



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Missouri Farm Bureau supports this bill, due to its tightening of requirements for an initiative petition and giving more integrity to the process as a whole. Missouri Farm Bureau has multiple member-adopted policies in support of reforming the initiative petition process. Some of the relevant policies include: We believe the ability of out-of-state interests to instigate changes to Missouri's Constitution through the initiative petition process should be severely restricted.? We support requiring signature gathers be registered Missouri voters.? We support limiting the use of professional signature gathering organizations for initiative petition efforts, including prohibiting payment on a per-signature basis and requiring them to register with the state.? We support legislation to reform Missouri's initiative petition process and give preference to concurrent majority ratification (CMR).



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Leave it so the VOTERS can act as a whole state.



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IP Reform must be addressed now, and Concurrent Majority Ratification using state house districts is absolutely the best option to get it done.



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My name is Adam Rossi. I am currently a volunteer on the ballot initiative to raise the minimum wage and secure paid sick time off for workers in Missouri. Having the ballot initiative process in place the way it currently reads is important because it gives ordinary people like myself a chance to participate in the democratic process and to be more engaged and involved in issues that are impacting our State. There are many issues and initiatives that lawmakers in Jefferson City would not be privy to because they are living a different life than those average citizens, and the initiative petition process accounts for this and makes it possible for citizens to make their voices heard and address injustices that fly by the radar of elected representatives in Jefferson City. Democracy is something in which all citizens can participate, and the initiative petition process is one of the greatest examples of democracy that still exists in the United States. This bill threatens democracy as we know it in America. This is a fundamentally undemocratic and unAmerican bill, and will only serve to further polarize our already extremely polarized and dysfunctional society. I value participating in democracy, and I hope that you do too. I hope that my children and grandchildren will be able to enjoy at minimum the same democracy that I today enjoy. Bills like this threaten that democracy for all people in Missouri. Please vote no!



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WITNESS NAME: ADIN ALEM		PHONE NUMBER:
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My name is Adin Alem and I am a lifelong Missourian. I was raised in Lee's Summit, MO and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Missouri- Kansas City. I've always known I would stay in Kansas City, and hope one day that I can own a home and raise a family in this great state. But ones thing for sure, is that in order for this state to be a home to me and millions of other Missourians, we need to have a voice in this state. The ballot initiative process is a voice for all Missourians, and any attempt to take that away is not only an attempt to silence everyday people in this state, it's also an attempt to derail democracy. That's why I oppose this bill being introduced and demand the ballot initiative process in this state remain the way it is. Thank you.



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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. IP, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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Please don't take away the people's power. The legislature has plenty of power without stripping the public of the initiative process!



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I write to express my firm opposition to the proposed bill affecting the initiative and referendum petition process in Missouri. This bill, by imposing overly prescriptive requirements on signature pages, restricting petition circulators' eligibility, and limiting challenges to registered voters, among other provisions, poses a significant threat to the democratic principles that underpin our state's legislative process. Firstly, the requirement for signature pages to adhere to specific formatting prescribed by the Secretary of State could unduly complicate the petition process. While ensuring clarity and consistency is important, overly stringent requirements may hinder the ability of grassroots movements to initiate change, especially for those with fewer resources. Secondly, the stipulation that petition circulators must be U.S. citizens, Missouri residents, or physically present in Missouri for 30 consecutive days prior to collecting signatures, coupled with the prohibition on compensation based on the number of signatures, could severely limit the pool of individuals able to participate in this crucial aspect of democracy. This not only narrows the democratic space for engaging in the petition process but also potentially discriminates against those who are most motivated and effective in mobilizing public support. Moreover, restricting the ability to challenge the official ballot title or fiscal note to Missouri registered voters exclusively narrows the scope of who can ensure transparency and accountability in the petition process. Every citizen, regardless of voter registration status, should have the right to question and seek clarity on measures that will impact their lives. The requirement for final adjudication relating to challenges of the official ballot title or fiscal note to occur before eight weeks before the election adds an unnecessary layer of haste that could compromise the thoroughness and fairness of the review process. Additionally, invalidating all signatures collected before a court-ordered change to the ballot title undermines the effort and engagement of citizens who have participated in the petition process up to that point. This could discourage public participation in future initiatives due to the instability and unpredictability it introduces into the process. Finally, repealing the requirement for a public hearing on proposed measures removes a critical platform for public discourse and engagement on initiatives and referendums. Such hearings are vital for ensuring that diverse viewpoints are considered and that the implications of proposed measures are fully understood by both the legislators and the public. In conclusion, while the intent to streamline and clarify the initiative and referendum process is acknowledged, the measures proposed in this bill risk eroding the democratic foundations of our state's legislative process. I urge reconsideration of these provisions to ensure that the initiative and referendum process remains accessible, transparent, and representative of all Missourians' voices.



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Making the Citizen Ballot Initiative process more difficult, onerous, and making rural communities part of the required formula for signature gathering is aimed at making the process inoperable. The spirit and policy around the process is to give citizens a voice. Legislators do not always represent their communities or take the time to know what their constituent think needs to change. I oppose HB 1749. I am counting on you to listen to us, the voters.



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I am outraged that the lawmakers my votes have elected are now trying to take away my ability to have my voice heard by my vote. I insist that my elected representatives oppose this and have the courage to stand behind the voice of the people. We have voices and we will not be silent as you take away our right to use those voices for our state.



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WITNESS NAME: AMANDA IWASYSZYN		PHONE NUMBER:
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MO residents have had the right to petition our gov through the IP process for 100 years. The GOP wants to remove that right from us because they fear us. And we are tired of it. They have already limited our voice with their gerrymandering. One person one vote.



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We want majority rule. Stop trying to interfere with the will of the Missouri people. Stop trying to empower extremist minorities.



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The people of Missouri need to have a voice in our legislative process. Let initiative petitions continue!



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This bill will restrict our right to the initiative petition process, our right to gather signatures & put issues on the ballot. I strongly oppose this bill.



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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. The initiative process, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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WITNESS NAME: AMY THOMPSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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For years I have been represented by men who do not represent me or my interests in any way. The opportunity to be heard through ballot initiatives is one of the few ways my voice can actually matter in Missouri. We need to protect the system as it stands. Making it harder for the people of Missouri to be heard is not in the best interest of Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: ANDREA DURWAY		PHONE NUMBER:
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This is an outrageous attempt to usurp the will of the voters. These bills limit the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. IP, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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WITNESS NAME: ANDREW ABRAHAM		PHONE NUMBER:
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The people of Missouri deserve the right to pass rules and legislation when elected officials do not represent our interests. This is a process many states wish they had access to.



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My name is Drew Amidei. I am opposed to any changes to the IP or referendum processes as they are an important feature of Missouri democratic tradition and work as intended.



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This removes power from the people of Missouri to participate in the democratic process.



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I believe the process that is currently in place is the best for Missouri Voters. This gives each voter a vote. This is how we have passed so many great things for Missourians such as medical and recreational marijuana.



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Very disappointing to see elected officials who claim to love democracy so everything in their power to have less democracy. If ever the party proposing this has a popular idea, they will have hamstrung their own efforts to pass popular policy into law. If "school choice" is so popular and the HFC is upset about inaction, they could use this process to get it done and actually meet their constituents where they are.



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Missouri voters deserve the right to represent ourselves. It's the very purpose of initiative petitions. It is unfair and unethical to create obstacles to the IP process.



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This bill strikes me as very undemocratic and possibly unconstitutional. We should be encouraging our citizens to be better informed and to speak up when they see proposed legislation likely to impair their quality of life. It places far too much authority to the Secretary of State, who may not wish to give any voice to Missouri residents, especially to those not currently on the registered voter rolls. I see a big danger in purging those lists or registered voters, much as other states have done. Missouri badly needs MORE citizen participation, not less.



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The Missouri electorate must continue to have the right to petition to have issues placed on the state-wide ballot especially when their elected representatives fail or refuse to REPRESENT their constituents' will. To purposefully or unintentionally limit, ignore, or otherwise deny this right violates what is established in our state's own Bill of Rights (Constitution Sections 1, 2, and 3).



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This bill is clearly meant to make ballot initiatives unduly hard to pass. If the roles were reversed, and it was the other party in power, would you want this passed? What did font and format of a signature sheet have to do with ensuring legal signatures?



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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. The initiative petition process has been in place for over 100 years. MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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Please don't make it more difficult for citizens to bring petitions to the people of Missouri. We live in one of only 26 state who have the ability to participate in our democracy via the initiative petition process. This is something I value very much for personal reasons. There are two people close to me who have benefited from a past ballot measure included on the ballot because of initiative petition. This has benefited people on both sides of the aisle. I strongly oppose this bill.



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NO, NO, NO! I am Opposed to New unfair Taxes and hinders Economic Development. Please see the House archived video or audio Public Testimony under "Media."



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There is nothing more democratic than the people of a city, county, state, or nation being heard. With the ever-rising costs of groceries, housing, education, and just about everything else it is sometimes difficult to remember we have any choice at all because all we can do is get by. The people of Missouri deserve a voice regarding important issues that impact our daily lives, that allow us to build and leave some sort of legacy for those who come next. Prohibiting our ability to be heard is a trampling of our human rights. Until the members of the house better represent the working class of Missouri, our ability to organize for a just cause allows us to protect ourselves from unjust practices and legislation.



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Missouri has sunk to the bottom in most quality of life measures since the Republicans have taken power. I never believed we would sink below Mississippi in anything, but we rank #50 in teacher salaries. Clearly the Republicans have given up the idea of representative responsibility as they make it harder and harder for us to have a voice with these pieces of legislation.



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I am totally opposed to this.



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I strongly oppose the efforts to modify the Missouri ballot initiative process. I have been involved in signature gathering for several of the more recent initiatives and have seen the hope they give to voters who feel their voice is not being heard or respected by their government. These initiatives do not make the law but give voters a chance to pass or defeat a law in a statewide election. As a lifelong Missourian, I am proud that my state, since 1907, respects its citizens to be directly involved in decisions affecting their everyday lives. The ballot initiative process brings us closer to the one person one vote democratic ideal.



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Destroying a 116 year old protection for The People goes against Democracy.**



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I am opposed to any changes to the Initiative Petition system. 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. 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. I vote regularly in elections. I understand that sometimes my candidate or issue will win, and sometimes they will lose, but that is what democracy is. Everyone gets an equal chance to weigh in. Proposals that would seek to alter this one person, one vote tradition are fundamentally undemocratic and unAmerican. They will only further polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry when the majority is silenced by a minority.



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To put it simply, the bill is written to suppress majority rule by placing onerous requirements and/ or restrictions on IPs. It is shameful that Mo legislators refuse to represent what their constituents want. I strongly oppose this bill.



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Maintaining the current state wide majority rule vote on initiative petitions is the right thing to do to ensure the individual voices of Missouri citizens and ensuring our democratic process.



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Since the right for citizens to propose legislation has been a part of our democrat process in Missouri since 1907, I was curious about what would motivate a legislator to effectively remove that right from the citizens of Missouri. So I looked at the 2022 election. 23 separate initiative petitions to amend the constitution were submitted and approve for circulation by the Secretary of State. Those are not variations of language on the same proposal. These are entirely separate proposals. Of those 23 initiatives, only one succeeded in getting on the ballot and subsequently passed. That was the proposal to legalize Marijuana. Only one of 23! But apparently that is too much democracy for the legislature. By proposing to raise the bar, are they suggesting that they want citizens to have NO ability to propose and pass initiatives? Are they really that cynical about us? It sure seems like it. Legislators, please do your job and leave the democratic rights of Missouri's citizens alone. Ben Senturia4466 West Pine Blvd 21bSt.Louis, Mo 63108



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Please vote NO. I want my daughter to have access to her OWN Reproductive Rights Healthcare Decisions!



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I oppose all attempts to change the Missouri Ballot Initiative. I believe nothing should be altered in the wording/spirit of this process.



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Do not approve this legislation. The People's right to the citizen initiative petition has been in the Missouri Constitution for more than 100 years. The initiative petition process has been used many times by citizens to protect their rights from special interests, to provide their vision for the State of Missouri, and to exercise oversight of corrupt, crooked or inept extremely partisan politicians knee-jerking to the latest Culture War issue they see on Fox News or NewsMax. The current Missouri Initiative Petition process is not broken and does not need to be fixed. Missouri voting districts are already gerrymandered to protect GOP seats. This proposed legislation would gut and gerrymander the Missouri electorates' vote on a petition initiative so that the Minority's vote counts more than the Majority's votes. 40.1% of voters would have been able overrule and deny the will of 59.9% of their fellow citizens. If ANY change needs to be made to the Petition Initiative it should be legislated that any successful Petition Initiative can not be challenged, changed, or weakened for a period of 10 years after its passage.



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WITNESS NAME: BILL THOMPSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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My name is Bill Thompson. I am a lifelong Missourian. I currently reside in Independence Mo. I work as a food/hospitality worker and am a leader with Stand Up KC. I have been a part of many ballot initiative campaigns for minimum wage increases and fighting work worker’s rights here in Missouri. We are currently fighting for a ballot initiative to win \$15 minimum wage and sick days for every worker in Missouri. The ballot initiative’s like these give Missourians a voice and allow them to improve their communities and help provide for their families. Protecting the ballot initiative as it is, is extremely important because it gives everyone the right to voice their opinion on the ballot. Allowing Missourians to be a part of this democratic right only strengthens our communities and state. Oppose these Initiative Petition Reform Bills. Thanks for your time, Bill Thompson



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Anti-democratic bill to take away Missourians rights in the democratic process.



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NO MOVEMENT ON IP. One person, one vote-let the people's voice be heard.



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This bills are undemocratic and an a front to government by the people and for the people.



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One person, one vote. Does not matter where you live, we all are residents of Missouri. If our representatives actually cared about their constituents they will vote no on these power grabs



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I oppose any and all changes to Missouri's ballot initiative process.



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These bills are intended to raise the bar for making decisions at the voter level. Limiting the public's last check and balance yields undue power to politicians. Issues that affect all Missourians should be decided by a simple majority of Missourians.



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This bill puts unnecessary rules in place that make it more difficult to gather signatures when Missourians want to bring an issue to the voters.



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I do not support HB 1749. No changes are necessary to the initiative petition process.



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The initiative petition in its current form takes voters desires into account. Signatures are required to get an initiative on the ballot and then the voters make the decisions. This is the same requirements to become an elected official. If this process works for elected officials it is good enough for initiatives, too.



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I am opposed to any potential action that would alter the initiative petition process in which we are granted the authority by the Missouri Constitution to be able to petition our government and to debate and decide on some of our state's pressing matters ourselves. I have remained a steadfast supporter of the way Missouri has our direct democracy function and allow us to have direct input on issues even as I have opposed several different amendments that I do not think were for the best for Missouri. Please reconsider what you are doing and to not take the voice away from Missourians by making the initiative petition process any more difficult or inaccessible for people to have a direct say in their government.



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The two proposed bills are attempts to change the initiative petition process to protect our constitution from outside dark money groups, but these two bills are not going to stop the onslaught of progressive attempts to change Missouri’s constitution. Why are HJR 102 and HJR 72 won’t stop the pro-abortion amendment? HJR 102 and HJR 72 are specifically relating to Article III, Section 51 (Appropriations by initiative) not Article XII, Section 2(b) (Submission of Amendments proposed by the general assembly or by the initiative.) Article III prohibits the initiative process “for the appropriation of money other than of new revenues creating and provided thereby or for any other purpose prohibited by this constitution.” HJR 102 and HJR 72 have too many moving parts or as some referred to “ballot candy.” These two bills include banning the following: Raising sales taxes on food, raising taxes on real estate or personal property, Prohibiting foreign sponsorship and/or contributions in the initiative process, and many more things. While these things are good, they will result in the opposition filing legal challenges and will make messaging more difficult. HJR 102 and HJR 72 only pertain to initiative petitions by outside groups but do not to any initiative petition offered by the legislature which will be DOA with voters and could also result in opposition filing legal challenges. HJR 102 and HRJ 72 do not address any Constitutional Convention proposed amendments. This must be done under Article XII, Section 3(a). Initiative Petition Reform is a top priority for the Freedom Principle MO, but if we want to protect our constitution from outside dark money groups, we MUST do it the right way.



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I do not want changes made to the ballot initiative process.



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We can do better. It is an insult to the legislature and the people of Missouri, to offer bills that make it more difficult for citizens to participate in responsible democracy. The support and participation of the people is the strength of your offices, and curbing it is irresponsible. I will do all in my power to see that those who submit bills to strip citizens of voice in decisions that affect them be removed from office. We can do better. I look for better from those who I have entrusted with office to see to the benefit of us all.



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This bill seeks to end the initiative petition process by imposing impossible trivial requirements such as font type and size. The bill restricts who can collect signatures for the petition. Collecting signatures for IPs are difficult and no organization or business (such as the Missouri sports teams wanting to pass sports gambling) can find enough volunteers to gather signatures. Therefore, paid volunteers are the only way to successfully gather enough signatures. This resolution would impose a standard of residency to gather signatures – for what reason? Only Missourians are capable of collecting signatures, really. I think it is a skill that non-Missourians have, too. Then this resolution adds more difficulty for any legal challenges. I oppose this resolution, because it is designed to kill a Missouri voters' right. The initiative petition process is used by all types of groups including Republican and Democratic groups; liberal and conservative groups; realtors and businesses wanting sports betting in Missouri. Do not kill this process.



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I am opposed to HB 1749. Section 49 of the Missouri Constitution "Reservation of power to enact and reject laws" states "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." The Initiative Petition process is an important tool of direct democracy. It is the only way that citizens can override decisions made by the state legislature that go against the wishes of a majority of Missouri citizens. HB 1749 is specifically designed to take power away from the general public and make it more difficult for the people of Missouri to make changes to the laws and constitution of Missouri. For their personal gain, 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. The initiative petition process is already quite rigorous. There is no need to make the process more difficult and cumbersome; this is simply adding barriers to the democratic process. 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. I am interested in our state being flexible and responsive to the needs of her citizens. It breaks my heart that people are moving out of Missouri due to laws being passed that punish and deprive rights to targeted groups of Missouri citizens. The initiative petition process is part of the toolkit of democracy that preserves the rights of Missouri citizens. Vote no on HB 1749.



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My name is Carol Hobbs and I have been a volunteer on multiple ballot initiative campaigns. In every instance, I have enjoyed the opportunity provided by the initiative process to talk about issues facing Missouri with my neighbors. Some campaigns I have supported have introduced me to people I never thought I would agree with and helped build community with my neighbors. Every campaign has been a lot of work, but very rewarding when I see those petitions become ballot items. I vote regularly in elections. I understand that sometimes my candidate or issue will win, and sometimes they will lose, and that is the nature of democracy. Everyone gets an equal chance to weigh in. Proposals that would seek to alter this "one person, one vote" tradition are fundamentally undemocratic and unAmerican. They will only further polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry when the majority is silenced by a minority. As a Missouri voter, I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the best interests of its constituents. This right was passed down to me from previous generations of Missourians. It is part of our toolkit of democracy. If this legislation is to pass, future generations will not have the same rights that I do. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the rights we all currently enjoy. I respectfully request that you vote no on this bill.



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This bill adds far too much minutia and detail for anyone that wants to start an Initiative Petition and/or Referendum. The exacting nature of font size, spacing, etc. is too much detail. All Missouri citizens should be able to be part of this process, not just registered voters. This bill takes away my voice.



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My name is Callie Gibson, and I have been a volunteer on multiple ballot initiative campaigns. No matter the campaign, I have enjoyed the opportunity provided by the initiative process to talk about issues facing Missouri with my neighbors. Some campaigns I have supported have introduced me to people I never thought I would agree with and helped build community with my neighbors. Every campaign has been difficult. I vote regularly in elections. I understand that sometimes my candidate or issue will win, and sometimes they will lose, but that is what democracy is. Everyone gets an equal chance to weigh in. Proposals that would seek to alter this one person, one vote tradition are fundamentally undemocratic and unAmerican. They will only further polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry when the majority is silenced by a minority. As a Missouri voter I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the right things. This right was passed down to me from previous generations of Missourians. It is part of our toolkit of democracy. If this legislation is to pass, future generations will not have the same rights that I do. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the rights we all currently enjoy. I respectfully request that you vote no.



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I believe in the principle: "1 person, 1 vote." HB 1449 (Haffner) will alter the MO Constitution to erase the current ballot initiative process important for maintaining the freedom of MO citizens to have a say on important issues. As a registered voter and believer in the democratic process, I OPPOSE HB 1749.



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The Initiative process has been in effect since 1907 and has served the people of MO well and is an important part of our democracy. Do not make it more difficult for MO citizens to be able to put an issue on the ballot. Changing the current process is taking away the rights of people to be heard. I respectfully ask that you vote no on this issue.



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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. IP, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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People should be able to freely petition their government for change without changing the current rules. Restrictions violate the Bill of Rights. These bills are Anti American. I am definitely opposed.



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What are you scared of? You say you are for the people than let the people vote on what they want. You're hanging the rules because you know you will lose. Stop moving the goal post, let the people vote. Missouri is a conservative state so trust your people that they will vote the right way but you know they won't. So why don't you do something good for once and let the people vote and settle this.



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You are trying to take away Missourians freedoms. You do everything you can to stifle the voters voices. That is not why you are there. You should be trying to listen to your constituents and not your personal beliefs.



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This seeks to end majority rule in Missouri and make it harder for citizens' vices to be heard. I feel this is being proposed specifically to silence the will of Missouri citizens.



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Citizen-led initiatives improve the quality of life for many people in our state and allow us to make laws that reflect the will of Missouri voters. The legislature should follow the will of the people and protect majority rule instead of attempting to grab power by limiting our ability to make decisions for ourselves. Why would you want to limit those changes only to Missouri registered voters. The IPs will affect Missourians who are not registered and they should be able to have a say.



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I oppose HB 1749 as it limits citizen participation in the legislative process. We already know that legislators often vote their feelings or their contributors' interests rather than the majority of their constituents' concerns and even voter results. Dare I remind you of the knee-jerk reaction to puppy mill legislation that the legislators promptly overturned. This bill would take away the possibility of changing Missouri laws in a relatively timely manner. Please vote no on this proposed bill.



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Stop taking away the voice of the people



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTIAN BISHOP		PHONE NUMBER: 636-263-4059
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We are writing to state our opposition to HB 1749. This legislation will make it harder for Missourians to express our preferences and values and do what we think is best for our communities and state. Whether the gatherer moved back to Missouri two weeks ago or never left has no bearing on whether a voter has a right to sign a petition. Whether you are a sixth generation Potosian, a laborer in Cottleville, were born in Chillicothe and moved away but came back five years ago, or still live in your childhood home in The Ville in St. Louis, you have a right to the Missouri Constitution. Imposing arbitrary barriers so that these people's signatures don't matter if the person collecting just moved here is absurd. Your signature could be voided if the person who collected it didn't declare their residency in time. We believe that voting is a right, not a privilege. We believe that Missourians' Constitution, and our authorship, are rights, not privileges. Do you believe these to be privileges that should be taken away bit by bit?



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTIAN BISHOP		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: ChristianBishop21@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/23/2024 8:16 AM	
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Hello, I am writing to state my opposition to HB 1749. I am a born and raised Missourian, and I have voted in every election since I became eligible, and I have voted on multiple ballot initiatives. It is important to me that we are able to facilitate ballot initiatives as much as possible, making sure that our laws and Constitution are true reflections of the will of the voters. This legislation imposes superfluous requirements that make it much harder to collect signatures, and only seven of the 26 states with initiative processes have any residency requirement for signature gatherers. This residency requirement will deter people who are represented and affected by our laws from being able to duly participate in the process. People who have recently moved to Missouri and will be affected by ballot initiatives will be barred from collecting as soon as they arrive, and if they move here within 30 days of the collection deadline, they won't be able to participate at all. People who may be confused about residency requirements too will be excluded, which could include military service members who have been stationed in another state or abroad but for whom Missouri is still home. People who grew up here and whose families are here; families that are separated, with a parent working and living in another state; people without permanent addresses; students; remote workers; these are all people who will be disenfranchised. Even people who moved here more than a month ago but haven't gotten a Missouri license and filed a tax return or registered to vote may not be able to prove their residency, even though they are domiciled here. Regardless of where a gatherer is domiciled, it is Missourians who are signing and putting initiatives on the ballot if it matches our values, and this legislation is an affront to all Missourians who deserve a say in our governance.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE BROWN		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE KOTZIAS GARVEY		PHONE NUMBER:
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The 30 day residency requirement for signature gatherers Increases the costs of initiative petition efforts and makes the signature gathering process more difficult by restricting the talent pool of signature gatherers. The 30 day residency requirement restricts the ability of recently transferred / moved military to participate in the signature gathering process as well as students and others who move to this state and want to contribute immediately. The legislation would allow litigation to scuttle a successful signature gathering effort by seeking a ruling that alters petition language.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE WALLACH		PHONE NUMBER:
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My name is Christine Wallach and I have participated in many initiative ballot campaigns. I vote in every election. The voice of the people to determine the path of government is important. We are government by the people and for the people. The current process for hearing the voice of the people through initiative petition has been ongoing for over a century. HB 1749 changes longstanding procedures for initiative petitioning by adding more limitations to the process and thus changes the idea of one person one vote. The current system works well to give the people the power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution. It should not be changed. To try to do so with this proposed bill is to take away the power of the people and the will of the majority. The current system is used by people with very different political points of view. Again, the current system respects and protects the will of the people, no matter their political ideas or affiliations. This proposed bill must be rejected. I respectfully request that you vote no.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTOPHER FOSTER		PHONE NUMBER:
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I do not support HB 1749. This proposal will hamper the voice of all Missouri voters. I support Missouri's initiative petition process, the people demand you leave it alone.



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Leave our IP process alone. Missourians must have an opportunity to overrule a rough legislative body. NO reform or change to the current process!



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I am opposed to this legislation because it is just another way to make the citizen initiative process further out of reach of Missouri voters. I believe that Missouri voters should be the driver of any changes made to the citizen-initiative process.



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Why are you afraid of people actually having a voice in their own own government - oh right, because you're fascists.



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I strongly oppose this effort to make it more difficult for Missourians to have a voice in their government. Making it harder for people to participate in our government is an act of fear. Stop trying to take away our rights, because you don't like what we have to say.



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My name is Connor Slaten. I've only served on one ballot initiative campaign so far, which I am still actively campaigning for, gathering signatures. I have enjoyed the opportunity provided by the initiative process to talk about issues facing Missouri with my neighbors. It's introduced me to people I never thought I would agree with and helped build community with my neighbors. Participating in our democracy has always been important to me and I'm glad that I'm able to participate in one of the most fundamental aspects of that - the petitioning process to bring up issues that really matter to the people. This process has been a difficult one; it's not a simple thing to get hundreds of thousands of people to put their name on a petition even when they support the measure, and much less when almost no private businesses allow political campaigning on their property. To put more requirements on such a basic process of our democracy is a blatant violation of the people's inalienable right to represent their own interests. I vote regularly in elections. I understand that sometimes my candidate or issue will win, and sometimes they will lose, but that is what democracy is. Everyone gets an equal chance to weigh in. Proposals that would seek to alter this one person, one vote tradition are fundamentally undemocratic and un-American. They will only further polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry when the majority is silenced by a minority. As a Missouri voter I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the right things. This right was passed down to me from previous generations of Missourians. It is part of our toolkit of democracy. If this legislation is to pass, future generations will not have the same rights that I do. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the rights we all currently enjoy. Society becomes great when people plant trees under whose shade they know they will never sit.



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My name is Crystal Buffaloe, and I am alarmed by this bill's attempt to change the initiative petition process in Missouri in ways that make it more difficult to collect signatures & that give the courts more room to throw out all signatures - just if official ballot title changes, even if the actual ballot language doesn't change at all. I have been a volunteer working to collect signatures, and have gotten out into my neighborhood, talking to people at work, at church, at my kid's soccer games, in the pick-up line at school - this is the kind of real democracy in action that crosses political lines and engages people who have been dissatisfied with lack of action by the MO legislature on issues that are important to citizens of Missouri. Please don't put up barriers and make needless complicating changes to a right that we have enjoyed in this state since 1907. I learned about our Missouri's initiative petition process in high school social studies class, and voting on some of the measures have been some of the most important issues on the ballot to me. Please vote no on HB 1749.



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I oppose the content of HB 1749. As a Missouri voter of many years, I believe the current process for conducting initiative petitions in the state of Missouri is thorough, judicious, and fair. It is a challenging process, which guarantees that the collectors of signatures are serious and lawful. I do not see a reason for changing the qualifications for those conducting this process. Most significantly, I believe Missouri voters would be disenfranchised if the IP process changes from the current requirement of a simple majority in the state. The IP process offers voters an alternative route to that offered by Jefferson City politicians. Requiring a majority of congressional districts to be carried only makes a difficult process much harder to complete. And it is not in the spirit of "one citizen, one vote," which I feel is both constitutional and fair. There is no solid reason why a voter in a less populated district should have more influence than a voter in a heavily populated district. The current IP process has given Missouri voters the chance to work on popular reforms, such as minimum wage, Medicaid expansion, and so on. There is no judicious or fair reason to make changes in the current system. The changes suggested take power away from Missouri voters.



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Citizens rights to participate in government are basic and one necessary component is the initiative process. Seeking to weaken it is contrary to our American ideals.



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WITNESS NAME: CYNTHIA KAY CART		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am opposed to HB1749 for multiple reasons, but primarily because of the 30 day residency requirement for signature gatherers. This unnecessarily increases the costs of initiative petition efforts and makes the signature gathering process more difficult by restricting the talent pool of signature gatherers. The 30 day residency requirement unfairly restricts the ability of recently transferred / moved military to participate in the signature gathering process as well as students and others who move to this state and want to contribute immediately. The legislation would allow litigation to scuttle a successful signature gathering effort by seeking a ruling that alters petition language.



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As this process has been in place for decades (if not a full century) I see NO reason to change a process that IS WORKING for the people!! I've worked the initiative petitions and I APPRECIATE them!! Please OPPOSE these bills!!!



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By attempting to restrict the initiative process, the authors of these bills are trying to impose their will on Missouri voters. Citizens of Missouri must have the right to vote on issues that affect them and the will of the majority of voters should become law. Our legislature is supposed to work for us, not conspire against us to silence our voices and impose unwanted doctrines on Missourians.



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WITNESS NAME: DAN BRIGMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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This proposed bill is anti-democratic. Currently, any Missouri citizen can challenge the ballot title or fiscal note of a ballot initiative. This bill would limit those changes only to Missouri registered voters. It also provides that no court can issue relief on such a challenge less than 8 weeks before election day; similarly, this bill provides that only a voter (as opposed to any Missouri citizen) can challenge the Secretary of State's determination that number of signatures submitted to get an IP (initiative petition) on the ballot is insufficient. It also provides that if a court substantially changes the language of an IP summary statement or ballot title that any signatures collected before that time will be invalidated.



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I have personally been involved, along with friends throughout MO, with many initiative petitions. They take a lot of work and are very expensive. I oppose these increases to pass a ballot initiative in Missouri because it will make the process even more expensive and inaccessible for Missourians and limit our voices on important issues, it undermines direct democracy, creates barriers for grassroots movements, reduces citizen engagement and makes our government less inclusive for all Missourians.



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My name is Daniel Radke and I am a lifelong Missourian. I was born and raised in St. Joseph MO and I graduated from Missouri Western State University. I work and live in Kansas City MO. Missouri has a strong history of guaranteeing the power of the people through the democratic process of the ballot initiative. Any proposals that would seek to alter this one person, one vote tradition are fundamentally undemocratic and unAmerican. They will only further polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry when the majority is silenced by an unpatriotic minority. Working class Missourians from ALL parties have the constitutional right to use the ballot initiative process to improve their communities. NO politician should interfere with the will of the people. Democracy should continue to reign supreme in our State. Missouri's own motto reaffirms our commitment to this democratic process. "The welfare of the people shall be the supreme law" Oppose these Initiative Petition reform bills. Thank you, Daniel Radke



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The IP process has been untouched by politicians since 1902. It should continue to be left untouched. We The People demand our voice be heard though the extraneous IP process. Why would any politician support the voice of the people being diminished? Power? Prestige? Minority Rule?



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No thank you, idiots.



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The initiative petition process is a right we share enshrined in Missouri’s 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 ...” Our legislators work for us. And when they don’t move forward policy as we see fit, we have the right to bring important proposals directly to the people. We, as ordinary citizens, use the initiative petition process to build power for ourselves and our neighbors. Unfortunately, some legislators believe that they alone should hold the power– and so they are trying to restrict ours. Don’t let them. Each of us has unique insight into our individual experiences with Missouri policy, and we know best what helps and hinders our everyday lives. Our state’s founders built this critical mechanism for citizens to enact policy into our state constitution. We have used the initiative petition process to authorize Medicaid expansion, prohibit new sales taxes, legalize medical marijuana, and raise the minimum wage. To change this process is a direct contradiction, opens up for more law suits and violates our democracy.



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I oppose this legislation.



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Hello, my name is Darrion Lewis. As a Missouri voter, I deeply value the initiative petition process as a critical tool of direct democracy!! understand that in a democracy, sometimes your side wins and sometimes it loses, but every vote counts equally - and that is extremely important to me. Attempting to change this one person, one vote tradition by changing the rules of the initiative petition process is undemocratic and not American. Requiring higher thresholds for ballot access or passage silences the majority and hands more power to special interests. I'm absolutely in opposition to that! Missourians have had the constitutional right to directly petition their neighbors on important issues, bypassing legislators when needed since 1907, empowering citizens to drive progress. Depriving future generations of their full democratic rights and tools to petition their government is a step backwards for liberty. Please fight against this bill, vote NO on HB 1749 to protect the initiative petition process. Missourians value our freedom to have a direct say on the issues affecting our communities. I urge you to stand with the people by opposing these bills. Thank you for your time and public service!



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I oppose all attempts to change the MO Ballot Initiative. It is my belief that NOTHING should be altered in the wording/spirit of this process.



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The IP process is hard enough as it is. Trying to change it screams your disrespect for the will of the people. The "outside influence" arguments would be easier to believe if there were out of state lobbyists at many hearings and the bills presented came from our representatives rather than ALEC and the Heritage Foundation, et al. Vote DO NOT PASS and let these resolutions and bills wither on the vine.



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I oppose this bill. It is un-democratic, hinders the voice of the people of Missouri and is like gerrymandering. Do not allow it to pass.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID HATHCOCK		PHONE NUMBER:
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Do not pass legislation that limits the rights of citizens?



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The Initiative Petitions are our (the citizens') opportunity to have our voices heard. This is the truest form of democracy. This is a check on the Missouri Legislature. MOLEG shouldn't be making it harder for our voices to be heard. In fact, if they really listened to their constituents, perhaps the need for these IPs wouldn't be so apparent. Without this tool, we citizens are at the whim of the majority.



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I am opposed to HB 1749 - Proposed by Representative Haffner. A bill written to impose strict rules about font sizes seems more like a loophole to invalidate petitions you disagree with based on a technicality. It obstructs the work of Missourians who put forth the effort to collect signatures and suppresses the ability of Missourians to have these issues placed on the Ballot for a vote. The Missouri Constitution has allowed Missouri citizens the ability to petition our state government in this way so that we, as voters, can decide what's best for our state. Obstructing our ability to push through initiative petitions is a suppression of our vote. This should NOT be a partisan issue.



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WITNESS NAME: DEANA FOSTER		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose any changes to our current constitution regarding Initial Petitions. I strongly disagree with how majority rule is counted (including) now attempting to change it to not only majority rule of the total of the state vote casts but also within each district. If the party in power at any given time doesn't like how the "majority" of Missouri Citizens (over 50%) have voted, they will continue to attempt to change the definition of "majority" to override our rights. Majority, by definition means "more than half pf the total." It does not mean any more than that, and we, the citizens of Missouri, do not want that to change.



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I'm against individuals of the state of Missouri being unable to have a voice



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I oppose all attempts to change the MO Ballot Initiative. It is my belief that NOTHING should be altered in the wording/spirit of this process.



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Missourians are fortunate to have a tool for direct democracy and putting laws on the books that legislators failed to do. I'm watching this sessions where Republicans show us how much they don't want the citizens to make laws!Why would any informed electorate allow this without a fight? I'm hoping that democracy and simple majority remain the law and IP remains the citizens tool for action on behalf of The People!!'m 100% against any change to the current process. Thank you for allowing my testimony.



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Vote "no" on 1749.



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WITNESS NAME: DECEMBER HARMON		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please stop trying to take away the power of the citizen in what is supposed to be a democracy.



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My name is Denise Eitnner, and I am a Missourian that supports the Initiative Petition. I have enjoyed the opportunity provided by the initiative process, to talk about issues facing Missourians with my family. I vote regularly in elections and understand that sometimes a candidate or issue will win, or they will lose. Proposals that would seek to alter this one person, one vote tradition are fundamentally undemocratic. It will only polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry when the majority is silenced by a minority. As a Missouri voter, I have had the right to directly petition if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the right things. This right was passed down to me from previous generations, and it is part of our toolkit of democracy. If this legislation is to pass, my son, and future generations will not have the same rights that I do. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the right we all currently enjoy. I respectfully request that you vote no



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The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC) submits this testimony in opposition to HB 1749, which would undermine Missouri’s long-standing citizen initiative process, limit Missourians freedom of speech and ability to redress government. We should not put such barriers in the path of Missourians’ direct participation. The citizen initiative process is a shining jewel of Missouri’s democratic process; it is the purest form of democratic participation. Missouri Voter Protection Coalition believes every voter should be able to make their voice heard and supports Missouri’s long-standing citizens initiative process. HB 1749 erects concerning barriers to citizen participation. Among other provisions, it proposes:- Administrative mandates for font, type size, and pagination that could disqualify otherwise valid petitions.- Requiring signatures pages to be made available electronically.- Needless rules prohibiting IPs that declare a federal law a violation of the US constitution, or that amend any federal law or the US Constitution - something that is already outside the ability of a state law to do. - A 30-day residency requirement for petition gatherers in Missouri - provisions like this have been found unconstitutional. - Prohibiting petition gatherers from being paid based on numbers of signatures collected - typically the way campaigns set and meet their goals. - Limiting who can challenge the fairness or accuracy of a ballot title or fiscal note to only registered voters. Currently any Missouri citizen can bring such a challenge. It would also prohibit any relief less than eight weeks before an election, allowing strategic delays to potentially block access to fair and accurate ballot languages. - Similarly providing that only a voter - as opposed to any Missouri citizen - can challenge the sufficiency of signatures submitted to get an initiative petition on the ballot- That if a court substantially changes the language of an IP summary statement or ballot title that any signatures collected before that point are invalidated. We should not erect these barriers. The initiative petition process is the purest form of democratic participation. For more than a century, Missourians have effectuated their will on a range issues across the political spectrum. The citizen initiative process provides direct citizen representation. It promotes civic engagement and encourages citizens to discuss issues with one another. It promotes accountability between the government and the governed. We should be working to advance more citizen participation, not imposing burdensome and limiting barriers. Sincerely, Denise Lieberman, Director & General Counsel
MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION 6047 Waterman Blvd.; St. Louis, MO 63112 denise@movpc.org (314) 780-1833 www.movpc.org



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WITNESS NAME: DIANA FIGUEROA		PHONE NUMBER:
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I want to protect reproductive freedom and healthcare!



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I am against any changes to Missouri's initiative petition process. The voice of the people should not be silenced! Every day my state tries new ways to take away my freedom. We will not forget!



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WITNESS NAME: DIANE MARIE MEEKER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-234-0342	
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This bill introduces unnecessary complications and restrictions into the initiative petition process. The prohibition on amending federal laws or the United States Constitution is unnecessary as it is already prohibited. The residency requirement for petition gatherers implies that those who lack proof of residency due to being unhoused should be denied a voice in the laws which govern them, not to mention recent immigrants to our state. We oppose any attempts to silence Missouri citizens by making it more difficult to put issues upon the ballot by initiative petition.



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No...poor wording and all around bad for this state.



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The Citizen Initiative Process in Missouri is very precious and has been used repeatedly over the years when the legislature was non-responsive to voters' needs. The IP process is rigorous and there is no need to modify it to make it more difficult for citizens to express their voices. This bill should not be passed



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I oppose all attempts to change the MO Ballet Initiative. It is my belief that NOTHING should be altered in the wording/spirit of this process.



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As representatives of Missouri citizens, you should NOT be passing bills that take away our rights to override, by a vote of the people, bills and laws we do not agree with. And you should never try to make it harder to let our voices be heard in our state by making it even more difficult to write a proposed amendment, get it approved, and obtain signatures. And you should not attempt to overrule the majority of we voters by trying to re-write the definition of "majority" by trying to give weight to rural areas of our state. Just stop this nonsense. You are not kings. You are supposed to be representing us and not attempting to set yourselves up as dictators that prevent the voice of the people being heard over your own.



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I am wholeheartedly against the Republican attempt to subvert the rule by simple majority



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My father was a WWII veteran who instilled in me a pride in America and our democratic form of government. As a student, I learned from Abraham Lincoln the vital importance of "government of the people, by the people, for the people." I think that these three bills that want to limit citizens' access to that government by limiting initiative are contrary to the democracy that I prize. All three should be withdrawn or defeated.



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LET THE VOTES COUNT!!! Trying to take the will of the people away is unconstitutional!! You took an oath to uphold the constitution. You know that the majority of Missourians actually don't align with your beliefs and agenda. Let the majority even if it is +1, let that one count!



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The US and Missouri constitutions give the people the right to vote and the right to have a voice. This initiative strips citizen's voices to affect their constitution. It creates a false barrier at a time when the proposing side is most likely to win. It's rigging the game to stay on top. It's a cheat. It's wrong and, ultimately, you'll find that it's unconstitutional. Stop wasting taxpayers' money and time. Start doing things that actually make life better.



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My name is Elizabeth Franklin, Plattsburg MO and I am submitting the following regarding House Bill 1749. I do not support this House Bill and am respectively submitting testimony in opposition. I am surprised at the lack of sensitivity, and inclusiveness demonstrated in this bill. As a US Navy veteran (and a Commander of an elite squadron), the sponsors plan in this Bill to keep all military members and their families from participating in the most basic form of citizen involvement in our state is troubling. He knows when military members arrive on station, they are ready for any mission, waiting 30 days is unnecessary. If a family member decides his or her interest is to become engaged in our states' initiative petition process, they should be able to do so on Day 1. It's a terrific way to immediately become engaged, meet people and make life-long friends while serving. Military members serve, it's what we do. As an Army veteran, I understand what it's like to move to a new location and want to become engaged in your new community as soon as possible. Having taken an oath to protect and defend the U.S. Constitution, the fact that this Bill would refuse ALL newly arriving military members to participate in our State's democratic process is a tragic message to send. It's unfortunate that this Bill also excludes signature gatherers from receiving compensation. We all know many military families need to supplement their income and for those who wants to become engaged, waiting 30 days and then NOT being paid is heartless. This Bill is a slap in the face to service members and families. I hope this committee is uncomfortable to even consider such legislation and will rethink its existence. I strongly urge you to vote NO and move on to more important uses of your time.



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My name is Elizabeth Sondhaus and I have volunteered for multiple ballot initiative campaigns. I have enjoyed the opportunity provided by the initiative process to talk about issues facing Missouri with my neighbors. I vote regularly in elections, knowing my candidate may win or lose. In our elections, everyone gets an equal chance to weigh in. Proposals that would seek to alter this one person, one vote tradition are fundamentally undemocratic and unAmerican. If this legislation is to pass, future generations will not have the same rights that I do to petition my neighbors if I think our government is not prioritizing the right issues. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the rights we all currently enjoy. I respectfully request that you vote no,



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A vote to change the Initiative Petition process in Missouri is a vote against direct democracy and even democracy itself. Democracy and one man, one vote are the very things you were elected to protect. Show Me that you actually believe that my vote is important enough to protect, rather than dangerous enough that you want to hamstring it. Use your vote to protect my vote and vote against these proposals.



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Opposition to IP



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My name is Elizabeth and I'm a resident of St. Louis City. Voters from all sides of the political spectrum in Missouri 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. This process is a fundamental part of our democracy. Please vote no on HB 1749.



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In our democracy, citizens must retain their rights to petition for changes in the constitution and to vote directly for bills and proposed changes to bills.



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My name is Ellen Glover, and I have been a volunteer on multiple ballot initiative campaigns since moving to Missouri in 2018. Prior to that, I lived in Illinois and was engaged in their ballot referendum campaigns. I remember when I first moved here and learned about the ballot initiative process in MO, I was blown away - what an incredible form of direct democracy where citizens across the state could get involved in issues that mattered to them with direct, lasting results. These ballot initiatives have been crucial to building community and getting to know my neighbors better - whether we agree on the issues or not! It has never been easy to win a ballot initiative, but it has been rewarding to participate in such an American process. I vote regularly in elections. I understand that sometimes my candidate or issue will win, and sometimes they will lose, but that is what democracy is. Everyone gets an equal chance to weigh in. Proposals like this bill will only further polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry when the majority is silenced by a minority. Adding additional barriers does nothing more than censure the voice of the people of Missouri. As a Missouri voter I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the right things. This right was passed down to me from previous generations of Missourians. It is part of our toolkit of democracy. If this legislation is to pass, future generations will not have the same rights that I do. I respectfully request that you vote no.



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I am a volunteer who has collected signatures for numerous initiative petitions. I do this to protect the freedoms of our Missouri citizens. Collecting signatures is very time consuming and, with the current rules, it's almost impossible. Making it more difficult to put an initiative petition on the ballot infringes on the freedoms of our citizens, therefore I ask you to leave the initiative petition as it is.



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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. IP, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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Dear Legislators Initiative petitions are a way for citizens of Missouri to make our voices heard. They are an important part of democracy in Missouri. Our government should work for its citizens and represent our voices, so why would anyone want to limit what citizens can say? We should stand firmly against any bill making initiative petitions more difficult. Sincerely Emily Schwabe



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Representative Haffner & Committee Members, Mike -- As a fellow member of the George Washington Battlegroup and CAW-17, you know that I deeply respect your long history of military and public service. That said, this particular Bill is ill-advised and unnecessary. HB 1749 represents yet another cynical power grab by those who already have far too much power. Missouri's 115 year old Citizen Initiative Process is not broken. To the contrary, it's one of a very few remaining tools for "We the People" to hold our government and our leaders accountable to all of us. When the Democrats attempted a similar, unnecessary maneuver in the early 1990s, then Republican Governor John Ashcroft VETOED. I wish all of you would take the time to read Governor Ashcroft's signing statement. Through the Citizens' IP process, Missourians passed the Hancock Amendment (1980) and a "Right to Farm" amendment in 2014. 69% of Missourians do not want you to change Missouri's IP process. If you truly believed in government "of, by and for the people" you would stand down, and drop this misguided piece of legislation. Independent military veterans, like me, will not stand for this. Stop putting yourselves and your party over "we the people" and what's best for Missouri and our country. Respectfully submitted, Eric "Lloyd" Bronner (VAW-125) Founder of Veterans for All Voters



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Missourians don't want to see ANY changes to the initiative process as it is already difficult enough to get 170,000 signatures. Do not raise the threshold for the number of votes required as that will make it nearly impossible for any amendments. We are the Show Me state, let our voice be heard at the polls!



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My name is Faith Williams and I have supported many ballot initiative campaigns. I vote regularly in elections and have worked as a poll judge. I have valued the principle that in our democracy, we citizens have an opportunity to have a say on important issues that may not have been prioritized by the government. The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy that is guaranteed by the Missouri constitution. It is the only recourse that voters have when issues important to them are not addressed by politicians. It is a tool that has been used by conservatives, progressives, moderates and independents. The fact that it is a rigorous process, requiring the collection of thousands of signatures before a measure is even considered for the ballot, is evidence that it is used for only the most important issues. And getting the matter on the ballot still gives voters the opportunity to approve or reject the measure. Making the initiative petition process more difficult is fundamentally undemocratic and unAmerican. By making it harder for citizens to place important issues on the ballot and pass initiatives, it is easier for special interests to overturn the vote of the majority of the people. I respectfully request that you vote no.



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My name is Fanny Chang and I am registered voter and Missouri citizen. As a military family, we have moved often and in doing so, have been given a chance to observe how state and local legislation impacts the ability of a community to truly engage on and design laws that reflects local values. I have seen where onerous rules limiting the ability to participate in democracy can hamper the social and economic development of an area or a state for generations. This concentrates the power too much in some areas and does not allow legislation to respond fluidly to changes in the local economic situations. And in doing so, you can kill community spirit and economic development. As a voter, I believe in each of our right to work for the future and values that are important to us and as a group, to bring these proposals for broad discussion. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the rights we all currently enjoy and in doing so, bind ourselves in chains that will not be easily undone. I respectfully request that you vote no,



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My name is Felicia Hampton. I have been volunteering with advocacy organizations for a few years, including Missouri Nurse Association, MOVPC and Indivisible. I oppose this bill because protecting the initiative petition process is important. Initiative petitions provide direct democracy, checks and balances, civic engagement, diversity at the polls and transparency and accountability. 1. Direct democracy: Initiative petitions allow citizens to propose and enact laws and amendments to the state constitution without the involvement of the state legislature. This process is a form of direct democracy, giving citizens the opportunity to have a direct impact on the laws and policies that affect their lives. 2. Checks and balances: The initiative petition process serves as a check on the power of the state legislature and provides a way for citizens to bypass potential legislative inaction or resistance on certain issues. It can act as a counterbalance to the influence of special interests and ensure that the will of the people is heard. 3. Civic engagement: The initiative petition process encourages civic engagement and political participation among citizens. It provides an avenue for individuals and grassroots organizations to mobilize around specific issues and gather support for their causes. This can help to promote a more active and informed citizenry. 4. Diverse representation: Initiative petitions can give a voice to minority viewpoints and marginalized communities that might not otherwise have the same level of representation in the traditional legislative process. This can help to ensure that a wider range of perspectives are considered in the development of public policy. 5. Transparency and accountability: By allowing citizens to propose and vote on initiatives, the process can promote transparency and accountability in government. It can force issues to be openly debated and decided upon by the electorate, rather than being solely determined behind closed doors. Overall, protecting the initiative petition process is important for upholding democratic principles, encouraging citizen involvement in the political process, and ensuring that the government remains responsive to the needs and concerns of the people.



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I am writing in opposition to HB 1749 for the following reasons. I have been a volunteer on several ballot initiative campaigns. As a Missouri voter, I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the right things. I vote regularly in elections. I understand that sometimes my candidate or issue will win, and sometimes they will lose, but that is what democracy is. Everyone gets an equal chance to weigh in. Proposals that would seek to alter this one person, one vote tradition are fundamentally undemocratic and unAmerican. They will only further polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry when the majority is silenced by a minority. A majority is 50% plus 1. 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. I ask that you vote no on HB 1749 in order to protect Missouri's long-standing initiative process. Sincerely, Francine Glass 8737 Villa Crest Dr Crestwood, MO 63126



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I'm Garth Stocking from Kansas City, and I appreciate representatives taking time to hear from activists like myself who have been successfully involved in the Missouri initiative process to make our great state work for everyone. Citizen-driven initiatives have worked to further democracy in Missouri for over a hundred years, and efforts to hobble them with needless stipulations are plainly anti-democratic. As a dedicated voter, proud union member and passionate Missourian, I urge your No vote.



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My name is Gene Davison, and I live in Springfield, where I was born and raised. I developed an interest in government and public policy from my father, who taught me that as a citizen it was important to be informed and involved in my community and the state. I was not able to vote until age 21 – the legal voting age at the time – but I have voted in every election open to me since that time. I take citizenship seriously. Because I take citizenship seriously, I am opposed to HB 1749. One of the provisions of HB 1749 (116.080) is a clear attempt to limit the ability to collect signatures on an initiative petition. Requiring circulator/collectors to reside or be present in the state imposes an undue burden on organizations circulating an initiative petition. The prohibition on payment for signature collection also imposes an undue burden. Many volunteers, such as I, circulate petitions. Many of us also work, and our work and family responsibilities place restrictions on the time we can collect signatures. That gap can, and must be, filled by collectors who are paid. That necessarily requires an organization to raise the money for doing so, itself a momentous task. I take citizenship seriously. That’s why I have volunteered numerous times to gather petition signatures on issues that I consider important to the citizens of Missouri. Issues that benefit our residents; our families, our children, our senior citizens. Issues that benefit thousands, indeed hundreds of thousands, of Missourians but that have not been addressed by the legislature. Initiative petitions exist to extend democracy to the people. HB 1749 is an attempt to limit the voice of the people. Nothing could be more undemocratic. When the people speak, the legislature should listen, not silence their voice through undue burdens. In the signature gathering I have done, it’s long hours in both hot and cold weather. There is nothing easy about gathering signatures. You have to be dedicated and willing to face rejection from people who disagree with your petition as well as people who are “too busy.” It’s frustrating when the hard work fails. Not every petition makes it to the ballot; many don’t. Not every petition that makes it to the ballot passes; many don’t. Yet it’s one of the most rewarding things I have done. It’s rewarding because when gathering signatures for initiative petitions, I know that I am participating in a process that allows the citizens to have a direct voice in government. I am exercising my right as a citizen of the state of Missouri. It’s rewarding when the hard work is successful; when the voters agree and pass the initiative. HB 1749, combined with HJR 72 and HJR 102, will make that virtually impossible. Let the people speak without the undue burdens these bills impose.



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Our Constitution is supposed to be that—ours, the people of Missouri. We should be able to alter our Constitution so that it can reflect our communities' values, protect our rights, and practice self-determination. However, HB 1749 obstructs our ability to amend the Constitution, making it more difficult to facilitate this democratic process. If initiatives have sufficient support from Missourians to get onto the ballot, an initiative should be on the ballot, but HB 1749 creates arbitrary and costly obstacles, so that only the most well-funded initiatives, backed by big donors, will be able to get on ballots. This means that initiatives that would have sufficient ballot support, and even gain a majority of votes, will not be enacted because they just couldn't fundraise enough, didn't have the backing of wealthy elites. Additionally, it creates an incentive to alter initiatives' wording to appeal to the interests of the wealthy and elite, even if it is overall detrimental to Missouri, in order to curry their money. This bill also flies in the face of merit-based work. People should have the ability to be compensated based upon performance, especially if they are particularly industrious. Hard-work should be compensated fairly. Additionally, the 30 day residency requirement will kill jobs and deter people from moving to Missouri. This is a unique requirement that we do not require of other volunteer work or organizing positions. It is a disincentive to participating in our democratic processes, and will make people less likely to be engaged in our communities. Unless this is something that you want. But I think it would be terrible to have fewer people working to make Missouri better. The citizens' petition initiative is the purest form of democracy in Missouri. It keeps the Constitution in the hands of the people, not just politicians, special interests, and elites. The creators of both the American and Missouri Constitutions wrote them with the understanding that these were living documents owned, citizens' documents, and it is ours to continue writing. One of the less visible consequences of this bill is the lack of communication. We know that our country is increasingly polarized, with people taking to Twitter just to fight with one another, demonize "the other side." But when I get to talk with other voters when collecting signatures, and have candid, genuine conversations with each other over our values, lives, and experiences, without judgement, you get to have this wonderful connection with a stranger in your community that you may have never met otherwise. Even when we don't end up agreeing on an issue, I often have people thank me for the conversation and for listening to them respectfully, and I thank them for doing the same and for also caring deeply about our state and the people in it. It is so important to not just challenge other's ideas, but to allow them to challenge and change your own, and I have learned so much about the people in the state I love most through collecting signatures, as corny as it sounds. It really is something special, and I highly encourage everyone here today to volunteer collecting signatures at least once (hopefully much more!) or go door to door, if you haven't done so already, and experience this for yourself. Now more than ever, we need to facilitate conversations like this, where even if we don't come to consensus, we can at least create greater empathy and respect for one another. Many of my friends and I have polar opposite political values, but

understand why each of us has these values and respect each other because we have been able to candidly discuss these issues. I cannot imagine how much grayer my life would be without these loved ones. For these reasons—the facilitation of community building, civic engagement, job creation, and above all, the protection of our ownership of the Constitution—I am opposed to HB 1749.



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I oppose any changes to the initiative petitioning process. These proposed changes are clearly the efforts of partisan politicians who want to suppress the will of the Missouri people to retain their own control. What other reason is there for these changes that make the initiative petitioning process more difficult and adruous? This only serves to disenfranchise Missouri voters! These bills are an appalling power grab attempt.



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Good Day, A fully-paid Golden Life member of both the NAACP and THE Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., a public service sisterhood founded on Christian principles, I have visited the Missouri Capitol several times over the years. I traveled from Kansas City as part of our Social Action Committee's annual Delta Days at the Missouri State Capital. I was an advocate of Medicaid Expansion. Established in 1913 at Howard University in Washington, DC, Delta's first social action was marching down Pennsylvania Avenue for women's suffrage. Communities Creating Opportunities and other community and faith-based organizations sponsored several bus trips to the Missouri State Capital in Jefferson City in support of Medicaid Expansion for citizens caught in the Affordable Health Care gap. I was impressed with the historic art and accessibility to the legislative process. The hallowed halls featured pictures of respected public servants such as Senator Yvonne Wilson and Representatives Mary Groves Bland, Bill Gray and Jackie McGee. Most legislators live up to the title, The Honorable. Years before, I wrote to The Honorable John Ashcroft, Missouri's 50th Governor (1984-1993) who went on to serve as US Senator (1995-2001) and 79th US Attorney General, aka Justice Dept CEO (2001-2005). I urged him to sign the bill on his desk passed by a progressive Missouri House and Senate to divest Missouri funds in an international response to apartheid in South Africa and then enforce the law he signed when the MOSERS (MO State Employees Retirement System) Board refused to comply 5 years later. I was surprised, both times. He did the honorable thing after I appealed to him citing Old Testament references in the name of Jesus. I supposed as a Republican, he would not sign the Democratic led divestment bill into law. Little did I know, he was the son of a Pentecostal preacher and was not Jewish as I assumed. I try to leave judging people to the Lord God Almighty now. Nobel Peace Prize Winner, Archbishop Desmond Tutu visited UMKC and praised Missouri's forward thinking in this important fight for human rights. Divestment did not cost the state any money as was predicted. In fact, funds increased. Nelson Mandela, another Nobel Peace Prize Winner, was subsequently released from prison after 27 years. He went on to vote for the first time in a presidential election he won. GLORY TO GOD. I do not understand why Medicaid Expansion did not pass the Missouri legislature. How could a state legislators refuse billion\$ of federal funding to comply with the spirit of federal law in deference to public health? Your health care is partially funded by the taxpayers in the gap!!! Many benefited from Affordable Health Care (aka, Obama Care) especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Missouri has profited from the influx of federal funding as one of the 41 Medicaid Expansion states. This was accomplished via a citizens' petition initiative. THE PETITION INITIATIVE PROCESS MUST BE MAINTAINED AS IS. It is an important check to the partisan politics I saw evident in Medicaid Expansion which required Supreme Court intervention to be enacted. The failure of a partisan Missouri legislature to act in the best interests of our citizenry was countered by this process to get the issue on the ballot and passed with the current percentage of signatures in the current number of Congressional Districts with the current simple majority. HJR-72 AND -102 AND HB-1749 ARE NOT IN

OUR BEST INTERESTS. The process which already exists requires a high thresh hold of signatures. It has served us well. REGISTERED VOTERS HAVE A RIGHT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS BY FIRST INITIATING BILLS AND THEN VOTING THEM "UP OR DOWN".WE VOTE LEGISLATORS "IN OR OUT" .Amazed by His Grace,Sis. Getta R. Hall (pronounced " G " as in Glory - "Ta" - "Hall" as in Hallelujah(816)-483-9759 - getta_hall@yahoo.comPS:I am currently working with Missouri Jobs with Justice as a paid signature gatherer for the citizens' petition initiative to raise the minimum wage in Missouri. We are currently at over 150,000 of the 200,000 mark we need to reach to get this on the ballot this year. We must take care of the working poor as Jesus admonished us to in Matthew 25:40.In 2018, MoJwJ initiated a petition to raise the minimum wage which was then \$7.35. The campaign was successful and the subsequent ballot measure passed. The minimum wage was increased by \$.85/year until 2023 when it capped at \$12/hour.This 2024 measure would increase the minimum wage from \$12/hour to \$13.75 in 2025 and \$15/hour in 2026. A cost-of-living increase provision is attached. This will avoid the necessity of having to come to voters every 5 years.Additionally, paid sick leave based on number of hours worked would be included for other than small businesses. The public mental and physical health benefit of this is people would not have to go to work sick and/or send their children to school sick and make others sick because they have to go to work. This is especially important post-pandemic.Gathering signatures has not been easy in many instances. 1. People are skeptical about giving out their personal information. Even when you have on a MoJwJ shirt and pass out literature, they can be hesitant. They might favor this bipartisan initiative but will not sign a petition handed to them by a stranger which requires them to provide their address. • This is a legitimate concern these days given the incidence of identity theft .• Being added to marketing lists causes the nuisance of unwanted solicitations.• They often ask if they can "sign on-line" so they can maintain their privacy. 2. Some Congressional Districts are harder than others. • In Jackson County, we were expected to gather 12 signatures/hour (CD5).• In Congressional District 6, the expectation was 8. Then it was lowered to 5.3. Some businesses have a strict "no solicitation policy". I have been politely and not so politely asked to leave. Even when management agrees in principle with what we are doing, they take a zero-tolerance stance. The threat of being charged with trespassing is evident.



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This bill is misleading (it's already law that IPs cannot declare a fed law a violation of US constitution, etc),It is unconstitutional (30-day residency requirement),And violates MO citizen's rights to challenge ballot titles, fiscal notes, and the SOS. By placing arbitrary and unnecessary restrictions on IPs you are reducing access to democracy through the ballot box. This is voter suppression. It is never the good guys that make it harder to vote. We see you.



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I oppose all attempts to change the MO ballot initiative. Nothing should be altered in the wording of this process. It has served us constituents well and stood the test of time.



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This is another bill that is written to take away more rights that I have as a citizen by changing how IPs work in Missouri. The language of this bill is written to confuse voters by using scare tactics regarding foreign interest when the real reason this bill was written was to take more control over Missouri citizens and take away our voice in our government.



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The bill is undemocratic. It eliminates majority rule.



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I oppose this bill.



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I oppose HB 1749 provisions that, in my opinion, would weaken Missouri's initiative petition process. The 30 day residency requirement for signature gatherers will lessen the availability of petition gatherers, thereby increasing the cost of hiring petition gatherers as well as making it more difficult to gather the required number of signatures. The legislation that would disallow signatures where there is a change in summary ballot language is troubling, as it creates a means of scuttling a petition gathering effort.



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WITNESS NAME: HEATHER WIRSIG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: hwirsig@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/23/2024 8:54 AM
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This bill is meant to oppress citizens rights and take away power from the people you are supposed to represent. I am opposed to this legislation and anything similar to it. Shameful.



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WITNESS NAME: HOLLY BERNSTEIN		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: holly.e.bernstein@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 11:11 AM
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As a longtime regular voter, I value that everyone gets an equal chance to weigh in on candidates and issues. Proposals that would seek to alter this one person, one vote tradition are fundamentally undemocratic and unAmerican. They will only further polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry when the majority is silenced by a minority. The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy, guaranteed by our state constitution for over 100 years, that allows us to maintain our freedom to have a say on important issues. Changing the threshold for getting petitions on the ballot or having them pass 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. The Missouri legislatures' interest in making the initiative petition process more difficult is a power grab that evades the will of the people, and as such, it should be opposed.



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WITNESS NAME: HOLLY EVANS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Ballot initiatives are an important way for constituents to voice concerns they feel are not ending addressed. It is very important to me that this process is not restricted in any way.



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WITNESS NAME: IDA FOGLE		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: ida@fogles.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 6:30 PM
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I am against this legislation. Missourians deserve to have a voice in our lives and the laws that govern us.



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WITNESS NAME: INESSA HOOD		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: inessakhood@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 10:13 PM
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As a Missouri voter, I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the right things. This right was passed down to me from previous generations of Missourians. It is part of our toolkit of democracy. If this legislation is to pass, future generations will not have the same rights that I do. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the rights we all currently enjoy. I respectfully request that you vote no,



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WITNESS NAME: IVIE WALKER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: ivieabwalker@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 2:12 PM
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WITNESS NAME: JACLYN JEZIK		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: udontknowjac@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 9:13 AM
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The Initiative Petition process does not need to be reformed. The Missouri Constitution gives power to the people. If you are trying to make it harder for Missourians to petition for items that are important for them to be voted on, then your own policies are not popular.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: JACOB HUMMEL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-2115	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI AFL-CIO		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL: mattroesser@moaflcio.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/23/2024 10:24 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: JACQUELIN NICODEMUS NORMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: byra79@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 8:00 AM
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As a voting citizen, I do not want our petition laws changed.



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WITNESS NAME: JACQUELINE GILMORE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: doxsun@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 12:13 PM
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All five voting members of my household oppose this initiative. We live in the MO 96 district (63126). We, the people of Missouri, need the Initiative Petitions to continue to exist. Please do not take our rights away.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMA LAROSE		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: jelarose77@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 4:18 PM
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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. IP, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES MICHAEL ENGELKE		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: engelke1984@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 8:23 PM
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I do not support HB 1749. Do not sabotage the citizen petition.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES THUROW		PHONE NUMBER:
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All of these bills aim to take voting power away from citizens and give it to politicians



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WITNESS NAME: JAMIE BLAIR		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: jblairsd10@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 7:32 PM

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I am opposed to any change in our current ballot initiative petition process. The process as it stands is a valued part of Missouri's democratic process and changes to the process are an effort to undermine the will of voters.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMIE BOWEN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jamie.bowen@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 11:41 AM

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This bill would take away the rights of citizens of the state. Majority is a majority & I do not think that just 1 or 2 counties should be able to take the choices of others away. No.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMIE HOWARD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jamie4mo@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 9:12 AM	
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My name is Jamie Howard, I am a 30 year old resident of Jefferson City, 6th generation Missourian, veteran and current candidate for Missouri House and I strongly oppose HB 1749, and the significant changes it seeks to make to Missouri's initiative and referendum petition process. I firmly believe that the proposed alterations are unnecessary and will hinder the democratic rights of Missourians. Missouri's initiative petition process has been in place for over a century, and it has not been subject to abuse. The existing system allows citizens to actively participate in the democratic process by expressing their views and proposing changes to the law. The citizens of Missouri, who have utilized this process responsibly over the years, have shown that the current system is effective and does not require the extensive amendments outlined in HB 1749. One of the key provisions in this bill involves requiring petition circulators to be citizens of the United States, residents of Missouri, or physically present in the state for at least 30 consecutive days before collecting signatures, however this is already the case for Missouri. Only Missourians can participate, and only registered voters can vote on the initiative. This bill proposes changes to the review process of initiative and referendum petitions, shifting the focus from the sufficiency of form to compliance with specific sections of the Missouri Constitution. This change introduces unnecessary complexity and may result in increased legal challenges, potentially stifling the citizens' right to express their political will through petitions. The requirement to submit petition sample sheets six months prior to the next general election seems arbitrary and may create logistical challenges for citizens seeking to engage in the petition process. This extended timeframe could discourage individuals from participating, thereby diminishing the effectiveness of this vital avenue for civic engagement. Additionally, the provision that invalidates signatures gathered before a substantial change in the official ballot title is concerning. This measure unfairly penalizes petitioners for circumstances beyond their control, such as court-ordered alterations. It is imperative to maintain fairness and allow citizens' voices to be heard, even in the face of unforeseen legal developments. Missouri's initiative petition process has stood the test of time without widespread abuse. The proposed changes in HB 1749 compromise the democratic rights of citizens, creating unnecessary barriers to participation, and introducing complexities that hinder the effectiveness of the petition process. I urge you to consider our longstanding success of the current system, despite numerous attempts by the legislature to overturn the will of the people, and reject this bill in favor of preserving the democratic principles that our great state holds dear.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMIE MANSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: Jamie.b.manson@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 8:42 AM
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Stop trying to restrict our voices by moving the goalposts. That's not representation. That's rule. We've had enough and will work to vote you out!



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WITNESS NAME: JAMIE NEWSHAM		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: anewsham@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/23/2024 8:50 AM
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I am very concerned about the Petition Initiative Bill, HB1749. The intent of this Bill is to limit Missouri citizens' right to petition for changes to our laws. This Bill would make it more restrictive and more difficult for Missourians to make their voices heard. I believe this Bill is being proposed due to opposition to the terrible abortion laws put into place in Missouri in the last year. Please remember that religious freedom does not give anyone the right to force their religious beliefs on others. We have the right for safe and lawful abortions. I am opposed to HB1749.



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WITNESS NAME: JANE EARNHART		PHONE NUMBER:
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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. I respectfully request that you oppose this HRJ.



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WITNESS NAME: JANELLE KUTZ		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: JANICE SEELE		PHONE NUMBER:
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This bill would eliminate majority rule in Missouri while, ironically, being passed by majority rule. This bill is antithetical to democracy and does not recognize the rights of the majority of Missouri voters to have a say in their government.



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WITNESS NAME: JARRETT PILLSBURY		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: jmpillsbury@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/23/2024 4:12 PM
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I oppose these bills. Our ballot initiative process has been in place for over 100 years and has never been abused. Please keep your hands OFF.



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WITNESS NAME: JASMINE CHING		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: jching10718@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 8:27 PM
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I do not support this.



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WITNESS NAME: JASON WOODSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: jasonwoodson1977@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 11:48 AM

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Initiative positions represent a check on the power of the legislature. They guard against corrupt political machines and that is why this check was adopted by so many states. Today, a minority of the GOP, the MAGA machine has abused the emergency only privilege known as the filibuster in the hopes of removing the voice of the voters and preventing them from being heard. This small, cowardly group is tired of having issues unpopular with the majority of Missouri's citizens including right to work (which is heavily pushed by ALEC and other outside interests similar to those the sponsors of this bill are critical of--because they are hypocrites and dishonest) rejected at the ballot box. They fear the voters will oppose strict outright abortion bans and their plans to give public funds to private and parochial schools. They fear the citizens will act on their behalf to contain partisan gerrymandering and cut off the flow of dark money from outside Missouri. They are cowards hoping to insulate themselves from accountability from the people so they can operate just like the corrupt machine initiative petitions were designed to prevent.



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WITNESS NAME: JEAN PONZI		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: glades@woodworms.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 4:43 PM

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I am absolutely opposed to legislation that seeks to truncate, impede or in any way inhibit the initiative petition process as it currently exists in Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: JEANETTE MOTT OXFORD		PHONE NUMBER: 314-775-3261	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PARAQUAD		TITLE: PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY MANAGER	
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Paraquad is opposed to HB 1749 because it would make it more difficult to successfully circulate a petition for the purpose of bringing a matter before the voters of Missouri. Paid signature gatherers are one of the only ways to reach enough districts in the numbers required to clear current thresholds. With borders with eight other states, it is very normal for people to live in southern Illinois, but work in Cape Girardeau or live in Kansas City, KS, but work in Kansas City, MO. Imposing a residency requirement seems unnecessary given the regional nature of employment or contract labor. We are also concerned that HB 1749 states that no initiative petition can declare any federal law a violation of the US constitution or amend any federal law or the United States Constitution. This is already the case, and we're always concerned when legislation repeats things that are already true. This can confuse the public by making them think certain protections do not exist when they are already in place. Paraquad is one of Missouri's 22 centers for independent living, advocating for equity and independence for people with disabilities through services, partnerships, education, and advocacy. We provide five core services: peer counseling, advocacy, independent living skills training, information and referral, and transitions (from nursing home to community, from youth to post-secondary life, etc.). We are concerned about initiative petition reform, because we come to the General Assembly members year after year, sharing the emergency conditions that people with disabilities experience related to transportation and a lack of affordable and accessible housing. We may need to bring these concerns to Missourians in time, and it is already very difficult to collect enough signatures to get an issue on the ballot and to secure a simple majority. We do not want the potential of securing help from our neighbors to be even harder.



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WITNESS NAME: JEFF HOLZEM		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am pro-life and will not sign a petition get to abortion rights on the ballot, but it will be a disservice to Missourians if you change the process to keep the issue off of the ballot. We elected you to serve us not to make us subservient. Legislators have said there are too many amendments to the constitution, but during the last election most of them came from the legislature. Making the initiative process more difficult takes away the voice of a government that is supposed to be by "we the people". There are virtually no contested legislative races in Missouri. It is already easier for the legislature to put an initiative petition on the ballot. Do not make it any harder for your constituents to get on the ballot or to pass an amendment. Requiring a majority of voters in five congressional districts gives rural districts that have far few voters control over what passes.



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WITNESS NAME: JEFF VINES		PHONE NUMBER:
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Pathetic that our state legislature is spending time and resources on these bills that are intent on keeping Missouri at the bottom of the barrel. How utterly shameful and embarrassing. Get a clue- Missouri is literally the laughing stock of the nation because of asinine legislation that inflicts plenty of harm to our state and the people who live here, but improves the lives of no one.



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WITNESS NAME: JEN BERNSTEIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-277-9080	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ST. LOUIS		TITLE: ADVOCACY MANAGER	
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CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63017
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Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is Jen Bernstein, and I am submitting this testimony in support of HB 1749 on behalf of the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL). NCJWSTL is a non-profit organization in metropolitan St. Louis, representing over 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state. We focus our work on community service, advocacy, education and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children and families while supporting individual and civil rights, and have been doing so since 1895. We oppose this bill because it unnecessarily modifies provisions to the initiative petition process. 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. 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. Lawmakers should reject efforts to make direct democracy more difficult. NCJWSTL encourages you to vote no on HB 1749.



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"Currently, any citizen may challenge the official ballot title or fiscal note for a constitutional amendment, initiative petition, or referendum measure. This bill changes this to only allow any Missouri registered voter to make such a challenge."Does any other part of the Missouri constitution only apply to registered voters as far as their right to redress their elected government?



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER ANDERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose all attempts to change the MO Ballot Initiative. It is my belief that NOTHING should be altered in the wording and spirit of this democratic process.



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Let me start by saying I vehemently oppose HB 1749. I am writing to express my concern about potential changes to the initiative petition process in Missouri. The current process plays a crucial role in ensuring citizen engagement and democratic participation. The initiative petition process empowers citizens to have a direct impact on policy decisions, fostering a sense of civic responsibility and engagement. Any alterations to this process should be carefully considered to maintain the integrity of our democratic system, and not done to appease a supermajority who is scared of Missouri voters.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER ONO		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose any attempts to change the ballot initiative process in Missouri. This is an important way for citizens to participate in government and I believe that nothing in the ballot initiative process should be altered.



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Please do Not take away our rights to a fair democracy I oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: JESS PIPER		PHONE NUMBER:
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Leave the IP process alone. One person. One vote. Period.



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As a proud Missourian, I find it offensive that my Reps would try to silence my vote and majority rule. I am in no way in favor of bills to marginalize my voice. No IP reform. No minority rule. These bills are disgusting and a blatant attempt to silence Missourians. Do better!



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WITNESS NAME: JESSE PHILLIPS		PHONE NUMBER:
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This bill would make it more difficult citizens of the State of Missouri to participate in the political process and should not be advanced out of committee. The people of Missouri deserve to have the authority to affect the laws of the state by direct petitions. This is also an attempt to subvert the will of the people by stopping the pending petition to allow access to abortions in Missouri. Women have an inherent right to make their own healthcare decisions without the intervention of the government that should never be denied or obstructed. Forcing women to carry every pregnancy to term is detrimental to the woman, the fetus, and society.



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I oppose any changes to the ballot initiative process in Missouri. This is an important way for citizens to participate in government, and I think that ballot initiative process should stay as it is.



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These bills would directly impact my ability to voice concerns about important issues and my ability to vote on issues that matter to me. If we cannot get bills on a ballot, how are these representatives actually representing me and those in my community? They wouldn't be taking any of our needs and thoughts into consideration by silencing us.



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WITNESS NAME: JOAN GENTRY		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am opposed to HB 1749. The sole purpose is to prevent Missouri voters from participating in the process of direct democracy. The regulations that this bill would impose would effectively end the use of the Initiative Petition. Joan Gentry, House District 136



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WITNESS NAME: JOAN NAUMANN		PHONE NUMBER:
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Again, another bill designed to suppress the will of the people. We need a state that cleanly embraces the desires of the majority (51%) of the state not using trickery to have minority control. Sad state to see these type of bills authored.



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WITNESS NAME: JOANNE HAGLOF		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose this Bill and any bill that makes obtaining petition signatures or passing ballot initiatives more difficult for Missouri voters and results in the defeat of ballot initiatives by the minority of voters. By creating obstacles to obtaining petition signatures, eliminating the one person-one vote standard, and requiring a majority of positive votes in the majority of either Congressional districts or the state's House of Representative districts, a simple majority of voters is overruled by artificially designed districts. The motto of Missouri is "Let the good of the people be the supreme law." It does not say, "Let the legislators of Missouri take the voice from the people in order to do the opposite of the will of the people." Please vote no on this Bill which silences the voice of the majority and the standard of one person-one vote and sends Missouri further away from true democracy.



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Please do not restrict our ballot initiative process as the will of the people of Missouri have spoken. Let's keep our state voting process the way it is with no changes. Thanks, from a very concerned citizen.



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This is absolutely ridiculous, let the people of Missouri continue to participate in government and seek positive change.



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**This an every bill like it will diminish the voice of the people who proudly call themselves Missourians.
Do not take away the voice of the majority.**



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN L. SITA		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose any changes to the Mo ballot initiative process.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN M REARDON		PHONE NUMBER:
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I'm against these changes



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How can we be limiting the ability for Missourians to access democracy? we should encourage all citizens to take part in this process and getting things on the ballot is part of this process. Please let us keep our democracy.



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The current process is already burdensome and requires a majority to affirm a petition after often years of work by hundreds of local citizens. Any change to make the process more difficult is an attack on the concept of a republic itself.



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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. IP, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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I believe the effect of this bill is to make a citizen's initiative petition functionally impossible to execute. The Founders put the right to petition into the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution precisely because the People should always have an outlet for their political views in case the legislature is no longer responsive. With our hyper-partisan and heavily gerrymandered legislature this is now the case. I also find it ironic that this bill may pass by a simple majority while it prevents an initiative passing from a similar simple majority of voters. I think it is strange that this bill would require a signature majority in each and every Missouri representative district. That would mean it is more difficult to get an initiative on to the ballot than it is to pass an actual piece of legislation. Imagine if every one of your colleagues had to agree that your bill be read, not passed, but simply read, before it could be introduced. This would clearly be unacceptable to you as it would make it effectively impossible to introduce legislation. So too will this bill make it effectively impossible to get a petition on the ballot so that the People may vote on it. I am opposed to this legislation. Jonathan Lackamp Veterans for All Voters



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WITNESS NAME: JOSEPH ALBERT JEFFERIES		PHONE NUMBER:
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Chair McCaugh, Vice-Chair Stacy, Ranking Member Adams, and Members of the House Elections and Elected Officials Committee, My name is Joe Jefferies, and I am a Master of Social Work student, mental and behavioral health professional, nearly lifelong Missourian, and candidate for the Missouri House of Representatives in the 48th District. I am writing today to express my staunch opposition to HB 1749, which Haffner sponsors. I am also writing today as an individual citizen. HB 1749 represents a significant step backward for Missouri's democratic process and protections. By imposing unnecessary regulations on the ballot initiative petition process, such as stringent requirements for pagination, font size, and electronic availability, the bill creates undue hurdles for citizen participation. More concerning are the provisions restricting challenges to ballot titles and fiscal notes solely to registered voters, limiting broader citizen engagement. The 30-day residency requirement for petition gatherers infringes on the right to political participation and risks being unconstitutional. Moreover, I am concerned about newly stationed active service military personnel in Missouri who would be negatively impacted in their ability to participate in our democracy. Additionally, the prohibition of compensation based on signature count undermines the efficiency of the petitioning process. The bill's stipulation that signatures collected before a court-mandated change in initiative summary or ballot title are invalidated severely disrupts the initiative process. This bill undermines the essence of direct democracy by making it more cumbersome for citizens to have a direct voice in shaping the laws that govern them. It is unacceptable for Missouri's elected leadership to seek to invalidate Missourian's ability to participate in their democracy directly because some do not like what is on the ballot. Missouri deserves better. My district deserves better. We are watching very closely. I urge this committee to let HB 1749 die in this committee. I urge this committee to vote no on HB 1749. Thank you for your time. Signed, Joseph Albert Jefferies



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WITNESS NAME: JOSEPH CLARKSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose all changes in our ballot initiative process.



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This is a waste of money to consider. Missouri voters will never allow it and we will vote out any rep voting for it.



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HB 1749 establishes unnecessary requirements around gathering signatures for initiative petitions and referendum petitions (such as: using a specific form created by the Secretary of State, a certain font and font size, and have margins not less than an inch, requiring dark ink). It also has questionable language around making signatures invalid. Vote "no" on 1749. Thank you.



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I'm against a law that overturns current laws that support the voice of the people in the majority. It's monstrous how in this day and time there's still these Draconian tactics used to silence the peoples' God-given will to choose the laws that that they petition need changing. It doesn't seem like this law is being petitioned but force-fed. You're extracting from the Constitution to weaken the masses and we shall not sit for it.



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Creation of multiple barriers to the petition process gives excessive power to the party of the majority. Petitions give citizens a chance to have their voices heard. Why not let the people vote



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WITNESS NAME: JUDITH ANCEL		PHONE NUMBER: 816-835-4745	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: CROSS BORDER NETWORK		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
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My organization is a member of Kansas City Jobs with Justice and I, its president, am on JwJ's Leadership Team. As such I have collected signatures on a number of initiative petitions for well over a decade. The purpose of the restrictive provisions of HB 1749 is a mystery to me. They appear to want to fix a problem that does not exist and in doing so will make it harder to gather signatures on an initiative petition. We thus ask whether making it more difficult isn't indeed the purpose? Why require signature gatherers to be residents of Missouri? We live in Kansas City which is a bistate city as is our organization. What utility is served by this requirement? Also this bill would ban petition gatherers from being compensated for collecting signatures by the number gathered when this is a common form of compensation, A provision like this is overbearing and intrusive on the organizations that sponsor an initiative. We can think of no other reason for these restrictions other than to undermine the initiative process in a sneaky way.



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WITNESS NAME: JUDITH ANN CAMPBELL		PHONE NUMBER:
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This is a ridiculous bill! Some of it is redundant! It appears that it is making it harder for MO residents to use the IP process and that should not be the case. This is another bad bill.



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EMAIL: soc1@swbell.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 8:25 PM
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My name is Judith Comfort and I am a resident of Kirkwood. I oppose these bills that will make it even more challenging to the already rigorous Initiative Petition process. IP is an important way for voters to put issues of importance to them on the ballot. I have recently gotten signatures for an IP, and believe me, it is not easy. To get 180,000 signatures statewide takes the work of literally thousands of people. That shows the passion that goes into an issue that would not get a voice otherwise. After getting 180,000 votes, a majority vote to pass is fair. Afterall, that's all that's required by our legislators. I also would like to express my concern and disappointment when the wording of some IPs put on the ballot by legislators are written in a misleading way. Voters deserve to know what they are voting on without word games. I hope all of you support democracy. It's not all about political control and forcing positions on constituents.



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This bill changes the role of the voting public. Each voter should have an opportunity to have their say and vote in any initiative. To require that special districts have more say is to remove the importance of each vote and give more weight to districts that may not in fact represent the wishes of the majority in this state.



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Initiative petitions are one of the few ways normal citizens can have a direct voice into government. Taking this away shows that representatives do not care what normal citizens want.



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WITNESS NAME: JULIAN HEARNE		PHONE NUMBER:
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This bill is aimed at taking away the voice of the people by making it harder to introduce topics to be voted on. This is anti-democratic.



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No movement on IP



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Missouri's constitution clearly asserts that all political power in Missouri is vested in the people. Time and time again, the legislature has failed their constituents to approve provisions to aid the quality of life for Missourians. This bill intentionally makes it harder for Missourians to govern themselves, undermining this core principle of the Constitution of Missouri. A simple majority is good enough for the General Assembly to pass bills to the Governor, yet these bills brought before the committee today, aim to impose rules for thee, not for me, upon we the people of Missouri. The Legislature may pass laws by a simple majority, yet the people of Missouri get held to arbitrary rules different from those of the legislature under this bill's provisions. By imposing this unfair set of rules between the Assembly members and the Missourians who elect them, this bill seeks to elevate the voice of the Assembly, over that of the voters who elect them. Members who brought for this bill, and other like it, have admitted publicly as of writing, that their intent is to limit our voices. Members of this committee, must protect the voice of the voters to decide our policies. I urge all members to vote no on the passage of all bills that aim to enact more strict provisions as to how Missourians may govern ourselves, effectively throwing the balance of power away from Missourians, and into the legislature.



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I oppose this attempt to alter the initiative petition process. I am exhausted by the Missouri State Legislature's repeated attempts to deny me my rights and I am tired of fascists destroying our democracy. We wouldn't need to protect this process if conservative legislators would listen to the will of the people instead of trying to warp this state into Gilead from The Handmaid's Tale. Shame on you for shoving your fake "Christian" beliefs down our throats while stripping us of our rights. Go legislate something that helps people for a change, we're all disgusted with your grandstanding and fearmongering.



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WITNESS NAME: KAREN AMOS		PHONE NUMBER:
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My name is Karen Amos and I have had the opportunity to be involved with gathering signatures as a volunteer on multiple ballot initiative campaigns. As a senior citizen it has been eye opening for me to see how amazing this tool is as I am able to discuss the process and various issues with fellow Missourians. Having been a dedicated voter throughout my life I believe in the power of each person's vote and how important it is that every person's voice is heard. The process initiative is currently very thorough and must meet rigorous requirements to assure that all signatures are verified. Adding more barriers does nothing more than censure the voice of the people. Independents, conservatives, moderates and liberals have all used this tool. Keeping the ballot petition initiative is fundamental to ensuring our state remain a place where all people live in freedom by recognizing the voting will of the people.



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WITNESS NAME: KAREN CLOYD		PHONE NUMBER:
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The current Initiative Petition process in MO is serving the residents of MO as it exists. Please do not alter that process.



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HB 1749 has many points. "No IP can declare a federal law unconstitutional" is already the law and is unnecessarily complicating. Limiting who can collect signatures is undemocratic. Putting registered voter requirements on those challenging ballot title or fiscal note of a ballot initiative, limits those who cannot register to vote from participating, again undemocratic.



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I oppose all attempts to change the MO Ballot Initiative. It is my belief that NOTHING should be altered in the wording/spirit of this process



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**This bill is actually an attack on people being able to vote on issues. The current process allows this.
This bill is a barrier to bring issues to our citizen.**



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Government should be by the people and for the people. Minority rule is not governing by the people. The foundation of democracy is majority rule - are we really going to eliminate democracy in Missouri? I oppose this initiative on the grounds that it is anti-democratic.



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I agree with Republicans that dark money has affected Missouri politics. That's how Josh Hawley got to incite insurrection. I don't agree that my right to bodily autonomy should be removed from IP purview, and moved further into the domain of those above our law. For this reason, I oppose this bill. I moved to Missouri 20 years ago believing the advertisement that Missouri is progressive, but experience has proven to me that it's not. It's a slave state, pro-life only because slaves have to come from somewhere. Lawmakers who previously enjoyed my vote are harmed by the backwoods policies currently being pushed, as am I. I oppose HB1749 for this reason.



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Taking away Missourians right to petition is a detestable act of anti-democracy. When many Missourians are questioning staying in the state due to collapsing democratic values and civil rights protections, passing this bill would be a nail in the coffin sending Missourians packing for a nearby liberal state. Goodbye tax dollars!



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HB 1749 is a deliberate attempt to drastically limit the ability to use Initiative petition process for its true purpose of allowing Missouri citizens to create legislation that will make a positive difference for our state. First listed are protocols for submitting including fonts, margins, etc. The Supreme Court of United States has allowed handwritten petitions. Missouri should do no less! Limiting the right to challenge of ballot language for constitutional amendment and/o initiative/referendum measures should NOT be limited to Missouri registered voters but continue to allow Missouri citizens. Do Not repeal hearings for public comment regarding a proposed - yet another needless action to limit the rights of Missouri citizens to have input.



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I am in opposition to HB1749 because I believe in the policy of "One person, One vote"! I do not approve of the changes proposed in this law for the initiative or referendum procedures. It reeks suppressing the will of the people.



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he Initiative Petition has worked for both conservative and progressive 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 Missouri's constitution states that "all political power is vested in and derived from the people." This is most clearly embodied in our over century-old tradition of the citizen initiative process. The citizen initiative process provides a manner for direct participation and Missourians have been able to make their voices heard through this process since 1907.



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Our elected leaders are supposed to be working for the people of Missouri. This bill makes it significantly more difficult for Missourians to have a voice. This is not freedom.



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I oppose this bill and urge these legislators to stop restricting our constitutional right to state majority rule. This is another Republican attempt to block our state constitutional rights. Limiting the voters voices takes away our freedom of speech!!Kathy QuinlanSt. Louis 63124



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I do not support this. Do not sabotage.



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Members of the Elections and Elected Officials Committee: Missouri Parks Association is in opposition to HB 1749. This House Bill to change the requirements for referendum petitions and for initiative petitions for any law or amendment to the Missouri Constitution threatens the ability of Missouri citizens to participate in our state democracy. By adding unnecessary parameters such as fonts, font size, and margin width and non-specific “dark ink” requirements for citizens gathering signatures it purports to solve problems that do not exist. By limiting the issues which citizens are allowed by the Missouri Constitution to petition for, HB 1749 takes away rights currently enshrined in our constitution. In addition, since citizens are prohibited from gathering signatures prior to certification of the ballot title, and that ballot title appears on each page AND a copy of each page of an initiative petition or a referendum petition shall be attached to or shall contain a full and correct text of the proposed measure or of the measure on which the referendum is sought, all signatures should be accepted that were obtained prior to any legally obtained ballot title court-ordered change; or anyone with the desire to derail the petition could frivolously appeal the ballot title and delay the petition past the due date for signatures or past the time for an issue to be put to the ballot or simply as a means to invalidate citizen signatures which would otherwise be certified as validly given for a ballot measure which the citizen had the opportunity to review prior to signing. This endangers the people’s reserved power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly. Some of the best of what Missouri has to offer has come from citizen-led ballot initiatives, such as the Parks, Soils and Water sales tax that funds our world class state parks. On behalf of the almost 3,000 members of Missouri Parks Association who enjoy and invest in Missouri, we oppose HB 1749 and any legislation that would put a citizen’s right to participate in our democracy in jeopardy. Do not advance HB 1749.



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I oppose the adoption of the concurrent majority requirement for constitutional initiative petitions as proposed in HB 1749. The proposed text unnecessarily duplicates violations already defined, imposes a 30-day residency requirement for petition gatherers which increases administrative costs for oversight of the election activity, and eliminates Missouri citizens who are not registered voters from challenging the Secretary of State's administration of the initiative petition process.



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I encourage you to oppose legislation that would change Missouri's initiative petition process and make it more difficult for our citizens to participate in direct democracy. While I frequently disagreed with then Governor John Ashcroft's positions, I found myself supporting his past statement regarding our state's existing initiative petition process: "It is through the initiative process that those who have no influence with elected representatives may take their cause directly to the people." The present rules for ballot initiatives are demanding enough, I ask that you not support changes that would put this tool of direct democracy out of the reach of the majority of Missouri citizens.



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I am proud of my state having the Initiative Petition available to promote, partake in DEMOCRACY. I see NO need to modify it in ANY way, shape or form. I stand firmly behind not tampering with this process for self interest.



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The Citizen Initiative Process is a way for citizens to have a direct impact on government and feel as if they have a voice in government. We need to protect this important tool for citizen access.



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This is a horrific way to treat constituents. Our voices should be heard and our votes matter. The initiative petition has been a part of our state's constitution for 100 years and shouldn't be changed.



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I am opposed to all changes to the Initiative Petition Process.



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I urge you to preserve Missouri's initiative petition process. When legislators pay more attention to special interests than to their constituents, we look to the initiative petition, the most direct form of voter participation in our democracy. Missouri's initiative petition system has been in place for over 115 years. It allows citizens to add their signature to a petition and put an issue on the ballot for a statewide vote. This critical tool, used through the years by citizens from all political persuasions, is now under attack by lawmakers who want to curtail the people's power. This valuable and trusted process is not easy, and the citizens of Missouri have not abused it. The Missouri Legislature is currently proposing at least 24 different bills that would make it more difficult to get an issue on the ballot and/or increase the number of votes needed to pass once on the ballot. These bills (and the legislator who proposed them) are: HB1749 (Haffner), HJR102(Lewis), HJR67 (Billington), HJR72 (Lewis), HJR76 (Hudson), HJR81 (Kelley), HJR86 (Black), HJR91 (Schnelting), HJR93 (Falkner), HJR94 (Richey), HJR99 (Schwadron), SB1003 (Koenig), SB1076 (Koenig), SB1270 (Schroer), SJR48 (Hoskins), SJR49 (Koenig), SJR51 (Eigel), SJR59 (Brattin), SJR61 (Moon), SJR73 (Schroer), SJR74 (Coleman), SJR77 (Carter), SJR79 (Brown), and SJR81 (Carter) thus far. Missouri's current requirement for passage of an initiative petition is a simple majority of votes cast. Proposed changes would raise that requirement to 60% or even 67%. Others require a majority of votes cast in a majority of Missouri's representative districts. It is absurd and unprecedented to require more than a simple majority of votes cast to approve an issue in Missouri. It is already difficult to meet the current requirement of gathering enough signatures from 8% of voters in six of Missouri's eight Congressional districts to qualify for the statewide ballot. Several proposed bills would increase that to 10% in all districts, requiring hundreds of thousands more signatures and making it almost impossible to get an issue on the ballot. This is unacceptable. Our officials are elected by simple majority vote and can legislate by simple majority vote. It's hypocritical for them to legislate that we, their constituents, must then require 60-67% of the vote to pass ballot measures to counter their unpopular legislation. How is it that today's majority vote can restrict the Missouri voters of tomorrow and reverse over 115 years of precedent? Our democracy depends on the power of people to be directly involved in their government. The initiative petition process is a sacred and trusted right of the citizens of Missouri. I urge you to oppose any bill that restricts the initiative petition process in any way.



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I oppose any attempts to change the ballot initiative process in Missouri. This is an important way for citizens to participate in government and I believe that nothing in the ballot initiative process should be altered.



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I am the Lead Minister of Eliot Unitarian Chapel. On behalf of our congregation I am sharing our opposition to HJR 72. This initiative is about diminishing the power of Missouri's voters. It is about taking away the voice of the voters and the ability of Missouri voters to determine the directions of our state. We know exactly why this bill is being presented - to govern without accountability and to limit the power of our vote. It is being done for ideological reasons, to suppress votes that the government knows will counter its agenda. As a congregation committed to a fair, open, transparent democracy, we formally oppose this bill.



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Please stop all of these attempts to take away my voice, my vote, by changing the initiative petition process. What are you scared to let the people vote for the issues that are important to us? We know you're scared to hear that Missourians want reproductive freedom. Please worry about your own body and I'll worry about mine. I nearly died from an ectopic pregnancy. The decision to have an emergency abortion to save my life should never have been made by anyone other than me and my doctor. There are so many things you could be doing to serve the people of our state. Please focus on helping residents instead of hurting them. Thank you.



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I oppose any attempts to change the ballot initiative process in Missouri. This is an important way for citizens to participate in government and I believe that nothing in the ballot initiative process should be altered.



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This limits the rights of Missouri citizens to get items placed on the ballot from a grassroots level. It is restrictive and dangerous.



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This bill has the function of taking away regular Missourians' opportunities to make their voices heard. This is an anti-democratic bill that suggests that the legislature is afraid of what most citizens want, and so the goal is to stifle public opinion and personal freedoms to speak out and vote on policy issues.



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WITNESS NAME: LATWANYA DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:
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My name is LaTwanya Davis, and I have been a volunteer on multiple ballot initiative campaigns. No matter the campaign, I have enjoyed the opportunity by talking with Missourians. I vote regularly in elections, and have always made it my duty to do so. I understand that sometimes my candidate or issue will win, and sometimes they will lose, but that is what democracy is. As a Missouri voter, elected official, I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the right things. If this legislation is to pass, future generations will not have the same rights that I do. I respectfully request that you vote no



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It's gross government overreach to dismantle our citizen's petition. Stop using your elected office to eliminate majority rule. Our voices will be heard. Vote no on this egregious bill.



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This is supposed to be a democracy. We the People should mean we rule by majority.



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The proposed statute does not parallel any governance practice for any other election or balloting process. Why would a voting process be implemented for petitions alone, when it is not justifiable for use in choosing representatives for the electoral college, or for state level representation. This is anti-democratic.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA VANDERLAAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: laura.vogel@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 12:44 PM
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I strongly oppose the attempt to make it harder for Missourians to have their voices heard.



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The state needs to hear from its residents through voting.



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WITNESS NAME: LAWRENCE STITT		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: lstitt@moworkers.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 12:25 PM

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My name is Lawrence "Les" Stitt, and I'm a lifelong Missourian. I was born in Kansas City, graduated summa cum laude with honors from UMKC, and I've lived in St. Louis for the past 9 years. My family has deep roots in the state. My great grandparents had a farm in Buffalo, Missouri. They sold it during the depression and picked grapes in California as migrant workers to get by. My grandfather lied about his age to join the army in WWII, landed at Normandy, drove a tank across Europe, and served his country defeating fascists. My grandmother did her part by working at the Lake City ammunition plant during the war. One of my great-great grandfathers worked at the Ford plant on Winchester, before there was a union at Ford, and was a member of the first cohort of Ford employees to retire with a union pension. And my parents worked on the assembly line at Ford in Claycomo. We're Missourians, hard workers, and most of us have stayed in the state through thick and thin. We also believe in Democracy, liberty and justice for all, and in the unfulfilled promise of America. Which is why I am disgusted by the attempts of elected officials in Jefferson City to undermine the ability of the citizens of this state to participate in our democracy through the Initiative Petition process. The bills that have been introduced are an insult to the people of Missouri, and they undermine the checks that our forebearers put into place to prevent an extremist legislature and Robber Barrons from running roughshod over the will of the people. Missouri's Initiative Petition process in is a shining example for the entire country of how the People can guarantee themselves good government while our elected officials prove totally ineffectual. These bills are an attack on our families, our livelihoods, and on democracy itself. Missourians from ALL parties have used the ballot initiative process to advance their priorities. If you have any sense of decency, you'll kill these bills in committee, and look towards truly pressing issues for the people of Missouri. Let the Welfare of the PEOPLE be the Supreme Law. OPPOSE these Initiative Petition reform bills. Thank you, Les Stitt



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I am a life long Missourian and I do NOT support changing our initial petition process. We have the right in our constitution to question and speak back on legislation our lawmakers pass that we do not agree with. This is a fundamental part of our democracy and we need to leave the system as it is and always has been.



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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. IP, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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EMAIL: 7399lexi@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 5:31 PM

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Hello, my name is Lexi Amos and reside in Springfield, MO and I have been a volunteer on many signature gathering campaigns. Some of the times I have gathered signatures the issue hasn't made it to the ballot and sometimes they have. No matter the campaign, I have enjoyed the opportunity provided by the initiative process to get out and talk to my community about the issues that I care deeply about and that they also do as well. That doesn't mean we always see things the same way but the process is so rigorous that if we don't they don't sign and then it doesn't get on the ballot. I have met people from all over the state and from every county. This process has connected me with other people in Missouri and we have had good conversations about so many issues and things that they care about. I have enjoyed gathering signatures but it is also not any easy process. I take voting as a sacred right that I have and the initiative petition process is part of that sacred right. Every single person in my family has been part of the petition process because I want them to understand people in their state and communities better and have more respect for one another. I also understand and want my family to as well that sometimes my candidate or issue will win, and sometimes they will lose, but that is what democracy is. Everyone gets an equal chance to weigh in. Proposals that would seek to alter this one person, one vote tradition are fundamentally undemocratic and unAmerican. They will only further polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry when the majority is silenced by a minority. Majority is a high bar 50+1 and isn't easy. One of the reasons I care so deeply about the initiative petition process is that as a past military wife I lived in states that didn't have this processes and when my values and issues weren't being addressed there wasn't anything I could do. Here in Missouri I am proud of the initiative petition process and our right as voters to make sure that our voices are being heard, most often when people want to silence or ignore those voices. People I respect fought hard for this right and it has been passed to me and if this legislation is to pass, future generations will not have the same rights that I do. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the rights we all currently enjoy. This is simply a power grab from politicians who don't want to deal with issues they personally don't like. We need to make sure that we keep the initiative petition process as it is!! respectfully request that you vote no. Thank you, Lexi Amos Springfield, MO



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I strongly believe that Missouri residents should be allowed to gather signatures to get ballot measures on election ballots. It is imperative this right now be removed from the voting citizens of our state.



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This is an abuse of power for the purpose of further oppressing voters rights & freedoms to appose unfair legislation.



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I strongly oppose any changes to IP initiatives. The process should be transparent and free of unnecessary restrictions like the 30 day residency requirement you have proposed.



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The voters have the right to the Citizen Initiative Process as a way to directly pass laws that are important to them.



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EMAIL: lrezny@hotmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/23/2024 1:00 AM

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Don't you trust the citizens of Missouri? Do you think the voters want you to restrict their access to direct democracy? This Bill is an affront to voters. In a democracy, if you think the voters are being misinformed, you can provide them with better information, but you can not deny them their right to vote. Not trusting the Initiative Petition process is an insult to the voters you would make at your peril. The people of Missouri are already leery of the Legislature. As a teacher, a politically engaged person and as a petition signature gatherer, I have talked to voters of every economic group and political persuasion, and they will all tell me that you can not trust the Legislators. The examples they give are the betrayal on the puppy mill bill and the use of casino money as a substitute for State support of education instead of an increase. Dare you insult them again by restricting the Initiative Petition process? You are proposing an amendment to the Constitution, which would require a vote of the people. It is an insult to even propose this. It would further sully the reputation of the Legislature to even present it to the voters. If you were to foolishly put these restrictions on the ballot, can you imagine the themes of the opposition? Don't tread on me! Fight for your rights to the Initiative Petition process! Don't let the Legislature rob you of your rights! This proposal should be easy to defeat at the polls. You need to keep this avenue for the voters to have a say in our great State of Missouri! Respect the voters. Respect democracy. Getting the approval of the voters for these restrictions would be a losing battle and another bruise to the Legislature. Let this bill die here in committee



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The attempt by the legislature to circumvent the will of the people is disgraceful. Attempts to make the initiative petition process more cumbersome & bureaucratic are shameful. Why does the legislature feel they are more qualified to determine the future of Missouri over MO citizens ? These actions are both arrogant and misguided. Let the voice of the people be heard!



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We dont need more regulations on initiative petitions. This bill will kill our democracy. I'm asking you to vote against it to save democracy in Missouri. Save our freedom. Vote no.



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The State of Missouri has had an Initiative Petition process that has remained relatively unchanged since 1945. It has served Missourians as a grass roots way to impact our laws. To make the IP requirements more arduous and insidious to pass by all the citizens of Missouri is undemocratic and unAmerican! Even Mike Henderson has complained that not enough grass roots are involved in the IP process. Well making it harder to qualify does the exact opposite of encouraging grass roots engagement into Missouri political processes of law making. The Republican Party has controlled the state for 20 years and all this proposes legislation does is to help them to continue consolidating their power in the state. I encourage that this legislation be dropped from further consideration!



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I am a life long Missourian. My family owns a Century Farm in Semo. I care about Missouri! 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. Leave it alone. I strongly urge you, to leave the Initiative petition process alone and focus your attention on matters that affect Missourians on a daily basis - healthcare, education, public safety, etc.



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This legislation goes against basic democratic principles and is a step backwards for citizens of Missouri. Requiring IPs to follow specific pagination, font and size, plus the additional stipulations for signature gatherers, sounds very tedious and intended to keep IPs from being successful. This legislation looks suspiciously like an attempt to crush the power of IPs. Not favorable to the states citizens, especially when the legislature is dysfunctional.



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When will these attacks on democracy end? Our country was founded on the power of the people. I strongly oppose any bills that will limit or end the people's right to bring their desires to lawmakers. This is unAmerican!



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This bill makes it harder for the peoples voices to truly be heard and for that reason, I cannot support it and ask that you do not as well.



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Short message, since almost no one actually reads the Title before they sign a Petition, it is not necessary to discard signatures after a title change and will be a horrendous loss of trust in the government. Explanation: 116.334 SECTION 2 says:"If a court orders a change that substantially alters the content of the official ballot title....All signatures gathered before such change occurred shall be invalidated.."Once an Initiative Petition has been submitted, no one can change the actual TEXT. They can only change the Ballot TITLE which REPRESENTS TEXT. If the Title changes, it does not change what the people are actually voting on. It is crucial that the Title be set in time for the Ballot, Sample Ballots, Voter's Guides etc be prepared. On Election Day the Title is crucial since it is the only thing in front of the voter. BUT when the Petition is being discussed in the long period before the election, they will call it Amendment X or the XYZ Bill or use a popular name. They will discuss different features contained in the Text. Even if they sign a petition few will even read the entire Title printed at the top of the petition . Believe me, I have collected signatures for various Petitions for decades. I approach people with my clip board and ask if they would be interested in signing a petition on ABC, some short descriptive name. If they do not immediately walk away I list the different parts of the Petition. If they like what I SAID, they sign the petition. Some decline or say they will think about it, Only a few of the signers will actually read the entire Title before they sign. The Title is of little importance at the petition signing stage. AFTER HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF MISSOURI CITIZENS HAVE SIGNED A PETITION, THERE WILL BE A BACKLASH IF A TITLE DISPUTE CAUSES VOTERS SIGNATURES TO BE DISCARDED Our democracy and the Rule of Law is based on trust. Respect the signers, they are also the voters.



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I oppose all attempts to change the MO Ballot Initiative. It is my belief that NOTHING should be altered in the wording/spirit of this process.



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In reading these bills, it becomes clear that these will result in less freedom and less democracy. Thousands and thousands of citizens will have their voices negated and their votes ignored. There is already a situation in Missouri where the current elected officials enact corporatist policies to the detriment of individual citizens. These bills would worsen that. We need more democracy and more following the desires of the majority of the individual citizens, not less.



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This bill is anti-democratic and seek to destroy our system of one person, one vote.



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Stop making it harder to bring initiative petitions before Missouri voters! Stop trying to take away our voices! I voted against Right to Work. I voted for legalizing marijuana. Just two examples but I could go on. The citizens of Missouri have a right to bring petitions to the ballot and they should pass by a simple majority vote! Even people who don't vote have a right to question their government. My god. Get over yourselves.



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The statute that "... if a court substantially changes the language of an initiative petition summary statement or ballot title that any signatures collected before that time will be invalidated" is simply criminal. This would enable the elected court to make even small changes to language that has received the endorsement of the people, and then invalidate their wishes and endorsement. Were this to pass, all of the lawmaking power would transfer to the courts and out of the hands of the people. This is not just unconstitutional, this is criminal.



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I completely oppose changing our right as citizens to create petitions to bring to Missouri voters! We are in charge, not politicians who try and force their beliefs on us!



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My name is Lynda Jones. I am a long-time resident of Missouri. I always vote in elections. Sometimes the candidate or issue I support wins. Sometimes they don't. Either way I know that my vote counts. This proposal undermines my confidence in our system of governance, It attacks the time-honored Missouri tradition of one person one vote. It seeks to destroy democracy in our state. I respectfully ask that you vote against this proposal.



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I oppose any attempts to change the ballot initiative process in Missouri.



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I oppose all attempts to change the MO Ballot Initiative. It is my belief that NOTHING should be altered in the wording/spirit of this process.



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I have been a volunteer on multiple ballot initiative campaigns. No matter the campaign, I have enjoyed the opportunity provided by the initiative process to talk about issues facing Missouri with my neighbors. Some campaigns I have supported have introduced me to people I never thought I would agree with and helped build community with my neighbors. Every campaign has been difficult. 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. I urge you to vote no on HB1749.



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My name is Mads Friske and I have been a volunteer signature gatherer for multiple ballot initiative campaigns. Regardless of the outcome of the campaign, I have valued the chance the initiative process has given me to discuss issues that my neighbors in Springfield, Missouri, face. I have had conversations with folks I never would have imagined to agree with via some of the initiatives I've backed, and the process has made my community feel more like a community. I've had hundreds of conversations with registered voters in Missouri - some of whom agreed with me and signed the petition, others who wanted time to think about it, and others who disagreed and didn't want to sign. But, all of the conversations were valuable to me and to the voter, because we were able to feel engaged about the issues facing our state. I vote regularly in elections, and I understand that sometimes my candidate or issue will win, and sometimes they will lose - but that is what democracy is. It is when everyone gets an equal chance to weigh in. Proposals that seek to do the opposite, are fundamentally undemocratic and unAmerican. This legislation will only further polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry because it means that the majority is being silenced by a minority. A majority is 50% plus 1. 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, with their correct registered voting address, from all parts of the state, before a measure even gets considered for the ballot. Adding additional barriers does nothing more than censor 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. I was granted the right to petition my neighbors directly as a voter in Missouri, if I ever felt that our government wasn't prioritizing things properly. I was inherited this privilege by previous generations of Missourians. It is a tool in our democratic toolbox. Future generations won't have the same rights as mine if this legislation is passed. 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." It is not appropriate for us to deny future generations the rights that we presently have. I am opposed to this legislation because it would fundamentally alter the direct democracy that we've had access to in Missouri for over a hundred years, a process that gives Missourians a chance to work together for a change. I respectfully request that you vote no.



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WITNESS NAME: MAGGIE EDMONDSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: ABORTION ACTION MISSOURI (FORMERLY PRO CHOICE MISSOURI)		TITLE:	
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Chair, Vice-Chair, members of the committee; thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in opposition to HJR 72 and 102, and HB 1749 which would squander the opportunity for the working people and families of the Show me state to effectively participate in their own democracy. Abortion Action Missouri, formerly Pro Choice Missouri, works to protect and expand every Missourians' right to bodily autonomy, to access essential reproductive healthcare including abortion care, to access accurate information to make the best decisions for ourselves and our families, and to parent our children in safety and dignity. HJR 72, 102, & HB 1749 would make the ballot initiative process prohibitively difficult, because the task is already a monumental one. These efforts to upend majority rule in Missouri are nothing but retaliation to the millions of Missouri voters who took their freedom and their futures into their own hands and knocked doors, collected signatures, and voted in favor of medical marijuana, ethics reform, medicaid expansion, and so much more. Over the last 3+ years Abortion Action Missouri has been heavily invested in several ballot initiatives that align with reproductive freedom including Medicaid Expansion, Raise up Missouri, and Missourians for Healthy Families and Fair Wages. Our small non-profit organization puts considerable effort into supporting these ballot initiatives, and our contributions make up only a small fraction of the signatures already required. This amendment would make it so only well financed groups could access the ballot. This change denies working people their voice in the process and favors large monied organizations with big bank accounts. The false sense of urgency promoted by those hoping to effectively dismantle our people's initiative petition process is nothing but a poorly veiled attempt to subvert and punish working Missourians who again, are ready to take their freedom and futures into their own hands and overturn Missouri's abortion ban. The supermajority party leaders of both chambers have said as much out loud— that they know that if the question of overturning Missouri's ban on abortion makes it to the ballot— that Missourians will vote to restore access to abortion in the Show Me State. Don't sell out the working people and families of our state just to maintain a policy that isn't even popular, and is causing daily and devastating harm. The majority of Missourians, 7 in 10, support Missourian's freedom to access abortion care without interference from politicians. 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, and is a critical tool to ensuring the people have direct access to their democracy. Missourians support majority rule— don't go behind their backs. Abortion Action Missouri, representing more than 60,000 Missourians across the state, urges you to vote NO on advancing HJR 72, 102, & HB 1749. Thank you.



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I urge you to oppose this bill, which places detailed and in many cases unconstitutional restrictions on the initiative petition process. There is no good reason to impose any of these provisions that dilute grassroots democracy by making the process more onerous.



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I oppose any effort to make our first amendment right to petition more difficult or burdensome.



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Please do not change the imitative process. It would impede the will of the people and create an undemocratic government run by special interests.



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Missouri citizens deserve to be heard and limiting their right to express the will of the people is an assault on direct democracy which should be the aim of every public minded official. Limiting the petition process will create a political culture of anti democratic and oppressive one party rule.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY COOK		PHONE NUMBER:
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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. IP, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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i am opposed to all bills that interfere with the people bringing initiatives to vote.



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I stand for autonomy and self-direction in all things. This includes reproductive autonomy for women and people who become pregnant. MO Republicans are reforming initiative petition to grab more power and protect their special interest groups because they know that every time abortion is on the ballot it wins. I have a right to have a voice in my democracy, much to the dismay of house republicans.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY GROSS		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am opposed to any changes in the initiative petition process. Leave it as is and allow us to participate in direct democracy. It is already a high bar to meet.



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It is an attempt by Missouri legislators to take away the voices of Missouri citizens. You are elected to serve citizens, not to substitute your will for ours.



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The Missouri State initiative process guarantees citizens the right to redress. Initiatives should neither be changed nor abolished.



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I oppose this bill. First of all, it is already against the law for initiative petitions to nullify or amend federal law. I do not think that anyone other than the payor of signature petition gatherers should determine whether they pay per signature or based on the time the gatherer worked to collect signatures. Requiring a 30-day residency requirement for petition gatherers is discriminatory and possibly unconstitutional. This bill requires a "final adjudication relating to a challenge of the official ballot title or fiscal note to occur before eight weeks before the date of the election" does not take into consideration that state actors can purposely delay adjudication in the courts.



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My name is Maryam Webster. I'm a psychologist trained at the University of Missouri and Stephens College (both in my Columbia hometown), with deep roots in Missouri and a thirty-five year career helping people negotiate better options. I've been a volunteer on multiple ballot initiative campaigns, and have enjoyed the opportunities for community building provided by the initiative process. Some campaigns I've supported have introduced me to people I never thought I would agree with, and has helped educate me and my neighbors to secure better solutions for our community as a whole. Proposals that seek to alter the "one person, one vote" tradition are fundamentally Undemocratic and UnAmerican. Passing such legislation will serve to further polarize already deeply factionated communities, and further frustrate our citizenry. Such conditions create more of the tinderbox moments that have plagued us in recent years. The Ballot Initiative Process is the only recourse voters have when politicians fail to address the issues that matter to them. As a Missouri voter, I have the right to petition my fellow citizens and neighbors if I think government isn't prioritizing the right issues. The Right of Ballot Initiative through petition is part of our state democracy's toolkit and has been used by every party — conservatives, progressives, moderates, and independents — with great success.. This right was created, enjoyed and passed down to us by previous generations of wise Missourians. If this censorial legislation is passed, future generations of Missourians will not enjoy the same rights that we do today. Further, it disrespects the cumulative decades of our ancestor's wisdom and experience that has served us well these many years. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the rights that Missouri's citizens currently enjoy. The future Missouri I want to see includes the Right of Ballot Initiative by petition. I respectfully request that you vote No. Sincerely, Maryam Webster



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I am confused as to why this bill is being introduced. We already have an amendment that outlines how to amend the MO Constitution that's been in use for years and has worked well. It is Article XII, section 2b of the Missouri constitution states that "If a majority of all the votes cast thereon is in favor of any amendment, the same shall take effect...". While I do not agree with several of the initiatives that have passed in the last few years, I don't feel a change to the MO Constitution is necessary. Being Catholic, I am pro-life; however, I also don't feel I should push my personal religious beliefs on women and restrict access to abortion care for others who may not have the same religious beliefs as me. I am going to make an assumption that this proposed change to the MO Constitution has nothing to do with trying to keep out of state agencies buying their way into the MO Constitution. In reality, I believe it is in response to the petition that is circulating around to enshrine abortion rights in the MO Constitution. The Republican Party has strongly opposed this petition and has tried on several occasions to stall the process or place biased language on the ballot. With some of the progressive initiatives that Republicans opposed in Missouri passing in recent years (legalization of marijuana, Medicaid expansion, raising minimum wage), and voters in other conservative states voting to enshrine abortion rights in their constitution, it does seem like the voters in Missouri will enshrine abortion rights in the MO constitution if given the opportunity to vote on this issue. According to polls, 75% of Missourians believe women should be able to access abortion care, so the current Republican belief of abortion being illegal is in the minority, by a large margin. Trying to make an amendment to the MO constitution to make it harder for this amendment to pass is unfair to Missouri voters and goes against the beliefs of a democracy. With the way the bill reads, very small rural counties, which tend to be highly opposed to abortion, could be used to circumvent the will of a majority of Missouri voters. To push and pass this bill is trying to stop the democratic process from working like it was designed to do.



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Do not take away the peoples voice. Do not become big government terrorist who silence the people



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Maintaining the current state-wide vote on initiative petitions supports the democratic system of governance. Adopting these bills would limit the individual voice of the voters in Missouri and threaten our democracy.



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I am writing in opposition to House Bill 1749. Responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people. Your bill sets up hurdles for the IP process by making it more difficult to gather signatures, in addition to putting additional obstacles for petition gatherers. It is also disheartening to learn that it will affect military personnel who may not be able to establish a 30 day residency requirement to be a signature gatherer. In sum, your bill is another attempt at trying to restrict the will of the people, by taking away their right to have a say in their democracy.



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My name is Melanie Rose and over the years I have volunteered on many different ballot initiatives. I think it is a great way for citizens to let their voices be heard and invoke their right to democracy which I know many Missourians value highly. The process is already rigorous with a 50% + 1 threshold just to get it on the ballot for the people to vote on. Putting in more stipulations goes against the Will of the People and evades Democracy. Voters on all sides of the political spectrum have used the initiative petition process when they feel politicians have failed to address issues that matter in their communities. Missourians must continue to have a voice. That is why I respectfully request that you vote no.



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My name is Melissa Douds and I have been apart of Stand Up KC since 2017. I have been the voice for people who are afraid to have a voice, and it has been proven that there are strengths in numbers. We need the ballot initiative because we need to have a voice. We the people of the United States is in our constitution, and we the people need to have a voice. The politicians don't want to listen to the little people, but the little people are the ones who run this world. My vision for this state is that workers all over don't have to struggle and make sacrifices, and that we have a voice. These politicians need to walk a day in our shoes, and see how they would have to make sacrifices.



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I oppose any attempts to change the ballot initiative process in Missouri. This is an important way for citizens to participate in government and I believe that nothing in the ballot initiative process should be altered.



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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. IP, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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January 23, 2024 Chairwoman Peggy McGaugh Elections and Elected Officials Committee MO House of Representatives 201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 402 Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairwoman McGaugh and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Bill No. 1749 establishes unnecessary parameters around gathering signatures for initiative petitions and referendum petitions. For this reason, we respectfully ask that you oppose HB 1749. The most concerning aspect of HB 1749 is the stipulation that a court-ordered change to the official ballot title will invalidate all signatures previously gathered on the petition if the change is "substantial." This gives the court system sweeping power to stall initiative petitions based on a technicality, as a change in the ballot title would not necessarily alter the content of the petition. In addition, HB 1749 leaves it to the courts to interpret whether a change in the ballot title is "substantial," creating far too much ambiguity for this law to be applied consistently. Additional concerns include the text and formatting requirements for proposed measures. By requiring that measures be written in 12-point Times New Roman font with one-inch margins, HB 1749 creates more technicalities through which initiative petitions could be unfairly invalidated. Similarly, HB 1749 requires signatures to be written in "dark ink," without defining what colors constitute "dark" and thereby generating further barriers that are wholly unnecessary. 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 as we have seen Missourians do this several times in the recent past. For these reasons, MCE opposes any change to the initiative petition process. Once again, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment asks you to vote "no" on HB 1749 in order to preserve the constitutional right of Missourians to engage in the initiative petition process without needless red tape. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott, JD Policy Director Missouri Coalition for the Environment mvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111



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This bill puts unnecessary bureaucratic hurdles in place that make the already difficult process of getting an initiative petition unto the ballot even harder. The initiative petition structure in Missouri has allowed Missourians to positively affect their lives and change things that people want but that politicians in Jefferson City refuse to enact. Please reject this proposal.



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HB 1749 (petitions) Please vote against HB 1749. This is a direct attack on our Constitution and the people of Missouri. It is not the place of legislators to withhold the Constitution from its people, to treat it as their personal property and private privilege. I am testifying on behalf of my constituents to state my opposition to this violation of their right to self-determination. You are not representing them by grinding away, bill by bill, their ability to make decisions for themselves. They should be able to sign a petition whether the person holding the clipboard has been in Missouri for a month or a decade.



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By restricting the ability of the people to petition for change to laws, we effectively say that those in power are our "betters" and they know best. Even when we say we want a thing a certain way, it is saying they know better. That is not how proper government works. Do NOT change how initiative petitions work.



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I urge you to preserve Missouri's initiative petition process. When legislators pay more attention to special interests than to their constituents, we look to the initiative petition, the most direct form of voter participation in our democracy. Missouri's initiative petition system has been in place for over 115 years. It allows citizens to add their signature to a petition and put an issue on the ballot for a statewide vote. This critical tool, used through the years by citizens from all political persuasions, is now under attack by lawmakers who want to curtail the people's power. This valuable and trusted process is not easy, and the citizens of Missouri have not abused it. The Missouri Legislature is currently proposing at least 24 different bills that would make it more difficult to get an issue on the ballot and/or increase the number of votes needed to pass once on the ballot. These bills (and the legislator who proposed them) are: HB1749 (Haffner), HJR102(Lewis), HJR67 (Billington), HJR72 (Lewis), HJR76 (Hudson), HJR81 (Kelley), HJR86 (Black), HJR91 (Schnelting), HJR93 (Falkner), HJR94 (Richey), HJR99 (Schwadron), SB1003 (Koenig), SB1076 (Koenig), SB1270 (Schroer), SJR48 (Hoskins), SJR49 (Koenig), SJR51 (Eigel), SJR59 (Brattin), SJR61 (Moon), SJR73 (Schroer), SJR74 (Coleman), SJR77 (Carter), SJR79 (Brown), and SJR81 (Carter) thus far. Missouri's current requirement for passage of an initiative petition is a simple majority of votes cast. Proposed changes would raise that requirement to 60% or even 67%. Others require a majority of votes cast in a majority of Missouri's representative districts. It is absurd and unprecedented to require more than a simple majority of votes cast to approve an issue in Missouri. It is already difficult to meet the current requirement of gathering enough signatures from 8% of voters in six of Missouri's eight Congressional districts to qualify for the statewide ballot. Several proposed bills would increase that to 10% in all districts, requiring hundreds of thousands more signatures and making it almost impossible to get an issue on the ballot. This is unacceptable. Our officials are elected by simple majority vote and can legislate by simple majority vote. It's hypocritical for them to legislate that we, their constituents, must then require 60-67% of the vote to pass ballot measures to counter their unpopular legislation. How is it that today's majority vote can restrict the Missouri voters of tomorrow and reverse over 115 years of precedent? Our democracy depends on the power of people to be directly involved in their government. The initiative petition process is a sacred and trusted right of the citizens of Missouri. I urge you to oppose any bill that restricts the initiative petition process in any way.



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Vote "no" on 1749.



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Initiative petitions work in Missouri. They have sometimes been used to pass measures I disagree with, but my response has never been to make the process harder. Passing these changes takes power from the people and places it in the hands of legislators who have been more concerned with petty ideological squabbles than doing what is needed for the state. We shouldn't reward that behavior, yet this is exactly what HB 1749 will do. I strongly urge the legislature to vote NO on this bill.



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I am a Missouri citizen who pays taxes and votes for what my moral compass tells me will bring the greatest good to my state. The citizen initiative petition process is a fair for all way for our voting and tax paying voices to be heard, and to restrict and make this process more impossible to move forward is simply undemocratic, and flies in the face of our state's motto, "Show me". Our citizens should have the right to show what they value and what they support with a viable citizen initiative process.



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Women’s Voices Raised for Social Justice is submitting this testimony in opposition of HB1749, HJR 72, and HJR 102. The initiative process in Missouri has a long and storied history. For a century, it has allowed citizens across the political spectrum to get their ideas before Missouri voters. A majority is 50% plus 1. 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. The proposed changes will make citizen led initiatives almost impossible to pass, and attainable to only the most well funded. This means that citizen proposed changes that are supported by a wide majority of Missourians would still not pass into law, upending the democratic process that has characterized our electoral process. The citizen petition process is one of the purest forms of democratic participation. It promotes civic engagement as well as accountability between the government and the governed. Please do not make democracy more difficult.



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The citizens' initiative petition is crucial for ensuring that the Constitution truly reflects the will of Missourians—making it a cornerstone of grassroots democracy and a counterforce to elitism, corporate politics, and political maneuvering. However, HB 1749 poses a threat to this democratic process by making it more challenging for everyday Missourians to directly influence our state's government, thereby hindering our ability to safeguard ourselves from government actions. This legislation is perceived as a direct assault on democracy, with potential negative consequences for the citizens of Missouri. I urge you not to support HB 1749, as it has the potential to undermine the essence of citizens' initiative petitions and, by extension, the democratic principles they represent.



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I am opposed to any changes to the initiative petition process in Missouri. When elected officials make choices that are not in the best interests of Missouri citizens and enact legislation that a majority of voters do not want or agree with, then they need to be able to put issues on a ballot for the whole state to vote on. Making this process harder is just another way that the Republican supermajority in Jefferson City is trying to cling to power. Do not pass IP reforms that make it harder to put items on the ballot.



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This legislation would effectively end majority rule - delegitimizing democratic process. I do not support this legislation.



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I firmly support the initiative petition process as it now stands in Missouri. I do NOT want to see changes made that will make it more difficult for citizens to initiate bills to be voted on by citizens.



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There are several parts of HB 1749 that are troublesome to me. Requiring petition circulators to be in Missouri for 30 days prior is discriminatory to people recently moved to our state or living right next door who are concerned citizens. There are also a couple of provisions that might open the IP up to court challenges which simply act as a means of depriving citizens of their right to petition and have the petition brought to a vote. Please let the initiative process stand as it is now, unless you wish to make it easier for citizens to use the IP, which would allow signing a petition on line.



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Vote "NO" on any bills that change the Initiative Petition Process. All of these related bills end majority rule and one person one vote. It basically STEALS the rights of ALL Missourians. The IP Process is the voice of Missourians. Politicians work for Missourians - not the other way around. Leave the IP Process alone. Thank you



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These IP revision bills suppress the voices & votes of We The PeopleMoleg does NOT know better than votersThey are an unacceptable waste of time & taxpayer \$\$The Freedom Caucus & other bill supporters suppress & deny Freedom



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I oppose all attempts to change the Missouri ballot initiative. It is my belief that nothing should be altered in the wording or spirit of this process.



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The Missouri initiative process has historically put items of importance up for vote to the people of our state. There has been no evidence of a problem with the system as it has been carried out in the past. I understand that there is a group of state legislators who are threatened the boycott of their important work if a bill such as this one is not passed. They must be determined to take away the rights of all Missourians to satisfy their need for control and power. This bill is not needed and will be detrimental to the state of Missouri's democracy. Do not vote for the bill.



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I am a Missouri constituent and voter who has volunteered for grassroots efforts, and I strongly oppose HB 1749 and its proposed changes to Missouri's initiative process. HB 1749 is an attempt to harm the ability of regular citizens like me to have a voice and enact policies that are supported by the majority of Missouri voters.



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This bill also insults our intelligence by requiring passage in all Congressional districts for an initiative petition or a referendum to take effect.



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My name is Nichell Hunter, an Amazon/STL8 worker, and a Missouri resident. Also, I'm a mother of two beautiful little girls. I have volunteered at the polls during elections, and vote regularly during elections. I understand that sometimes my candidate or issue will win, and sometimes they will lose, but that is what democracy is. And...it's also for your voice to be heard. So, everyone can get an equal chance to weigh in. As a Missouri voter I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the right things. This right was passed down from previous generations. It is part of our toolkit of democracy. If this legislation is to pass, future generations will not have the same rights that I do. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the rights we all currently enjoy. I respectfully request that you vote no



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No movement on IP. Let Missouri voter decide-one vote, one voice.



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These three Initiative petition bills are anti-democratic. The current simple majority rule requirement to pass an initiative petition is fair. YOU WERE ELECTED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY. IF IT'S GOOD ENOUGH TO GET YOU ELECTED IT SHOULD BE GOOD ENOUGH FOR IP'S! If you actually represented your constituents instead of trying to RULE over us we wouldn't need IPs. What are you afraid of ... the will of the people?



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HB 1749 sets up hurdles for the initiative petition (IP) process by making it more difficult to gather signatures and makes successful signature gathering efforts vulnerable to legal challenges, imposes a 30-day residency requirement for petition gatherers and rules that petition gatherers cannot be paid based on number of signatures collected. The bill also states that only a Missouri registered voter (as opposed to any MO citizen now) can challenge ballot title or a fiscal note. It also states that no court can issue relief on such a challenge less than 8 weeks before election day or the Secretary of State's determination that the number of signatures to get a IP on the ballot is insufficient. In addition the 30 day residency requirement for signature gatherers increases the costs of initiative petition efforts and makes the signature gathering process more difficult by restricting the talent pool of signature gatherers such as restricting the ability of recently transferred / moved military to participate in the signature gathering process as well as students and others who move to this state and want to participate in a timely fashion. The legislation would allow litigation to scuttle a successful signature gathering effort by seeking a ruling that alters petition language. Respectfully submitted by Patricia M. Bartholome, community volunteer, League of Women Voters Kansas City.



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I am opposed to these suggested changes to MO initiative petition law. The people of Missouri are smart enough and informed enough to be able to stand up for what we want over the objections of the legislature. If the majority of citizens in the state are in certain districts and approve of certain changes, then it is not up to the minority of citizens who live in less populous districts to block those changes. This would be the result if majority approval in all districts were to be required - minority rule, by a few districts who did not like the proposed initiative. I live in one of the more populous districts and opposed the legalization of marijuana. But the majority of my fellow citizens approved of it, so be it. This is democracy. When our state legislature refuses to recognize what the majority of people want, we need a more effective mechanism than elections to make the change happen. That mechanism is our initiative petition process, which is working just fine, thank you very much. If it ain't broke, don't fix it.



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Good morning. My name is Patricia O’Roark and I live in Carl Junction, MO. I was born in this state, grew up in Kansas City, left there in 1965 and returned to Missouri in 2018. Over the last several years I have from time to time volunteered on initiative petition (IP) campaigns, mostly outside the state of Missouri. However, the most memorable campaign was the initiative petition in this great state regarding Medicaid expansion which passed in 2021. I enjoyed the experience of collecting signatures as a volunteer toward what I believed to be a worthy goal: providing access to health care for working people who just didn’t make enough to afford health insurance for themselves or their families. Upon my return to Missouri from Colorado, a state that had invested in the Affordable Health Care Act (AHCA) from its beginning, I discovered that Missouri was one of twelve states that had not invested in AHCA. I learned that the General Assembly had refused to join the AHCA program. For Ten. Years. For ten years, the bills were introduced annually that would have the state of Missouri participate in ACHA which in turn would have provided health care coverage to over 250,000 people. For a decade the bills languished. During that period, our state had at least 10 rural hospitals close. Thousands of families went without health care, and many people -- we will never know how many -- died because they had no money for medical bills or no ready facility to provide help. Really, what choice did people have but to use the initiative petition process to put this matter on the ballot? The IP process gave the people the opportunity to decide this matter at the ballot box. It wasn’t easy. We spent thousands of hours collecting thousands upon thousands of signatures, just to get this issue to the ballot. It was a labor-intensive process, to say the least. I am thankful every day that the Missouri Constitution provided for the IP process. It is not for the faint of heart, but it is there when the legislature cannot or will not act on a matter that is important to the people. It gives the people a path to make law and to modify the state constitution. It is democracy in its purest form. I oppose any legislation that would make it more difficult than it already is to adopt a measure that is on the ballot by way of an initiative petition. I speak in opposition to HB1749 because, among other things, it would change the majority rule from 50% plus 1 and require substantially more than 50% plus 1 in order to become law or to change the state constitution. Increasing the vote threshold just makes it harder for the people to exercise their right to direct democracy. Increasing the threshold does nothing more than censure the voice of the people. A citizen is a citizen if s/he/they live in the state of Missouri. Tying the right to engage in the IP process to a requirement to have “been a resident for 30 days” is arbitrary and capricious and violates rights granted by the state constitution.



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The citizen initiative process is the way people can speak and they can put their will into law."Raising the passage threshold automatically advantages the "no" side on any question that comes before voters, creating an unfair disadvantage. 25 IP Reform bills have been filed this session. All by members of the Missouri Republican Supermajority. It's obvious this sudden glut of filings is a partisan attempt to pass something/anything to keep abortion reform off the ballot. The current IP process has worked well for over 100 years. It doesn't need fixing. But the current legislature wants to take away the people's right to set the agenda and to put laws in place. When election time comes around do you want to be called out for suppressing the will of Missouri voters?



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Dear Committee members,I am writing to urge the committee to not pass any legislation that would in effect make it harder for citizens to engage as they currently do in the initiative petition process in our state.I am urging you not to support: HJR 72; HJR 102; HB 1749.The legislation proposed in different ways does not increase protections for voters, but rather seeks to frustrate the will of citizens. The petition process is not broken and to make it harder for citizens to use this process is an effort which results in the weakening of the democratic process.Our initiative process is the only real vehicle for citizens to use to effect policy change when they see the legislature fail to address things/policies are they see as important to them.And to also make it even more objectionable, the legislature appears to be given increased power and authority to interpret the petitions that passed thus increasing their ability to often weaken the intent of the voters.I suspect I have a unique perspective on how voters feel when they see legislators not stepping up the address their issues, when they address them in a way that they believe is incorrect or when legislators go about undoing by legislation what the voters enacted by the initiative process.You see, I look that these proposals as a voter. I also view these with the experience of being a Missouri State Representative and a Missouri State Senator for 28 years. With all these combined experiences of creating and passing legislation and seeing the impact as a voter, I conclude that these proposals are bad for Missouri and urge you to vote NO.Respectfully,Patrick DoughertyRetired RepresentativeRetired Senator136 NassauHerculaneum, Mo 63048



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I'm opposed to any changes to the injustice petition process. This takes away majority rule It creates more unnecessary requirements to complicate the process and make it harder for the public to use their constitutional right to have a voice in the state of Missouri



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I find this bill prejudicial to Missouri voters, and in opposition to the concept on one person, one vote.



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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. Initiative Petition, as it is now, has been a part of the Missouri constitution for 100 years and Missouri voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved. Please don't change this process just because you don't like the possibility of voters choosing something you may not agree with! A democracy depends on majority rule, not the rule of a loud minority.



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Limiting the citizen's right to petition for policy change is undemocratic. Letting the people of the state decide what laws they want thought the ballot is pure democracy. Any legislator who opposes that principle is anti-democratic. It is not easy to get an issue on the ballot. The work involved in getting an initiative on the ballot ensures that only the issues of utmost importance to Missourians will make through the process.



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I am in favor of the current status of initiative petitions. To further restrict the initiative process is anti-democratic and diminishes the voice of the people whom our leaders represent. Requiring a higher percentage to pass is also bad for democracy. The initiative petition process is already carefully vetted.



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WITNESS NAME: RACHEL JAMIESON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: rachel.jamieson@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 6:03 PM	
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My name is Rachel Jamieson and I am a resident of Springfield, Missouri. I have participated in ballot initiative campaigns as a signature gatherer, as well as signing other initiative petitions. What I enjoy most about the initiative process is the opportunity to talk about issues facing Missouri with my neighbors. I am always fascinated by these conversations as I learn more about my community, my neighbors, and why folks feel the way they do about a wide variety of topics impacting Missourians. It grows my empathy and my ability to listen to and communicate with neighbors across the political spectrum. I am an engaged voter that votes in every election. What I love most about voting is the democratic process. While it can sometimes be frustrating when my preferred candidate or issue loses, I understand that it was a democratic election where everyone who participated had an equal say in the process. I am proud to be a Missouri voter because I know that if my community and neighbors' issue is not being addressed by elected officials, my democratic rights allow us to be heard with direct democracy through the initiative petition process. It is now frustrating to see elected officials attempting to thwart the democratic process by making the initiative petition process more difficult with undemocratic and unAmerican barriers. Changing the democratic initiative petition process in the Missouri constitution makes it harder for the voting public to be heard and deprives us of our democratic rights. If this legislation is to pass, future generations of Missourians will not have the same rights that I do. We should not permanently alter our constitution to deprive future Missouri citizens of the rights we all currently enjoy. I respectfully request that you vote no, Rachel Jamieson



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I am an active MO voter and I see that democracy is at risk with this legislation. I understand how democracy works and that sometimes my candidate or issue wins and sometimes it doesn't. But democracy means that everyone gets an equal chance to weigh in. This proposal would alter this and I am strongly opposed to anything that makes it harder for Missourians to put proposals to the people.



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I oppose any changes to make it harder for citizens to put issues on the ballot. Raising the number of signatures needed, filing fees, number of votes needed to pass I oppose it all. I believe in democracy. Let the people decide.



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I do not support HB 1749. Do not sabotage the citizens petition.



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Not only do I find some aspects of proposed IP reform bill likely unconstitutional, it gives too much leeway for loopholes for politicians to disregard the will of Missourians. I strongly oppose this!



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA JANE RICHARDSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am opposed to any reduction of the ability of citizens to exercise their rights through the initiative petition process. I believe in full citizen participation in democracy, without interference of the legislature.



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Our state government is based on the will of the people. Sometimes the legislature does not bring up what the people want. The people therefore must have the right to petition the government on subjects the people want. The right to petition must be sacred so the will of the people will be done. Our representatives in government work for the people, not donors or parties.



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These Initiative Petitions are all design to limit the voice of the people of Missouri. While the bills claim to be "modifying" the ballot process, they actually make it impossible to ever pass new ballot measures. An excessively high number of signatures would be required or the areas from which signatures must be obtained would be increased well beyond anything that has been reached in recent history. All of these so called modifications are anti-democratic and they all should be thrown out.



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Please support democracy and protect the initiative petition process in Missouri.



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EMAIL: carletonstock@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 9:04 PM
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My name is Reverend Carleton Stock, retired pastor and living in Missouri for 26 years. I have been a volunteer on multiple ballot initiative campaigns and regularly travel to Jeff City to talk with legislators about this issue. I have come to see how important these initiatives are in the political process of the state. I see it as a responsibility as a person of faith and as a citizen of the U.S. and Missouri. I vote regularly in elections and take it very seriously especially since these initiatives are critical to the democratic process. They allow anyone to weigh in on the issues that effect their lives. We vote with our legislators when they are right and we use these initiatives when they are wrong. Also, I am concerned about the growing voter suppression in our country and state. Our political leaders need to be encouraging voting not discouraging voting. As a Missouri voter I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the right things. This right was passed down to me from previous generations of Missourians. It is part of our toolkit of democracy. Eliminating initiatives or making it harder to do them would deprive future generations of the right that Missourians have had since 1907. I respectfully request that you vote no on HB1749, HRJ72, and HJR102. Thank you.



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As a 77 year old retired pastor, I am concerned about the campaign currently undertaken by some in the House to change the procedures governing submission and passage of an initiative by the Missouri public. I have volunteered in collecting signatures for several initiatives which were placed on the ballot and view this bill and other similar efforts as restrictions on majority rule of the people of this State and in no way reforms. A clear instance of such restriction is the provision in the legislation here under consideration to invalidate all signatures in favor of an initiative (no matter the number or the timing of the decision) if a court decides the language of title of the people's petition must be changed. This extends the right of a single judge in a case to invalidate the will of tens of thousands of State citizens and should not be accepted without some substantial conditions constraining such a decision. That a single mother with children struggling to care for them should have been denied Medicaid following the passage of the Medicaid expansion initiative due to a lone judge's decision should not be allowed.



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WITNESS NAME: REV. STEVEN MICHAEL ANDREWS		PHONE NUMBER:
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As a Christian pastor, I am opposed to any effort to limit the voice of the people of Missouri. In a democratic system, it is important that people be allowed to speak. And when people in power do not hear them or pretend not to hear them, the people need to have the ability to see their will enacted. These efforts to push people out of the legislative process are an element of tyranny, and as a Christian, I am opposed to tyranny in all its forms.



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I would like to submit my testimony against this bill. Ballet initiatives are an important part of our democratic process and the people deserve to have the initiative to govern. I oppose any changes to the ballot initiative



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I oppose any attempt to dismantle the Initiative Petition process. Please remember that the political majority will not always be the majority.



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Its amazing that the legislature may want to create a higher standard for passage of a citizen initiative than we do for the simple majority needed in passing almost all other legislative matters. It diminishes the concept of majority rule. Basically all it does is reduce citizen input and ability to be heard.



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Legislators should not make it more difficult for citizens to voice and vote on issues. They work for us. Initiative Petitions are the best way we have to make progress in this state when Legislators refuse to abide by the will of the people.



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This bill puts greater restrictions on who can gather signatures by creating a 30 residency. Not sure why this is necessary - our elected officials get campaign money from out of state contributors. The gathering of signatures is a technical requirement to get the petition on the ballot. As long as the signatures are legitimate, that is all that matters. Who gathers them is irrelevant. Any changes to the petition need to be made prior to the gathering of signatures so that these signatures cannot be disqualified after the official petition has been allowed to go ahead.



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Why does the MO GOP want to silence MO voters? Time and time again the MO GOP have worked against the will of MO voters. There are no shortage of examples (e.g., Right to Work, Medicare expansion, etc.). Why is the GOP pushing IP reform? Attorney General Andrew Bailey and Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft stole eight months from Missourians with their illegal shenanigans trying to prevent us from getting appropriate health care language onto the ballot. The good news is THEY FAILED. Just like this should fail. Let MO voters speak!



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT CAMPBELL		PHONE NUMBER:
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This violates our voter rights, as well the section 1,2,3 of MO. Bill of Rights. And you just lost my vote.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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This bill is intended to make it harder for citizens to pass their own legislation for popular things, there is nothing in this bill that makes it easier for citizens - it just makes things harder and the legislature should not do that. I strongly oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBIN HEINEMANN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: RON BERRY		PHONE NUMBER: 660-537-2239	
REPRESENTING: JOBS WITH JUSTICE VOTER ACTION		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: RUTH KNITTEL		PHONE NUMBER:
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Its really hard to understand why our Missouri representatives feel the need to suppress the petition initiative (and voice of the people) and make it harder for THEIR OWN constituents to propose meaningful ballot measures for a simple majority vote in Missouri. I don't even recognize our state anymore. Shame on all of you who support this dangerous legislation.



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WITNESS NAME: RYAN TINKER		PHONE NUMBER:
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The Missouri GOP continues its assault on the citizens of this state by trying to take away our voice. They value power over democracy, and they will do anything to ensure voters are excluded from the democratic process. Voters should always have their voices heard, and any effort to change that should be struck down.



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WITNESS NAME: SALLY DOWNEY		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am opposed to any effort to modify the current Missouri initiative petition process. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out that the only reason bills are being introduced is to keep the right to reproductive freedom out of the Missouri Constitution. If you believe that you represent what the people want, then there should be no reason to not let the people vote. Let's turn the tables and ask yourself—if there is something that you may want in the future that you feel your constituents also want, would a vote under the new rules be able to meet the new suggested threshold? The answer is no. What goes around comes around. Let the people speak. Say no to any and all initiative petition reform items.



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WITNESS NAME: SAM LICKLIDER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-418-5069	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI REALTORS		TITLE:	
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The initiative petition process is the most powerful tool Missourians have to keep politicians in check. It is undemocratic to roll back these rights. Do not pass any of these bills.



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WITNESS NAME: SARAH L STARNES		PHONE NUMBER:
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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: SARAH MAYER		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am strongly against any efforts to weaken the current Missouri Initiative process and thereby weaken our state's direct democracy and end majority rule for Missourians.



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WITNESS NAME: SARAH S BARNETT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill is taking the power to enact change out of the people's hands by making the initiative petition process more difficult. I am in strong opposition.



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WITNESS NAME: SARAH YOO		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: sarah.k.yoo@wustl.edu	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 3:35 PM
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My name is Sarah Yoo, and I am a second year law student at Washington University in St. Louis. I have enjoyed being a part of the St. Louis community thus far and hope to continue to become more involved as I build my legal experience. Legal experience aside, as a citizen, I have always understood the importance of our democratic processes. I vote regularly in elections, and while I often disagree with my fellow voters on various issues, I support every individual's right to express views that are in direct opposition to my own. It is essential to our democracy that voices on all sides have an opportunity to be heard, and I am writing today, because this opportunity is under attack. The initiative petition process is an important tool that allows voters from all sides of the political spectrum to have their voices heard and to advance their interests. If this legislation were to pass, it would take power away from the people to make decisions on the issues that impact them the most. The initiative petition process is already rigorous enough, and creating additional barriers only serves to stifle the voice of the people. I respectfully request that you vote no on HB 1749.



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This bill makes changes to make the IP process in MO more difficult. IP reform is not needed, as our current system gives the maximum amount of power to individual Missourians.



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WITNESS NAME: SHARI FRANK		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am vehemently opposed to these initiative petition bills. These are anti-democratic and take away our rights as Missourians, destroying our system of one person, one vote. It has been in place for over 100 years, and allows Missourians to independently check special interests, protect our rights from politicians, and bring important issues to voters. Our current process is not partisan – it comes from the voters. These bills would allow a minority of people to overrule and deny the will of the majority. This is undemocratic. Stop the attacks on our rights to make our voices heard. Missouri voters do not want to see changes to this process.



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WITNESS NAME: SHARON SCHNEEBERGER		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: sharon@schneeberger.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 8:13 PM
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The Initiative Petition has been a vital part of MO State government for years. It is one measure that gives the citizens of Missouri the opportunity to express their wishes. Please oppose HB 1749.



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WITNESS NAME: SHELLY M HELTON		PHONE NUMBER:
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I strongly oppose the attempts to alter the wording on Mo. Ballot initiative



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Leave the IP process alone! It is a constitutional right that we do not want to have snatched away by a Legislature that is afraid of the voters.



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WITNESS NAME: SHERYL MALLOY		PHONE NUMBER:
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As a voter in Missouri I am adamantly against this proposal. All this seeks to do is silence the will of the voters.



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WITNESS NAME: SHERYL ROSE		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose this bill because it makes it more difficult for Mo citizens to have a direct voice in issues that affect and are important to them. There is no good reason to require petition gatherers to be MO citizens. What should matter is who signs the petition, not the gatherer. Further, our AG intervenes, using tax payer money, in issues that have no direct impact on MO citizens. How is his inserting us such matters any different than someone from another state gathering signatures on a petition that people are not forced to sign.



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WITNESS NAME: SLOAN SHEFFIELD COWELL		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose any restrictions to the initiative petition.



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WITNESS NAME: SONJA SADOVSKY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: sonja.sadovsky@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 3:55 PM
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My name is Sonja Sadovsky and I have been a volunteer on multiple ballot initiatives. I have enjoyed the opportunity provided by the initiative process to talk about issues facing Missouri with my neighbors. Some campaigns I have supported have introduced me to people I never thought I would agree with and helped build community with my neighbors. This is a wonderful way for folks to discuss issues that affect us all, and directly participate in the democratic process. Every campaign has been a challenge. I vote regularly in elections. Proposals that would seek to alter this one person, one vote tradition are fundamentally undemocratic and anti-American. They will only further polarize our community and frustrate our citizenry when the majority is silenced by a minority. A majority is 50% plus 1. 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. This is a power grab by the Missouri legislature to further distance the public from direct participation in the process, and silence the will of the people. We need to encourage more interaction instead of less if we want sound representation of an engaged public. As a Missouri voter I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the right things. This right was established in Missouri in 1907, and is also part of the First Amendment of the US Constitution. It is part of our toolkit of democracy. If this legislation is to pass, future generations will not have the same rights that I do. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the rights we all currently enjoy. I respectfully request that you vote no, and thank you for your time.



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WITNESS NAME: STANLEY DOAK		PHONE NUMBER:
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Initiative petitions are the purest form of democracy. Banning them is **WRONG!** Please don't take away my rights.



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHANIE GURLEY THOMAS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. IP, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHEN P. STAHNKE		PHONE NUMBER:
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Making it harder for the people to vote their will is not a tenet of democracy. I'm in opposition of this bill in the strongest terms.



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This is big government, getting in the way of what the people actually want. Changes to the initiative petition process and referendum process are unnecessary. What better way is there to Show Me than voter will? There is none. These Joint Resolutions and this House Bill seek to distance Missourians from their own will. They seek to allow legislators to impose their will, over the people they are elected to represent. This is not the way. Please leave give up on the perversity of trying to change this process.



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I have volunteered to collect petitions for a number of initiative petitions over the years and want to emphasize that the process is time consuming and difficult. Anyone who believes that it is too easy has never experienced the process. Having hundreds of one-on-one conversations with neighbors who are registered voters over months is also rewarding and, I believe, has kept me informed of the variety of opinions among my fellow citizens. In fact, the process has strengthened my belief in our democracy and always makes me feel hopeful for our shared future. The proposal to require more than a simple majority to pass the initiative is anti-democratic and simply limits the voice of the people who work, pay taxes and deserve to have their voice heard. Those who oppose a given initiative are free to campaign against passage. Increasing the percentage of votes necessary for passage or changing the requirements for where or how petitions are collected is anti-democratic. I haven't always agreed with initiatives that make it on the ballot. When that happens I have voted against them and asked others to do that same. That is how democracy works. Thank you.



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I am opposed to this bill as it is designed to limit the voices of the people of our state. We are the people you represent and you need to be in touch with us, hear us, represent us; not silence us.



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This bill seeks to end majority rule. This is not how democracy works. Missourians' freedom to have their voices heard needs to be preserved. No changes to current law.



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My name is Susan FitzGibbon, I've lived in Missouri all of my life and I am a regular voter. Missouri's constitution has guaranteed that "The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly" since 1907. I believe that 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. As a Missouri voter, I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I think our government has failed to prioritize the right things. Voters from all sides of the political spectrum have used the Missouri 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. I respectfully request that you vote no on this bill.



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I oppose this bill. For one thing, the citizenship requirement is unconstitutional.



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The legislation proposed here denies out citizens a voice when the legislature is out of step with public interest.



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I am opposed to any change in the spirit or wording of the initiative petition process.



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Initiative Petition does not need to be changed in this way.



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I'm opposed to any changes to the injustice petition process. This takes away majority rule It creates more unnecessary requirements to complicate the process and make it harder for the public to use their constitutional right to have a voice in the state of Missouri



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WITNESS NAME: SYDNEY WOOD		PHONE NUMBER:
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My name is Sydney Wood. I was born and raised in southern Missouri, and I have lived throughout the state my entire life. I come from a long line of rural working class Missourians, and I myself have worked in the service industry for about 8 years now. Growing up with a father who owned a small business and a mother who was a teacher, I learned early on in life how important it was for the everyday individual citizen to have a voice in the future of their community. Folks like my parents not only have a right to be heard but the voice of those in rural communities should be heard for the benefit of all working class Americans. This is why democracy is incredibly important to me. In light of the ongoing situation, I find it deeply troubling that elected representatives in Jefferson City are making efforts to erode the fundamental right of the citizens of this state to engage in our democratic processes, particularly through the Initiative Petition method. These proposed legislative measures not only jeopardize our community and economic well-being but also pose a direct challenge to the bedrock principles of democracy this country was founded on. I respectfully request that you vote no on these these Initiative Petition reform bills. Thank you, Sydney Wood



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HB 1749 establishes unnecessary parameters around gathering signatures for initiative petitions and referendum petitions.



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Missourians want to have our say in the legislative process, and we don't want people who may have been elected but nevertheless fail to represent Missourians' most urgent needs or address our major concerns to have even more ability to stifle our voices.



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All three bills seek to end majority rule. Missouri has a patriotic 150 year history of passing citizen initiatives. Leave it alone.



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Leave the IP process alone. It's a tool for the citizens of Missouri to use when our elected officials don't do their jobs or don't listen to the needs of citizens of Missouri.



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I am the Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieley, a lifelong Missourian. I have participated in grassroots initiative petition campaigns many times as both a volunteer from 2005 to 2012 and as a staff person at Missouri Jobs with Justice since 2017. I first participated in gathering signatures to raise the minimum wage in 2005-2006 because, as a parish priest in the City of St. Louis, I encountered many parishioners and members of the wider community who were working for minimum wage, but struggling to make ends meet. Raising the minimum wage seemed like a common sense way to alleviate suffering and the need for working people to seek charity. In November 2006, that first increase in the minimum wage won easily statewide, across geographic and political boundaries. The initiative petition process is non-partisan and used by people across the political and philosophical spectrum. Since that first experience with the Missouri initiative petition process, I have participated again many times, as both a volunteer and a staff person. I have spent all day outside polling places and along parade routes in blazing heat and freezing cold. I have collected signatures in churches, synagogues, mosques and union halls. Even in the nicest weather with the friendliest crowd, signature gathering is slow, tedious work, filling pages ten signatures at a time. In the past year, I have also been notarizing initiative petitions and found that it is more complex to notarize an initiative petition than it is to notarize a health directive. One small mistake on my part could disqualify the signatures of ten Missouri voters and the hard work of a signature gathering volunteer. As a Missourian, I am proud that we have had the grassroots ballot initiative petition process available to us since 1907 as an important tool of direct democracy. The initiative petition process allows us to maintain our freedom to have a say on important issues. Qualifying a grassroots ballot initiative is already incredibly difficult. Making it even more difficult does nothing other than undermine democracy. As a Missouri voter, I have had the right to directly petition my neighbors if I thought our government wasn't prioritizing the right things. This right was passed down to me from previous generations of Missourians. It is part of our toolkit of democracy. If this legislation is to pass, future generations will not have the same rights that I do. We should not seek to permanently alter our constitution and deprive future citizens of the rights we all currently enjoy. A majority is 50% plus 1. Changing the threshold is undemocratic and would make it harder for the public to make decisions. As I have described from my own experience, the initiative petition process is already rigorous and incredibly difficult - hundreds of thousands of voters must sign on before a measure even gets considered for the ballot. Adding additional barriers does nothing more than censure the voice of the people. I respectfully request that you vote no.



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Missouri should not make it harder to get things on the ballot. People should be allowed to petition, collect signatures, and have statewide votes. Missourians should not have to start the process over if the IP summary changes.



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My name is Terrance Wise and I'm a low wage worker from Kansas City, MO. I am also a leader with Stand Up KC and the Missouri Workers Center. We are fighting for good paying union jobs here in Missouri. We know that we not only have to fight and win against our employers, but also win in the halls of government. We love democracy, and we love to have a fair process here where folks can come together and gather signatures to get initiatives put on the ballot where people can vote on them and be apart of the democratic process. Any attempt to violate this process is unacceptable, its undemocratic and it's not what everyday regular folks are wanting. As a low wage worker and a father of 3, my mother always told me to work hard and be a good citizen, and life will take care of itself. Well I've always worked hard and been a good citizen, and for our elected leaders to make my life harder is un American. Elected leaders are supposed to work for the people, and make sure that our lives matter.



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Removing our Right to Initiative Petitions undermines our right to Government... Of, By, and For The People! It takes the people out of control of their government, allowing the majority party at the time in complete control! ??



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I am the Rev. Tex Sample and I have now lived in Missouri a total of 44 years. During that time I have been heavily involved in the community and have served in four different congregations for over a decade. I also am a retired professor at the Saint Paul School of Theology. I am profoundly opposed to any attempt to change the initiative process which would make it more difficult for citizens to shape their own lives. The initiative petition is as fundamental to a democratic republic as it gets. I have been actively involved in four initiative petitions in the last 10 years and expect to continue to do so. Also, getting an initiative petition passed is hard work, requiring much time and great effort. It requires a great commitment of citizenship to get one passed. It is wrong to make it more difficult and to frustrate the will of the majority, which is 50% + one. Attempts by any legislature that that tries to take the voice of the people out of the legislative process is a totalitarian move, and, in my experience for many years, such anti-democratic moves typically are an attempt to protect the interests of a very small minority of citizens from the will of the people. I am actively involved in four organizing efforts in Kansas City and very active in my local church. As a Christian I believe deeply that democracy is the best option we have as a society until the reign of God comes. I sincerely hope that you will block these anti-democratic efforts whose purposes go against the best of our country's traditions. I can assure you that the actions of the legislature will be closely followed by thousands of us across the state. We will obtain the names of all legislators who wrote to curtail the initiative position, and we will publicize these names so as to hold each one personally accountable for this kind of anti-American activity. Sincerely, The Rev. Tex Sample, Ph.D.



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Good morning, Missouri has been blessed with the Initiative Petition process since 1907. This is not available in every state. It has benefitted Missourians of both parties. This is how the Hancock Amendment, Term Limits, were passed. It also was used to pass Medicaid expansion, repeal of Right to Work, medical cannabis, and later recreational marijuana. This process was used to many times. It really is a crown jewel. It is a very important part of the fabric of our state. We owe those who will come after us this same process of 50% plus one to pass an initiative petition. As a citizen of this fine state my whole life I am informing this body I am opposed to any changes in this process.



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This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to pass democratically. IP, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved.



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As the largest and oldest anti-poverty non-profit in our state, Empower Missouri is committed to improving the quality of life for all Missouri residents through advocacy. On behalf of our staff, board, and coalition members, we express our opposition to HB 1749, HJR 72, and HJR 102. We respectfully ask this committee not to pass any policy which will make the initiative petition process more difficult, including the slate of bills before it today. The initiative petition process is foundational to the Missouri law making process and ensures each Missourian has a voice in the laws that govern our state. Proposals that seek to alter this one person, one vote tradition are fundamentally undemocratic. They will further polarize our community and frustrate citizens who do not feel represented in state policymaking. The initiative petition process is one of the most important avenues for Missourians to directly engage in shaping the laws that govern our state. The bills being considered here today propose changes that will effectively exclude regular citizens from accessing the initiative petition process. Please do not take this important democratic tool away from Missourians. We respectfully request that you vote “no” on HB 1849, HJR 72, and HJR 102.



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For over 100 years, Missouri 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 don't take away that right.



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I support direct democracy, by the people.



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This bill would take away the power of the majority. Missourians are not congressional districts and everyone's vote should count equally. Requiring constitutional initiative petitions to pass by not only a majority of all votes cast statewide but also in a majority of Missouri's 163 state representative districts is anti-democratic and takes away the power of the people. I strongly oppose this bill.



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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. Our state constitution has protected this right since 1907. HB 1749 adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult. 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 oppose all attempts to change the MO Ballot Initiative. It is my belief that NOTHING should be altered in the wording/spirit of this process.



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My name is Yannet Lathrop. I am a senior researcher and policy analyst for the National Employment Law Project (NELP). Founded in 1969, NELP is a non-profit, non-partisan leading advocacy organization with the mission to build a just and inclusive economy where all workers have expansive rights and thrive in good jobs. We partner with federal, state, and local lawmakers on a wide range of workforce issues. We have worked with dozens of city councils and state legislatures across the country and with the U.S. Congress on measures to boost labor standards, including higher minimum wages, efficient enforcement, unemployment insurance modernization, and other policies that protect workers. Most relevant to today’s hearing, we have also helped support numerous community-driven ballot initiatives that similarly improve labor standards for all workers. NELP testifies in opposition to HB 1749, HRJ 72, and HJR 102. We are concerned that these bills would make the ballot initiative process more difficult in Missouri, and the overturning of the public’s vote much easier. The ballot initiative process is at the core of direct democracy, and as such, it is one of the most important tools voters have to influence policymaking, particularly in the absence of progress by their elected representatives. The Missouri House of Representatives should be working to bolster voters’ voice in policy matters, not stymie it. NELP has witnessed the harm lawmakers can cause when overturning the will of voters or otherwise barring popular input into policymaking. For example, in the District of Columbia in 2018, voters approved a ballot initiative that would have gradually phased out the lower tipped wage in the city, only for the initiative to be repealed by the City Council—to the detriment of tipped workers, who already had to contend with higher levels of poverty and wage theft resulting from a lower cash wage. It took another attempt four years—and a pandemic—later for a similar initiative to not only win again at the ballot box, but also remain unharmed by lawmakers. Other attempts to thwart public input into policymaking take other shapes, such as when state governments preempt (block) local governments from improving upon state laws. Regardless of how they manifest, these are anti-democratic measures that harm voters of all political stripes and walks of life, and can create an unhealthy distrust of government. NELP urges an unfavorable report on HB 1749, HRJ 72, and HJR 102. Thank you for your time.



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My name is Zachary Callaway and I have been a volunteer on ballot initiative campaigns. I have enjoyed getting to discuss issues with my fellow Missourians, and am proud that we have a direct political mechanism for all eligible Missourians to debate, discuss, and have agency in their political situation. Some initiatives I've supported have succeeded, and others failed, but they have always been part of a democratic process that allows Missouri citizens to have a voice in their government. I am in opposition to permanently altering our constitution to limit the rights of Missourians - democratic rights that we all currently enjoy as citizens of Missouri - in favor of making the process more difficult for the people to enact, and easier for the state to overturn.



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I oppose this bill. Please do not pass this deal.



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I support the citizens of Missouri having the availability of initiative petitions to make changes in Missouri. Leave them alone....



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I oppose all bills which suppress, in any way, the people's right to form initiative petitions.