of party politicians, then-Gov. John Ashcroft said: "It is through the initiative process that those who have no influence with elected representatives may take their cause directly to the people." Ballot measures are the people's power! Each citizen can choose to add their signature to a petition and ultimately have the right to vote on the issue. This valuable and trusted process is not easy, and the citizens of Missouri have not abused it! In more than a century, only 28 of 69 citizen-initiated Constitutional amendments have ever been approved. Many more proposed initiatives never got enough signatures to make it on the ballot.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>STEVE MCLUCKIE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>steve.mcluckie44@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/23/2023 8:53 PM</b>
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I have knocked on doors, spoken to voters about various issues and petitioned over decades on issues I feel strongly about, always as a volunteer. I can assure you that it is not easy to find people who have the time and/or interest to talk, explain an issue to them, and get them to sign a petition. This legislation is attempting to fix a fictitious problem. In our democracy, Missouri citizens have the constitutional right to put issues before fellow voters only if they can complete a difficult, time consuming petition process. If successful, there is a campaign by both sides ending with a vote of our citizens. The right to petition for a direct vote of Missourians on important issues should not be amended so as to make it impossible to utilize. Rather than fearing the voice of the people we should celebrate our democracy!





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EMAIL: <b>skmspears@hotmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/21/2023 7:29 AM</b>

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**Please oppose this initiative as it amplifies the voice of the majority concentrated in relatively small areas of the state and snubs the voices of those in smaller districts.**



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EMAIL: <b>steveandjanereed@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/22/2023 9:03 AM</b>
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My name is Steve Reed. I am opposed to this bill because it would injure the initiative petition process and obstruct citizens existing rights to direct democracy. I have worked as an unpaid volunteer to gain signatures to pass ballot measures here in Missouri. For example, I gained signatures for Medicaid expansion and talked too many people who volunteered their personal medical issues and explained how Medicaid expansion would greatly help them. Acquiring signatures takes significant time and effort on my part. I am opposed to every one of these extreme bills under consideration. They would create new signature or petition passage requirements, or both, and create large obstacles to the constitutional right to direct democracy that Missouri citizens have had for some 120 years. Missouri's constitution has long guaranteed, "The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly." And this power, this people power, has required only a simple majority of votes cast statewide. It's clear the will of the people would be thwarted by raising the signature requirement threshold, and particularly by schemes on initiative passage that require more than a simple majority of votes cast statewide. This power is also "independent of the General Assembly". Therefore, schemes hatched by the General Assembly by any Party that would attempt to wrest from or diminish this power of the people clearly violate the intent of the constitution. Such schemes are beneath the dignity of this legislature and violate the trust voters have given to it. To each of you. What is the need for such proposed bills? Missouri current signature requirements to get on the ballot are comparable to many states with an initiative process. Existing signature and other requirements already weed out vast majority of initiatives from appearing on the ballot. It's not as if Missouri's citizens have abused the petition process. The number of citizen-initiated petitions that appear on the ballot is much in line with other states. Our petition process works. These bills' increased requirements on the front end (getting on the ballot) or back end (ballot approval) place an unacceptable burden on citizens' rights to directly petition the state. Enactment of new requirements and passage as a ballot measure would reduce the future number of ballot measures which pass, possibly to zero. Does this legislature really intend to consider bills this session to strengthen civics education in our schools, at the same time it maneuvers to effectively deprive Missouri citizens of one of their basic constitutional rights? Passage of this bill or any of these bills for placement on a future ballot would send a message to the public that the Missouri legislature doesn't want their voices heard. That Missouri legislators distrust them. As a voting Missouri citizen I ask that these bills not be supported. Thank you.



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HJR 43 is the same as HJR 79 that failed to pass the Senate last year and is essentially the same as many other attempt though the years. This type of proposal has also failed on the ballot in many states over the years because voters don't want to give up their right to use the petition process. It:1) Doubles the signatures requires to put a question on the ballot, so only the deep pocket special interests, not grassroots efforts, will have a chance.2) Raises the ratification threshold to a 2/3 vote. That means urban areas will have veto power over the amendment process, leaving no real check on the courts' powers.



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<b>Vote NO. Silencing your constituents is not good for Missouri or you.</b>			



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"We, the People," means we have the right to initiate votes on matters of serious concern to us. It is a shame that current day Republicans have this need for power. You were not elected to be dictators.



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<b>I oppose this attempt to hoard power and silence The People.</b>			



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I am writing in regard to the proposed legislation HJR 43 - Henderson - INITIATIVE PETITION, HJR 30 - Lewis - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, HJR 18 - Lewis - CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, HJR 24 - Davidson - INITIATIVE PETITION, HJR 25 - Davidson - INITIATIVE PETITIONS that will make it harder for the citizens of Missouri to place an initiative on a ballot and then pass that initiative. The initiative petition process is an important activity allowed to non-legislators that is the closest to a true form of democratic participation. There have been several initiatives recently passed overwhelmingly by Missouri voters that allowed their beliefs to be truly heard. As stated in the Missouri constitution: "The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly." Currently, the initiative process in Missouri already requires a high threshold of signatures from registered voters to get a proposal on the ballot. Measures passed by a majority - as is currently the case - reflect the will of the people, something that needs to remain in a strong democracy. Making it more difficult undermines the will of voters such as myself. Lawmakers should reject efforts to make direct democracy more difficult.



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**This is nothing more than an attempt to silence Missourians and keep power in the hands of the Republican super majorities.**





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**I am opposed to HJR 43. This bill does not solve the problem. A concurrent majority is the only way to ammend the Missouri Constitution without allowing big money to determine the outcome.**



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No changes to the petition process should be made. The process works for the citizens of Missouri and should not be made harder. The expansion of medicaid and the legalization of recreational marijuana are great examples of how the citizens have been heard by this process.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SUSAN TURK</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-771-0946</b>	
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ADDRESS: <b>3936 CASTLEMAN AVENUE</b>			
CITY: <b>S. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63110</b>
EMAIL: <b>mopagstl@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>1/24/2023 3:10 AM</b>	
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My name is Susan Turk. I am co-chair of Missouri Progressive Action Group and have been authorized to express MOPAG's opposition to this bill to HJR's 43, 30, 18, 24 and 25 because they would injure the initiative petition process and obstruct citizens existing rights to direct democracy. MOPAG is opposed to every one of these resolutions under consideration. They would create new signature or petition passage requirements, or both, and create large obstacles to the constitutional right to direct democracy that Missouri citizens have had for some 120 years. Missouri's constitution has long guaranteed, "The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly." And this power, this people power, has required only a simple majority of votes cast statewide. It's clear the will of the people would be thwarted by raising the signature requirement threshold, and particularly by schemes on initiative passage that require more than a simple majority of votes cast statewide. This power is also "independent of the General Assembly". Therefore, schemes hatched by the General Assembly by any Party that would attempt to wrest from or diminish this power of the people clearly violate the intent of the constitution. Such schemes are beneath the dignity of this legislature and violate the trust voters have given to it. To each of you. What is the need for such proposed bills? Missouri current signature requirements to get on the ballot are comparable to many states with an initiative process. Existing signature and other requirements already weed out vast majority of initiatives from appearing on the ballot. It's not as if Missouri's citizens have abused the petition process. The number of citizen-initiated petitions that appear on the ballot is much in line with other states. Our petition process works. These bills' Increased requirements on the front end (getting on the ballot) or back end (ballot approval) place an unacceptable burden on citizens' rights to directly petition the state. Enactment of new requirements and passage as a ballot measure would reduce the future number of ballot measures which pass. Does this legislature really intend to consider bills this session to strengthen civics education in our schools, at the same time it maneuvers to effectively deprive Missouri citizens of one of their basic constitutional rights? The ballot initiative process allows citizens to fill in the blanks regarding public policy that is not prioritized by the legislature. The ballot initiative process is not broken. The ballot initiative process does not need to be fixed or reformed. Passage of any of these bills for placement on a future ballot would send a message to the public that the Missouri legislature doesn't want their voices heard. That Missouri legislators distrust them. As a voting Missouri citizen, I ask that these bills not be supported. Thank you.



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<b>VOTE NO</b>			



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Judges need to be non-partisan. Now, they have reoccurring terms with regular votes by the people as to whether they should be retained. This makes the judges answerable to the people, and allows us to benefit from the experience they gained on the bench. This bill puts an end to experienced judges, and ensures Missouri governor has a fresh crop of judges hand-selected to do his or her bidding. While this may benefit the governor, it does not benefit the people of Missouri or, for that matter, the legislative branch. The judiciary needs to serve its purpose -- to be a check and balance on the actions of the executive and the legislative branches. By this bill, you are eliminating that independence and increasing the likelihood that the judiciary and executive branches will act in concert. I oppose this bill. Please reject it.



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It's already incredibly difficult to get an initiative on the ballot. By making the process even more cumbersome, you are diminishing the power of the citizenry. You're stripping us of our voice. In addition, by increasing the threshold for passage from a simple majority to a 2/3 majority, you're ignoring the will of the people. It doesn't take a 2/3 majority to elect the Governor, Senators or Representatives. Amendments to the state constitution should be no different. Missouri is a majoritarian democracy in every other way. Changing that only in regard to amendments to the state constitution shows a lack of respect for Missouri citizens and our wishes. If this passes, it proves the people we voted for to represent us are actually trying to control us. Please vote no! This bill **MUST** be defeated!



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**I demand a government that protects my rights, instead all I see is attempts to limit or remove my rights.**





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The initiative petition process is the true voice of the people. Limiting it in anyway will restrict what we really want. That said, I find it interesting that a certain party wants to limit what the people truly want.



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In an Open Society there is freedom of expression. But years of one party domination are producing the effort to suppress the direct free expression of Missouri citizens. A right that has existed for more than 100 years in the form of the initiative petition. This bill directly proposes a revision to the Missouri constitution that assures Missourians the right to directly propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly.??The initiative process already requires a high threshold to get on the ballot. The initiative process is pure democracy. What do we call opponents of democracy???I urge opposing any effort to thwart the voice of Missouri citizens.



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**As a legal resident voter of Missouri I am in opposition to HJR 43**



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The game plan of #1 making it harder to get initiatives on a ballot THEN #2 making it harder to pass them after they're on the ballot AND FINALLY #3 overturning the initiatives that do pass despite winning approval from a majority of voters demonstrates a complete attack on the freedom people exercise to vote on what's important to them. It's worked for 100+ years. Leave it alone.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>VANESSA WELLBERY</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-531-7526</b>	
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ADDRESS: <b>4251 FOREST PARK AVE</b>			
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Advocates of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri opposes House Joint Resolutions 18, 24, 25, 30, and 43 because they impose additional, unnecessary burdens on Missourians' right to directly petition one another. The current process to qualify a measure for the ballot through initiative petition is already extremely difficult, requiring hundreds of volunteers to devote thousands of hours. Missourians have had the right to directly petition one another for changes to our laws and constitution for nearly 150 years. This measure is an attack on our history and constitution. Missourians of all political persuasions have used the process, oftentimes using it together to overcome legislative roadblocks. Initiative petitions require the signatures of between 200,000 and 350,000 Missourians — one of the highest signature requirements in the nation — while the Legislature can put items on the ballot with a simple majority vote of politicians. Whether by raising the signature requirements or the vote margin for passage, each of these proposals makes it more difficult — in some cases, impossible — for Missourians to engage in direct democracy through the initiative petition process. It's plain to see that these measures are about silencing, not empowering, Missouri voters. Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians rather than pursuing unnecessary, expensive and unconstitutional burdens on the right to vote in our state.



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I write expressing my opposition to this legislation. I strongly urge a no vote on it. This is a direct attack on our democracy. It is clearly intended to eliminate majority rule and allow a minority to dictate on critical matters in our state. This is such a radical proposal it should be discarded out of hand. One of the outstanding facets of Missouri government has been the Initiative Process. It allows for the most direct participation of all citizens in the decision making process. A vote for this legislation is simply a vote for autocracy and rule by the minority. A No Vote is a vote for democracy and protection of majority rule.



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Ronald Reagan once said, "Government exists to protect us from each other. Where government has gone beyond its limits is in deciding to protect us from ourselves." It is in this moment that the Missouri legislature has devoted itself to protecting the people of Missouri from themselves. My name is Glenn Winfrey, I am a life-long Missourian, and I am writing in opposition to this resolution. It demeans the people of Missouri and prevents voters from having their voices heard. I believe it will also have disastrous unforeseen consequences. The initiative petition is a critical tool for Missourians. Without it, we would have little or no recourse in directly affecting the laws of the state, and we would be at the mercy of a richer, whiter, older minority than the general population. This resolution severely impedes the ability of Missourians to propose and successfully reach the ballot with an initiative petition, and to vote for it would be an act of treason against your constituency. Treason because your power as elected officials is derived from the people. You were chosen by your district to represent your district, not to act as an individual distinct from it. To support this resolution, then, would be to cut off your nose to spite your face, and disempower your electors as you delegitimize yourself. I ask every representative in this committee to consider carefully the consequences of making initiative petitions more difficult to file and pass. Vote no on this resolution, and do not deign to protect Missourians from themselves.



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HJR 43 is the same as HJR 79 that failed to pass the Senate last year and is essentially the same as many other attempt though the years. This type of proposal has also failed on the ballot in many states over the years because voters don't want to give up their right to use the petition process. It doubles the signatures required to put a question on the ballot, so only the deep pocket special interests, not grassroots efforts, will have a chance. And it raises the ratification threshold to a 2/3 vote. That means urban areas will have veto power over the amendment process, leaving no real check on the courts' powers. HJR 53 is BAD for Missouri!



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Missouri's constitution guarantees, "The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly." The initiative petition process is an integral tool of direct democracy that allows us to maintain our freedom to have a say on important issues. The Missouri legislatures' interest in making the initiative petition process more difficult is a power grab that ignores the will of the people. For their own personal gain, these elected officials and wealthy special interests seek to make it harder for citizens to place important issues on the ballot, more difficult to pass initiatives, and easier to overturn the public's vote. A majority is 50% plus 1. A majority does not mean 60%. The process is already challenging, as you have to obtain hundreds of thousands of voter signatures before a measure even gets considered for the ballot. Adding additional barriers does nothing more than prevent the voice of the people being heard. The ballot initiative process is the only opportunity voters have when politicians ignore their will. This tool has been used by conservatives, progressives, moderates, and independents.



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**Don't make it harder for Missourians to have their voices heard! Protect our right to put issues on the ballot and vote no on this bill!**



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I oppose all bills that aim to restrict Missouri citizens' rights established in the Missouri Constitution. The citizen initiative process is one of the purest forms of direct democracy. Missouri law already sets high bars for registered voters to get a proposal on the ballot. Please oppose HJR 43.



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Keep initiatives as an option for citizens! Grass roots initiatives are government at its best. It is very difficult to pass them so lawmakers should not be threatened. In fact, they should wholeheartedly support initiatives. The essence of small government.