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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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We certainly need initiative petition reform.



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Testimony in Favor of HJR 72 – Protecting the Missouri Constitution from the “Tyranny of the Majority” and Adding More Checks and Balances House Elections and Elected Officials Committee – Jan. 23, 2024, 10:30 AM Samuel Lee, Director of Campaign Life Missouri

In the early years of the United States, the Founders warned of the possibility of a “tyranny of the majority.” James Madison – a Founding Father of the United States and the fourth president (1751-1836) – wrote in The Federalist Papers no. 10 that: “[M]easures are too often decided, not according to the rules of justice and the rights of the minor party, but by the superior force of an interested and overbearing majority. As a remedy to this, the Founders included a system of checks and balances in the U.S. Constitution to protect the minority and to promote consensus, including, among other provisions: • Bicameral structure of the legislative branch, with three separate but equal branches of government: legislative, executive and judicial; • A Bill of Rights; • Election of a president through an Electoral College, rather than a majority-take-all vote; • Override of presidential vetoes by a supermajority of two-thirds of both houses of Congress; and • Amendments to the U.S. Constitution must be passed by a supermajority of two-thirds of both houses of Congress, then ratified by the legislatures (or conventions) of three-fourths of the states. The U.S. Constitution has only been amended 27 times since 1787 – including the first 10 amendments, which make up the Bill of Rights). Missouri’s Constitution includes some of these checks and balances – as well as other very important ones – including: “No bill shall contain more than one subject” (Article III, Section 23) and no “pro-posed amendment shall contain more than one amended and revised article of this constitution, or one new article which shall not contain more than one subject and matters properly connected therewith” (Article XII, Section 2(b)). And the state constitution already requires supermajorities for the passage of certain laws, including: • Legal voters in two-thirds (66.7%) of the congressional districts are required to sign initiative petitions for statutory measures (5% of voters) and constitutional amendments (8% of voters) (Article III, Section 50), and signatures from legal voters are also required (5% of voters) for referendums (Article III, Section 52(a)). • Four-sevenths (57.1%) of voters are necessary to approve indebtedness of local governments and school districts at the general municipal election day, primary or general elections – but two-thirds at all other elections (Article VI, Sections 26(b), 26(c), 26(d) and 26 (e)). Two-thirds of voters are always required to approve indebtedness of local governments for industrial development (Article VI, Section 23(a)). • Two-thirds of voters are necessary to dissolve a county or to remove a county seat to a different city (Article VI, Sections 5 and 6). • Approval of 60% of voters is required to prohibit non-medical marijuana facilities being located in local governmental jurisdictions, and votes on such prohibitions can only take place once every four years (enacted in November 2022 in Article XIV, Section 2). Some of these provisions in the 1945 Missouri Constitution are derived from the 1875 state constitution – and even the 1865 Constitution in the case

of the “single subject” rule. The Missouri Constitution – unlike the U.S. Constitution – does not require a supermajority of voters for approval of state constitutional amendments. That may be why the Missouri Constitution had been amended 145 times between 1910 (two years after Missouri voters approved initiative and referendum) and 2020 – with 23 of those constitutional amendments submitted by the initiative petition process. Some opponents of initiative petition reform have decried the efforts to reform the amendment process as a denial of “one person, one vote.” But that same argument has been rejected by the courts here in Missouri. In *Brenner v. School District of Kansas City, Missouri*, 315 F. Supp. 627 (Dist. Court, WD Missouri 1970, affirmed by the U.S. Supreme Court in 403 U.S. 913, 91 S. Ct. 2225, 29 L. Ed. 2d 692 (1971)), voters in Kansas City challenged “the provisions of the Constitution and statutes of Missouri which require the approval by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast at school bond and school levy elections,” claiming they “violate plaintiffs’ rights as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.” A 1969 tax levy and school bond election benefited the Kansas City school district passed by more than a simple majority, but less than two-thirds. The plaintiffs argued: [T]hat the “one-man, one-vote” principle enunciated by the Supreme Court in the apportionment cases carries with it an implicit command that all school bond and school tax levy elections conducted in the various States must be decided by a simple majority vote and that all State requirements which require more than a simple majority are constitutionally void. The plaintiffs further argued that “under any requirement of more than a simple majority, the will of the people is frustrated and a minority of voters determine the result, if they vote for inaction.” A three-judge federal district court panel rejected those arguments and noted that: [O]ne of the recognized phenomena of referendum elections is the fact that voter turnout generally is lower than voter participation in general elections. Experience has established that even if the referendum proposition is submitted at a contemporaneous general election, the number of voters who vote on the submitted proposition is far less than those who vote for candidates. An extraordinary majority requirement is therefore justified as an effective device to protect against an important and frequently highly controversial decision being made by a small minority of all persons eligible to vote.” (emphasis added). The court added: A two-thirds majority requirement, and requirements of a similar nature, reflect a policy determination on the part of a particular State that a greater consensus than a bare majority of the eligible voters who usually vote in school referendum elections must be obtained before recommended governmental action in connection with the school bonds and school levies is approved. That policy decision, and the question of the need for such a policy, is a much more serious matter than making the choice between whether the rules for determining a candidate election will permit a plurality to elect the winner in a three candidate race ... We agree with the court’s rationale in that case and support this committee and the Missouri General Assembly sending to the voters a joint resolution – for the voters’ consideration – that would protect the minority from the tyranny of the majority in approving constitutional amendments referred by the initiative. We believe HJR 72 accomplishes that purpose and that if adopted by the voters, it would add additional checks and balances to our Missouri Constitution.



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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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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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The current initiative petition (IP) process in Missouri is a testament to our state's democratic values, requiring signatures from a diverse cross-section of our populace. As it stands, statutory changes demand signatures from five percent of legal voters in any six of the eight congressional districts, whereas constitutional amendments require eight percent. This system ensures that no single area can unduly influence the petition process, maintaining a balanced and fair approach that reflects our state's wide-ranging interests. However, the proposed changes—requiring any constitutional amendment to receive a majority of votes both statewide and in a majority of the state's congressional districts—pose a significant risk, particularly to our rural communities. Such a requirement could disproportionately affect rural interests, where amendments might have strong support but fail to achieve necessary urban majorities. This could sideline crucial rural issues, from agricultural policies to local infrastructure improvements, which might not capture urban voters' attention to the same degree. Consider, for instance, a hypothetical amendment aimed at enhancing rural emergency medical services—a concern that might not resonate as strongly in urban districts. Under the proposed changes, even widespread support in rural areas might not suffice if urban districts do not also show majority support, effectively silencing rural voices on matters critical to their communities. Moreover, the assertion that urban areas like Kansas City and St. Louis wield outsized influence in Missouri's political landscape overlooks the balanced nature of our current IP process. The 2020 governor race results illustrate that while urban centers do contribute significantly to the political dialogue, they do not unilaterally determine state-wide outcomes. This balance underscores the importance of a process that respects the contributions and needs of all Missourians, regardless of their geographic location. The initiative petition is an essential form of direct democracy that ensures legislative responsiveness and reflects the will of the people. By potentially complicating this process with additional requirements, these bills will hinder our ability to adapt and respond to the evolving needs of our state. In championing the principles of democracy and limited government, Missouri has the opportunity to lead by example, demonstrating to other states the value of a legislative process that amplifies every citizen's voice. Our commitment to a more efficient, smaller government is reflected in our dedication to ensuring that governance power truly belongs to the people of Missouri. By preserving the integrity and accessibility of our initiative petition process, we uphold these values, ensuring that Missouri remains a state where every voice is heard and valued equally in our legislative process. Let us not diminish the citizen's voice with unnecessary complications. Instead, let's affirm our commitment to a democratic process that is accessible, representative, and fair for all Missourians, regardless of where they live. I oppose the proposed changes requiring any constitutional amendment to receive a majority of votes both statewide and in a majority of the state's congressional districts.



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Strongly oppose. The only reason we use IP as citizens is if the legislature is not doing its job and not listening to the people. The overuse of the IP process is an indictment of the legislature, not the IP process. This is an end run around democratic principles and is a DEI program for rural voters (it is an equity program that increases the representation of rural voters and counties). Do you job and listen to the people. Stop working against them.



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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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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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It is contradictory to the idea of democracy to attempt to remove an ordinary citizen of their right to make an impact via petition.



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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 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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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 have collect signatures for a ballot initiative, and I have signed ballot initiatives. The petition process has been a great experience for me, giving me a chance to engage my community on issues that matter to me. In this era of hyper-partisanship, my favorite thing about collecting signatures has been getting signatures from folks I know would vote for a different candidate than me. The IP process is a great reminder that at the end of the day, Missourians generally want good things for one another. This is why I like initiative petitions. At the end of the day, they are powerful expression of our fundamental democratic rights. The process is built on the foundational premise of one person, one vote; and they empower Missourians to make their voice heard. So called reforms that would do away with majority rule and violate that principle of one person, one vote are not just undemocratic and unAmerican, they are not the Missouri way. And they will only further frustrate the people of Missouri and discourage their civic engagement. And despite our different policy desires, I would hope all of us could agree that we generally want more civic engagement, not less. The initiative petition process has given me a chance to get involved in governance. It as given me a chance to have a say in how this state operates, especially on issues on which the state house itself has failed deliver. In that way, it is a fundamental check on the state government (and aren't checks and balances one of the central virtues of our governing system we learn in civics?). It would be a great tragedy if my six year old and my four year old never get the chance to take part in their democracy the way I did because we made the mistake of changing such a longstanding piece of Missouri democratic tradition.



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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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As a resident of Missouri for over 60 years, I am opposed to any legislation that limits the ability of Missouri residents to work on or support Initiative Petitions that would increase the well-being and effective voices of concerned Missouri voters. We should be encouraging all residents of Missouri to be registered voters and to vote regularly to increase the effectiveness of democracy for the citizens of our state. None of us should be limiting the voices of Missouri residents to work for changes that are likely to improve our lives here.



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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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Imposing a majority requirement in all districts is unfair and is not required to pass other referendums.**



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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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We the people want to have the right to initiate laws that directly impacts us all.Do not pass these prohibitive laws that takes away our voice to shape policy. Women want rights over their own bodies just as men have.



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I strongly oppose the efforts to modify the Missouri ballot initiative process. I have been involved in the signature gathering process for several more recent initiatives and see 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 an opportunity to pass or defeat a law in a statewide election. As a life long Missourian, I am proud that my state, since 1907, respects its citizens to be directly involved in decisions that directly affect their lives. The petition 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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WITNESS NAME: BERNADETTE HOLZER		PHONE NUMBER:
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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 MO Ballot Initiative. It is my belief that 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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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. I stand for one person, one vote. LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE.**



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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 would limit the voices of the citizens of the state by putting more restrictions on what they're able to put to a vote and the threshold for passing it.



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**Vote no on HJR 72. Any changes to the initiative petition process are an attack to direct democracy.
Keep the IP the same and protect the will of the people.**



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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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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 emphasizes that it is a “majority” rule vote, but adding a required majority of five of the eight congressional districts is not majority rule. For state offices, we don’t require a majority of five of the eight congressional districts. Majority is the MAJORITY of Missouri voters – PERIOD. And then for ballot candy, the sponsor throws in “foreign countries” in the ballot language. Other than China buying up farm land, I am not aware of foreign countries trying to control Missouri. This is a bad resolution for Missouri democracy.



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I am opposed to HJR 72. 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. HJR 72 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 HJR 72.



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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 takes away my voice. Why the big hurry to change the Initiative Petition process? We should slow down and really consider what this bill does. For starters it takes away my voice. You have added so many restrictions that very few people qualify to submit an IP. The ballot language is also misleading.



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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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My name is Carolyn Spence Cagle, a registered voter for all my life. I have served as a volunteer for several ballot initiatives in places I have or currently live: TX, IL, and now MO. Meeting my neighbors and friends to talk about issues facing all of us has built community and fostered important ideas for ballot placement for citizens' action based on their needs and perspectives. I strongly believe in every person having their voice heard during elections. That means citizens should have the right to vote on initiatives placed on the ballot. Proposals such as HJR 72 (Lewis) and similar initiative petitions for discussion on January 23, 2024 in the MO House change the long historically honored democratic voting principle of "one person, one vote." Thus, I do NOT support the three proposed changes to be discussed tomorrow in the MO House that will change the state's 1907 Constitution to take away current and future MO citizens' right to petition their neighbors and friends when they believe the government has lacked prioritization of important matters to citizens of this state. All citizens ought to have the right to "weigh in" on important issues facing them as an inherent feature of a democratic feature of government and one independent of the General Assembly.



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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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EMAIL: charwatters97@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 8:45 AM
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This is another means of weakening the voice of voters. The petition process as is, has worked fine and the people's voices have been heard. You're using fear to sway voters by putting the "foreign money" at the top of the list. Let people have the freedoms people have fought for, my family being some some of those.



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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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EMAIL: cacb816@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 12:53 PM
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I am opposed to HJR 72. This bill strips individuals and organizations of the opportunity to work with voters and tell legislators that there is more than one point of view on a subject. I'd like to remind you of the puppy mill legislation initiative petition and ballot issue that voters passed resoundingly only to have the state legislature overturn it, obviously ignoring the will of Missouri voters. This is a political hanging, and this bill should end in committee.



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EMAIL: cabohl@fidnet.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 8:13 PM
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I am opposed to this bill. Proposed Initiative Petition Reform Bills Are the Wrong Way to Protect Missouri's Constitution. These only pertain to initiative petitions by outside groups. I am opposed to Constitutional Convention proposed amendments which must be done under Article XII, Section 3(a).



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If passed this would end majority rule by requiring initiative petitions to pass by the majority of all votes cast statewide, but then they have to get the majority of the CD's . That is ridiculous. Then it will limit what the IPs can be about. Again, ridiculous. And the rest of the wording is very confusing. The use of "foreign" in the wording is just a scare tactic.



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The initiative petition process is a sacred constitutional right that Missourians have used for over 100 years. It allows Missourians from across the state the opportunity to supersede partisan politics and propose issues that matter most to our communities. Please do not make it so difficult to get one of these initiative petitions passed that it takes away our citizens right to petition our government



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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
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ST. LOUIS YOUNG DEMOCRATS		TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT
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CITY: ST. LOUIS	STATE: MO	ZIP: 63106
EMAIL: stlyoungdems@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/23/2024 10:18 AM
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We are writing to state our opposition to HJR 72. This legislation fundamentally undermines Missourians' right to vote. What good is an election when some people's votes matter more than others? Where four legs are good but two legs are better? The distortion of the will of the voters undermines the legitimacy of our elections and people's trust in elections. There have been many instances over the years in which the initiative process has served as a check on Jefferson City, in which politicians have refused to pass legislation that the voters want, and we have taken the initiative into our own hands with grassroots organizing. We, Missourians, have protected workers and laborers, made healthcare more affordable, begun to dismantle the racist and classist War on Drugs, and fought to end political gerrymandering, even as politicians have fought tooth and nail against these values. Our right to our Constitution is sacrosanct, and HJR 72 spits in the face of voters by taking power away from us and giving it to the politicians, donors, and lobbyists. We urge you to think of your constituents, to think of Missouri, why you first wanted to run for office, and your democratic principles, and vote AGAINST HJR 72.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTIAN BISHOP		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: ChristianBishop21@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/23/2024 8:15 AM
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Hello, I am writing to state my opposition to HJR 72. 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. This legislation will make it harder for voters like me to have a say in our government, and make some people's votes more valuable than others. This is fundamentally unjust, and I urge you to vote against this joint resolution.



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This bill threatens the democratic process of one person, one vote. Missourians deserve their votes to be respected and not repressed in this manner.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE BROWN		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: christinebrown1009@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 4:04 PM
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Voting should not give preference or more weight based on zip code or acreage; each vote counts equally regardless of where you live. Requiring a two-condition threshold creates a rule by minority, undermining the will of all Missourians. The IP has worked for both conservative and liberal causes which shows that it is a valuable and valued part of our heritage and works for all Missourians of all different points of view.



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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. HJR 72 changes longstanding procedures for initiative petitioning in such away that it ends majority rule. It 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 bill must be rejected. I respectfully request that you vote no.



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EMAIL: cmfoster1986@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 7:22 PM
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I do not support HR 172. This proposal will motivate unscrupulous Attorney Generals to sabotage future I.P. I support Missouri's initiative petition process, leave it



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EMAIL: knossos777@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 5:39 PM
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EMAIL: cicely.lacy@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 10:20 AM
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We need to hear the voice of the majority. One vote one voice. Leave out 'initiative petition' process alone. No reform for IP



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I'm opposed to this legislation for many reasons, but I am especially concerned that the General Assembly is proposing and initiating a change to a process that is designed to be utilized by Missouri voters. This is clearly about lawmakers trying to manipulate the initiative process for political purposes.



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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 and every effort that makes it more difficult to participate in our legislation process. Trying to reduce the people's rights is an act of cowardice.



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WITNESS NAME: CONNOR SLATEN		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: connordoglover@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 5:02 PM

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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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EMAIL: crystalbuffaloe@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 8:50 PM
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My name is Crystal Buffaloe, and I'm a volunteer who has collected signatures for initiative petitions in Missouri, and an every-single-election voter and the Initiative Petition process as enshrined by our MO constitution since 1907 is one of the many things about Missouri that I am proud of. It is a powerful form of direct democracy that gets people energized and engaged in issues important to them, shows us that ordinary citizens can band together to affect real change, and almost always crosses party lines for bipartisan issues that are important to all Missourians. Changing the initiative petition from a simple majority of 50% of voters plus one to a complicated and burdensome requirement for different concurrent majorities is anti-democratic and un-American, attempting to subvert the will of the people - who have followed all the appropriate steps in a rigorous process. One person should get one vote. I respectfully request that you vote no.



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Horrible bill designed to keep Missourians from participating in our democratic process. Introduced solely to impede the initiative process restoring reproductive rights.



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I oppose the content of HRJ 72. 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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Citizen participation in democracy should be encouraged not inhibited. Bills trying to make that participation are undemocratic and indicate that legislators want to do as they please and not honor the positions of the electorate.



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We already passed the Clean Missouri, Missouri Constitution Amendment several years ago. Then the ignorant far- wrong republicans gerrymandered the voting districts to make it impossible for a majority of Missouri voters to counteract their manipulation of unfairly configured voting districts, and rescinded the approved state Constitutional Amendment, that was passed by 67% of Missouri's voters! The federal courts were then systematically packed, after Mitch McConnell had allowed there to be Senate blockage of a previous administration's Supreme Court nominees. Now the unfairly elected dominating party wants to make it more difficult for Citizens to resist the improper dominance by one party. I have to go on record in opposition to legislation that prevents legitimate dissent . Reinststate the Missouri Clean Missouri Constitutions! Amendment, now!



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Requiring a two-condition threshold creates a rule by minority, undermining the will of all Missourians. The IP has worked for both conservative and liberal causes which shows that it is a valuable and valued part of our heritage and works for all Missourians of all different points of view. The process has been effective for all, so why make these changes diminishing the rights of Missouri citizens? Voting should not give preference or more weight based on zip code or acreage; each vote counts equally regardless of where you live.



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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. This is a proposed constitutional amendment to end majority rule in Missouri by imposing a concurrent majority requirement for constitutional initiative petitions. If passed by voters, this would end majority rule by requiring initiative petitions to pass by not only majority of all votes cast statewide, but also must pass by a majority of all votes cast in a majority of Missouri's eight congressional districts. This measure also regulates topics and sponsors for IPs, prohibiting IPs from being used for food or property tax increases; and prohibits any foreign sponsorship or funding of IPs; it also prohibits campaign contributions to candidates or political parties based on their position for or against an IP.



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WITNESS NAME: DAN SEXSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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Dear Honorable Committeemen and Committeewomen, I write in opposition to HJR 72. I agree that the initiative petition process need to be changed from the "democracy" model of a simple majority of voters being able to make changes to our Missouri Constitution. I disagree with the concurrent majority model using Congressional Districts instead of Missouri State Representative districts. To get a vote on a change in the constitution that more accurately reflects the will of the people, I believe using the Missouri State Representative districts should be used.



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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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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL RADKE		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: dradke2016@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 1:12 PM
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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 HJR 72 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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Do not take away the right of citizens to address their grievances!



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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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This statement is in opposition to each of the listed the bills that Hafner and Lewis have proposed. Their motivation for these bills couldn't be more transparent to Missouri voters, including those who have never worked to collect signatures for a petition. Our majority legislators have been frustrated by voters over and over in recent years who have used the century old initiative petition process to get bills to the ballot and pass policies that legislators oppose or overturn policies that they favor. It's likely particularly frustrating as they recognize that even their own constituents are among those voters supporting these petitions. But unlike these legislators, as someone who has collected signatures, I respect the democratic process. Missouri policy must follow the will of the people, whether powerful self-interested legislators agree with it or not! The existing requirements for the initiative petition process we're not created arbitrarily. Those who drafted these recognized how difficult it is to collect the necessary signatures and mount a grassroots campaign for support. The motivation for proposed initiative petition changes is clear, as grassroots volunteers prepare new petitions to address policy failures by our elected officials. Leave the initiative process alone! It works as intended!!



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I am opposed to HJR 72 - Proposed by Representative Lewis. Being opposed to the Majority of constituents in the state means subjecting the majority to the will of the Minority. This feels UNAMERICAN to me and I question the patriotism of anyone pushing a bill like this. The Missouri Constitution has allowed Missouri citizens the ability to petition our state government to put certain issues on the ballot so that we can be allowed, as voters, to 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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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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My name is Deanna Bergren and I have signed and volunteered for numerous ballot initiative campaigns. I have talked with people in my community about issues that are pertinent to Springfield and Missouri at large. We have talked about changes that we want to see in our legislation. I have talked to folks across the political aisle that have supported the process of direct democracy and the ability to vote on the changes we want to see in our community. I have my degree in Political Science and Sociology from Drury University which enriched my engagement in local and state politics as a young adult. I have voted in every election since I was eighteen. I have always strived to be the most informed voter that I can be to better my community. In my classes there were conversations about countries such as Venezuela where people do not have the privilege of being able to vote and instead have dictatorship. They are unable to vote for their representation or legislation. When I vote I have the understanding that I am voting with my community and the outcomes may not always resemble the way I voted, but I know that it will be an accurate and fair vote. The ballot measures that Missouri has had in the past have passed with high numbers. We have come together to push for the changes we want to see in our government through the initiative petition. This process is used across the political spectrum. I have signed on to petitions that I did not agree with, but because I believe in the petition process. Taking away the initiative petition process is taking away our rights as voters. This is an act of political violence against Missourians. I have been able to petition my fellow voters if I wanted to seek a change in my community. I have been able to have conversations with people that don't agree exactly with my views, but have the same underlying values. I have been able to talk with folks that are older than me that have been signing petitions in Missouri for decades and have been ecstatic to sign, even if they don't agree. If the petition process is overturned, my generation and generations after me will not be able to practice their constitutional right as a Missouri voter. This will diminish the democracy in our state and our country at large which is a cause for concern. We should allow the voters in our state to be involved in democracy. I respectfully request that you vote no.



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I'm against individuals of the state of Missouri being unallowed 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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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 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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WITNESS NAME: DENISE LIEBERMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-780-1833	
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The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC) submits this testimony in opposition to HJR 72, which would upend the majority rule that has long defined Missouri’s citizen initiative process, making it more difficult for Missourians to have their voices heard at the ballot box. Missouri Voter Protection Coalition is Missouri’s statewide nonpartisan network that works to advance free, fair and accessible elections in Missouri. HJR 72 strikes at the heart of one-person, one vote. Among other provisions, HJR 72 would require constitutional initiative petitions to pass by not just a majority of all votes cast - as is the case now - but also by a majority of votes in a majority of the state’s eight Congressional districts. This means that measures approved by a majority of Missouri’s voters may not pass into law, allowing a minority of citizens to determine policy outcomes. The initiative petition process is amongst the purest forms of democratic participation. For more than a century, the citizen initiative process has allowed Missourians to effectuate their voice 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. When a majority make their will clear at the ballot box, their voices should be effectuated. When the will of the people is not effectuated, citizens loose confidence in the democratic process. For these reasons we urge you to reject HJR 72 and other efforts to undermine the citizen initiative process in Missouri.

Sincerely, Denise Lieberman, Director & General Counsel
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I want to protect reproductive freedom and healthcare!



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This bill will not stop the attempts to change Missouri's constitution.



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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	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN; COLUMBIA AREA NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
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This bill introduces unnecessary difficulties into the initiative petition process. Also, by prohibiting campaign contributions to candidates or political parties based on their position for or against an initiative petition, it unfairly disadvantages candidates who wish to amplify the views of their voting base and potential constituents in favor of those who seemingly would ignore or misrepresent them. 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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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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Our right to petition is very important to us and to democracy. It must not be inhibited.



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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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To try and change the initiative petition process is unconstitutional! Stop trying to take the will of the people away! You are so afraid of the majority of voters and that they don't align with your beliefs and the fact that YOU are the party taking their rights away and using government over-reach to do it. Let the votes 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 Joint Resolution (HJR) No. 72. I do not support this HJR and am respectively submitting testimony in opposition. The initiative petition process is NOT easy; in more than a century, only 29 of 70 citizen-initiated Constitutional amendments have ever been approved (most never made it to the ballot). Measures currently must pass by a statewide majority without regard to geographic districts, zip codes or acreage which fairly reflects the will of ALL MO citizens. The second layer requirement in this HJR to also have an amendment pass in a majority of congressional districts (in addition to statewide majority) is disingenuous. Requiring a two-condition threshold will absolutely create rule by minority, undermining the will of all Missourians. It seems the struggle continues to find "likeable elements" to accompany the real goal of dismantling democracy as evidenced by the new ideas in this HJR. Numerous elements were contained in 2023 CCS/SS#3/HCS/HJR 43, which was an unsuccessful attempt to change the IP process during the 2023 legislative session. At the time, the elements in HJR 43 were of utmost importance yet they do not appear in this HJR. For example, the requirement to "ensure disabled individuals have access to ballot measures" is missing. Apparently, the disabled are now forgotten and no longer a priority for attempting to dismantle the IP process which brings into question the credibility and necessity of all these measures. The hypocrisy is not lost on MO citizens. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony; I URGE you to vote NO.



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My name is Liz Wertz and I have been a volunteer for collecting signatures for an initiative petition campaign. This process is important to our democracy. I have been impacted by talking to my neighbors about issues through the initiative petition process. This process is already very rigorous, and this resolution would be harmful to direct democracy. I respectfully request that you vote no.



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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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WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH LOCKHART		PHONE NUMBER:
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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 HJR 72.



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This bill is anti-democratic. Citizens need to retain their rights to initiate petitions.



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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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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 HJR 72 and 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 HJR 72 and 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 a higher bar to clear for passage are clearly thwarting the will of the people. Half plus one is enough, foreign interference is a non-issue, and 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 HJR 72. HJR 72’s Section A 51 3 requirement that initiative petitions must pass by a majority in a majority of congressional districts negates the idea of one person, one vote and that the will of the majority of voters – 50% + 1 – is insufficient. Everyone’s vote should count the same. HJR 72 says it doesn’t. 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. HRJ 72 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. HRJ 72 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, these resolutions obstruct our ability to amend the Constitution, making it more difficult to facilitate this democratic process. If a majority of Missourians can come together over shared values, our laws should reflect the will of the people, not be undemocratically strangled by a regressive or status-quo minority. HJR 72 creates arbitrary and costly obstacles, so that even legislation that is overwhelming supported by Missourians can fail. The two-tier system for Missouri ballot initiatives is completely unprecedented, and even if it was preceded, it doesn't mean it is rational or just. Why not make it a majority of voters AND counties? Voters and townships? Voters and a majority of votes within every individual household? These pieces of legislation are merely politicians attempting to subvert the will of the actual people. Our Constitution should be in our hands, not yours. 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. The greater thresholds meant that even if initiatives would have a majority of voters's support, they would become much, more expensive to pass. Initiatives would not pass if they didn't heavily fundraise, 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. It would also disenfranchise voters because their votes would be tied to that of their congressional district or county. It is pretty common knowledge that St. Louis and Kansas City, CD 1 and CDE 5, are liberal jurisdictions—why would a conservative or Republican even bother voting, knowing that their vote would make less of a difference, since it wouldn't be aggregated across the state, but curtailed by that of their neighbors? And conversely, a Democratic or liberal voter in CD 7 or 8? It is this exact disenfranchisement that is the purpose of the bill. The idea that each "area" needs to have a majority fetishizes geography over the citizenry, over the voters who put you in office, and makes it so that some votes are more valuable, more deserving of attention, than others, which can be just taken for granted. Voters should not be taken for granted. One vote for one person. Let us call the provision banning foreign funding what it is: an effort to have a popular talking point to campaign upon and a way to attack opponents of this bill, stating that they "voted against protecting our elections from foreign interference, from foreign dark money." When have foreign entities ever bankrolled elections in Missouri? Does anyone really believe that Beijing, Moscow, or Kathmandu are interested in what is happening in Potosi, Hayti, and Chesterfield? How many people present can even identify where Beijing is located on a map of China? The tax on groceries is the same. Who is trying to amend the Missouri Constitution to increase taxes on food. This is an absolutely absurd provision that again

is merely a political tactic. There are so many pressing issues that are genuinely devastating to Missourians. Opioid deaths, gun violence, the inability to afford healthcare, rural hospitals closing, schools that are in session four days a week because the state does not give them enough funding to keep their doors open through Fridays. Is this joint resolution what you came here for? Why you wanted to be a public servant? To make it harder for citizens to access our Constitution? Please just let our Constitution be a document of the people, with us and posterity able to be the authors of our rights.



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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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You cannot trust voters to elect you with a simple majority, but not trust them to pass initiative petitions the same way. It is hypocritical. 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 stood the test of time and serves us constituents very well.



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This bill is written to take away the voice of the people by changing how IPs work. This bill was created to give Missouri legislators even more control over the citizens of Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: GREG A. CAMPBELL		PHONE NUMBER:
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The bill is I democratic. It eliminates majority rule.



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I oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: GREGORY WOODHAMS		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am opposed to HJR 72 because it would make it more difficult to advance initiative petitions. The initiative petition process has enabled both conservative (Hancock Amendment) and progressive (Medicaid expansion) ideas to advance consistent with the will of the people as expressed by a majority of voters. The concurrent majority requirement weakens the initiative petition process. People should count more than acreage.



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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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I oppose.



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WITNESS NAME: HOLLY BERNSTEIN		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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The ballot initiative process is such a wonderful part of our democracy, allowing a real path for citizen-led change. It is very important to me that this process is not restricted in any way.



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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: IVIE WALKER		PHONE NUMBER:
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Initiative petitions are one of the most common and important ways that everyday Missourians get their voices heard. As someone who has signed many petitions and also had people sign initiative petitions for causes that I am passionate about, I believe that it is a great tool to use for direct democracy and we should not change it. Missourians deserve to be able to participate in democracy in ways other than just voting. And petitions are an important way to be engaged civically.



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WITNESS NAME: JACLYN JEZIK		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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WITNESS NAME: JACOB HUMMEL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-2115	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI AFL-CIO		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
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As a voting citizen of Missouri, I do not want our petition laws changed, and will take note of the representatives involved in trying to make changes.



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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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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 do not support HRJ 72. Do not sabotage the citizen petition.



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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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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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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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My name is Jamie Howard, I am a 30 year old resident of Jefferson City, 6th generation Missourian, veteran, former student of Rep. Lewis and current candidate for Missouri House and I strongly oppose House Joint Resolution 72, which proposes significant changes to Missouri's initiative petition process. I strongly disagree with Representative Lewis' view on the initiative petition process as I do not understand his sudden distaste for Democracy since I was his student considering that the existing initiative petition process, which has been in place for over a century, has proven to be effective and has not been abused by Missourians. Missourians have utilized this democratic tool responsibly to address concerns and voice their opinions on various matters. The proposed changes in HJR 72 will undermine the established process and restrict the ability of citizens to participate in direct democracy. One of the key concerns with HJR 72 is the prohibition on initiative petitions raising sales taxes on food or imposing taxes or fees on real estate or personal property. While the intention may be to protect citizens from certain tax burdens, it is essential to recognize that citizens should have the freedom to propose and debate a wide range of issues, including taxation, through the initiative petition process. Imposing such restrictions could limit the diversity of issues that citizens can address through this democratic tool. The resolution's provisions restricting foreign governments and political parties from sponsoring initiative petitions is overly broad and could infringe on the rights of citizens to engage in international collaborations or express diverse perspectives. Missouri has a long history of respecting the democratic rights of its citizens, and these provisions will set a precedent for unnecessary restrictions. Additionally, the requirement for any constitutional amendment to receive a majority of votes both statewide and in a majority of the state's congressional districts for approval could create an uneven playing field and disproportionately favor certain regions over others. This may lead to a situation where the majority of citizens statewide support a constitutional amendment, but it fails to pass due to regional disparities. Granting exclusive authority to the General Assembly to enforce provisions related to initiative petitions concentrates entirely too much power in the hands of a few, undermining the checks and balances inherent in our democratic system. I urge the committee to carefully consider the implications of HJR 72 and the potential consequences it may have on the democratic rights of Missouri citizens. The existing initiative petition process has served the state well, and changes should only be considered with a thorough understanding of the implications on citizens' ability to participate in the democratic process.



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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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I am very concerned about the Petition Initiative Bill, HJR72. 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 HJR72.



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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: JARRETT PILLSBURY		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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I do not support this.



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WITNESS NAME: JASON WOODSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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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 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. We also are concerned that the ballot summary has items about taxes and foreign ownership of land that may distract and confuse voters. The principle of one person=one vote is at stake in some versions of initiative petition reform, including this one, and that should be the first thing mentioned in any ballot summary.



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WITNESS NAME: JEFF GROSS		PHONE NUMBER:
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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	
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Madam Chair and members of the committee, my name is Jen Bernstein, and I am submitting this testimony in opposition of HJR 72 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 HJR 72.



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"The general assembly shall have exclusive authority to enact laws enforcing provisions in this constitution relating to initiative petitions." This goes against any form of "We The People" and encroaches on our rights to self regulate independent of government when they fail to abide by the wishes of their constituency.



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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 HJR 72. 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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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.		



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WITNESS NAME: JERRY ELLIS		PHONE NUMBER:
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This is bad for our state's citizens. Please oppose these bills.



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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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Please to do not advance this resolution out of committee. The people of Missouri deserve to have the authority to affect the laws of the state by direct petitions. The requirement that a petition would have to receive a majority of votes cast state wide and in a majority of state congressional districts is in effect gerrymandering, giving extra weight to votes cast in rural districts. 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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Opposed. The will of the people should be heard.**



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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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I am opposed to HR 72. This constitutional amendment would effectively end the ability of Missouri voters to participate in direct democracy. Furthermore, it's real intent, that of doing away with the Initiative Petition Process in Missouri, is cloaked in manipulative processes ... that of placing the phrases like "Forbid foreign countries" and "Prohibit taxes on food", first in the amendment, with the assumption that voters voters will vote no without reading the entire content of the amendment. Joan Gentry- House District 136



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This bill is vote against the spirit of democracy. We need to be a state that truly supports the direction of the majority (51%) not crafting rules designed to suppress the voice of the people.



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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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I oppose any changes made to the Mo ballot initiative process.



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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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WITNESS NAME: JONATHAN GARTIN		PHONE NUMBER:
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My name is Jonathan Gartin and I am writing to oppose any changes to the Missouri initiative petition process from the Missouri State legislator. I have talked with thousands of people in my community about getting petitions on the ballot and the importance of direct democracy in Missouri. I have personally benefitted from policies passed through the petition process, like the increased minimum wage petition in 2018. I have spoken with members of my community about how Medicaid expansion gave them better healthcare access, and how angry they were that the Missouri State government denied them those resources for so many years. Without voters taking that matter into their own hands and passing Medicaid expansion through the petition process, many more people in our State would be struggling to afford healthcare needs more than they already are today. The initiative petition process is sacred to the people of Missouri and our State Constitution. As a constituent in Springfield Missouri, I know that many members of the Missouri legislature only seek to make this arduous process harder for everyday people. Changes to the initiative petition process would limit voter's direct say in Missouri policy, and deny voters a fair process to take this initiative upon themselves. We the people of Missouri demand a fair process free from the intentional burden of our State government, to make our voices heard. One issue that is not divisive amongst the Missouri populous is their distrust of politicians in Jefferson City to work in their best interest. It is on you as representatives to regain that trust and legitimacy of your body. The worst action you could take towards that end would be to destroy the petition process which has held constant for more than one hundred years in our state. As a volunteer who has gathered signatures, and someone who values democratic principles at the core of government, I am outraged. There are so many pressing issues in the State of Missouri that our legislators should be addressing and have failed to do so. In conclusion, I share in the thoughts of many other Missourians that this effort is a power grab by Missouri politicians to take power away from everyday people and pocket it for themselves. I stand strongly in opposition to changes in the Missouri Initiative petition process.



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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 further fail to see the logic of using the boundaries of federal representative districts for the purposes of counting signatures for a state law petition. These are two separate governments. Simply because cable news networks and twitter seek to nationalize every issue for political fundraising purposes does not mean the rights of Missouri citizens need to be abrogated to accommodate that system. I am opposed to this legislation. Jonathan Lackamp Veterans for All Voters



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REPRESENTING: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MISSOURI		TITLE:
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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 to express my staunch opposition to HJR 72, which Representative Lewis sponsors. I am writing today as an individual citizen. HJR 72 poses a grave threat to the democratic principles of Missouri. Introducing a concurrent majority requirement for constitutional initiative petitions effectively ends majority rule, undermining the very foundation of democracy. This bill demands not just a statewide majority but also a majority in a majority of congressional districts, disproportionately amplifying the voices of certain regions over others. The prohibitions on topics like food and property tax increases, as well as the restrictions on foreign sponsorship and campaign contributions based on positions towards initiative petitions, further restrict the democratic rights of Missourians. This bill, seemingly proposed in response to the upcoming abortion ballot initiative, represents a direct attack on the people's ability to influence and shape policies that affect their lives. Such a drastic change to the initiative petition process, which has been a cornerstone of Missouri's democracy, is unjust and fundamentally misaligned with the values of fair and equal representation."Missouri deserves better. My district deserves better. We are watching very closely. I urge this committee to let HJR 72 die in this committee. I urge this committee to vote no on HJR 72. Thank you for your time. Signed, Joseph Albert Jefferies



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I oppose all changes in our ballot initiative process.



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This bill is undemocratic, voter initiatives are the voice of the people in a way representatives can't be. Introducing, supporting or voting for this measure is a violent slap to every Missourian.



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I am asking for a vote of "No". 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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Clearly inhibits citizen involvement.**



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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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I am a leader in Kansas City Jobs with Justice and for well over a decade have gathered signatures on petitions, spoken at public events in favor of initiatives we support, and interviewed citizens about initiatives on my radio show. I am a firm believer in the exercise of direct democracy as a check on a state government that may stray from serving the best interests of all the people. Since 1907 Missourians have recognized that the initiative process makes government more accountable. HJR 72 would do just the opposite. It both appears to try to fix a problem that does not exist in its measures regarding taxes and foreign interference, and it negates majority rule with its requirement of concurrent majorities along with a statewide majority to pass a constitutional amendment. This leads directly to rule by a minority as it would require much more than a majority of Missourians to change the state's constitution. Furthermore, the provision that only the "general assembly shall have exclusive authority to enact laws enforcing the constitution would bar any future amendment to the initiative process from being proposed by the people. This is a shameful power grab and not worthy of any elected official who by swearing an oath to our state constitution has sworn to uphold democracy. I quote Article I Section 3 of the Missouri Constitutions: "That the people of this state have the inherent, sole and exclusive right to regulate the internal government and police thereof, and to alter and abolish their constitution and form of government whenever they may deem it necessary to their safety and happiness, provided such change be not repugnant to the Constitution of the United States."



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Initiative Petitions process should stay the way it is. There is no need to make it against the Majority Rule that has worked well in the past. I am for democracy so I am AGAINST HJR 72. Thank you.



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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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WITNESS NAME: JUDY MORGAN		PHONE NUMBER:
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Article III, Section 49 of our Missouri Constitution contains these powerful words: “The people reserve power to propose and enact or reject laws and amendments to the constitution by the initiative, independent of the general assembly...” As a former Missouri State Representative for the 24th District and member of the House Elections and Elected Officials Committee, I listened to bills that would have weakened our state’s initiative petition (IP) process. I opposed those bills then. Now, as a private citizen, I continue to oppose any effort to weaken the IP process. HJR 72 stipulates that any amendment to the constitution require not only a majority of the votes cast statewide, but also a majority of the state’s congressional districts for approval. A majority is 50% plus one of the state’s voters. Adding an arbitrary requirement of a majority of the state’s congressional districts is contrary to our state’s one person, one vote tradition and the will of the majority. Some argue that it’s too easy to obtain signatures to place proposals on the ballot. Hundreds of thousands of signatures must be collected from registered voters to place a proposal on the ballot. As a volunteer who has collected signatures for various ballot initiatives, I know firsthand that standing on street corners, knocking on doors, or attending events and asking citizens to sign initiative petitions, although rewarding, isn’t an easy task. I would also like to point out that all sides of the political spectrum have used the ballot initiative process to address their priorities – from conservatives to progressives. I have always viewed the IP process as democracy in action – a chance for citizens to have a say on issues that affect them in their daily lives. For the reasons listed above, I respectfully request that you vote no on HJR 72 and any other bill that would weaken our state’s initiative petition process.



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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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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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WITNESS NAME: JUSTUS PETERSON-RHODES		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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The Initiative Petition process currently in MO allows the people to communicate their wishes and needs. Do not restrict the wishes of those MO residents.



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HJR 72 restricts initiative petitions (IP) and ends majority rule. Thus, it is undemocratic and hurts all Missourians. The wording HJR 72 is misleading in that it does not explain what "a majority of voters in a majority of congressional districts" means.



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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 speaking to many citizens on several different initiative petition drives. We are lucky to be able to speak to a diverse population about several issues over many years. I believe in taking issues directly to our state's citizens and allowing votes on those issues. Most people I speak to want to be able to vote on those issues. The bills being introduced are barriers to people being given a chance to vote.



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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 HJR72 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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This comes down to a common adage "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."HJR 72 should NOT grant the General Assembly exclusive authority to enact laws enforcing provisions of the MOP Constitution relating to initiative petitions. That dilutes our rights to have the initiative petition process. The initiative petition should pass with a 50+% percent of the vote not any other criteria



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I am in opposition to HJR 72 because I believe in the policy of "one person, one vote". I do not want the Missouri Legislature to change the MO Constitution to strip the power of the people to have a fair and valid Initiative Process.



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The 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 am strongly in opposition to ANY changes to the Missouri initiative petitions. Do not mess with our state constitutional right to petition with a 50 plus one vote. Do not silence the rights of Missourians to petition for any purpose!Kathy QuinlanSt. Louis 63124



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My name is Katie Hildebrand, and I am currently gathering signatures for a ballot initiative in Missouri. I grew up in Kansas, where we do not have an initiative petition process, and it's exciting that the place I now call home has a truly democratic process like this available to us. The experience of everyday people being able to talk directly to other everyday people and give them the ability to take part in democracy has been inspiring. Whether people want to sign my petition or not, or whether they want to vote for it or against it, it's really important that every Missouri voter has an equal say in the process, no matter what congressional district they live in. These proposals go against this basic idea of democracy -- one person, one vote, majority rules. I am opposed to this legislation because it would change the direct democracy that Missourians have had access to for over a hundred years, a process which is so important and deserving of protection.



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I've gathered signatures on several initiative petitions in Missouri. Every time, I've been in awe of the process. Citizens talking to other citizens about problems and legislative solutions. I've had hundreds of conversations with registered voters in Missouri, some who agreed with me and signed the petition, others who wanted to think about it and others who disagreed and didn't want to sign, but all the conversations were valuable in that we were able to have dialogue and discourse and really feel engaged in the issues facing our state. I've gathered signatures on initiative petitions that have successfully gotten enough signatures to qualify for the ballot, and some that were unsuccessful. It is a very rigorous process - hundreds of thousands of Missourians must sign with their correct registered voting address, from all parts of the state. Of the initiative petitions that I've gathered signatures on, not all have been passed by Missouri voters once they've gotten on the ballot. But that's what democracy is - one person, one vote - we all get an equal say. And these proposals seek to undermine that and take that valuable piece of democracy away from Missouri voters. 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 change.



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I do not support this. Do not sabotage.



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I am opposed to HJR 72, HJR 102, and HB 1749. Each of these bills makes participation in democracy less obtainable for Missourians. I have volunteered in a number of citizen-initiative efforts over the years, and know the process is very challenging. The many checks and balances keep the initiative petition and referendum tool available for Missouri voters. I assert that passing measures on our ballot should remain 50% + 1. It works for selecting those we send to the legislature, and it is a fair and measured approach for the citizens of Missouri today and in the future.



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Members of the Elections and Elected Officials Committee: Missouri Parks Association is in opposition to HJR 72. This House Joint Resolution to authorize a referendum on citizen-led ballot initiatives threatens the ability of Missouri citizens to participate in our state democracy. Proposing a higher bar for voters than what is currently needed to amend the Missouri Constitution by requiring a simple majority not only statewide but ALSO in a majority of congressional districts (there are eight congressional districts in Missouri), endangers the people's reserved power to propose and enact or reject 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 HJR 72 and any legislation that would put a citizen's right to participate in our democracy in jeopardy. Do not advance HJR 72.



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I oppose the adoption of the concurrent majority requirement with the mechanics and approach proposed in HJR 72. These add excessive regulation to the initiative process and restrict citizen input to Missouri legislative activity. The requirement "by a majority of all votes cast in a majority of Missouri's eight congregational districts" is an unnecessary step in ascertaining the will of Missouri's citizens.



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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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Missouri has a strong history of citizen engagement and participation in governing. It would be a shame and the end of a proud tradition and make it harder for Missourians to use the initiative petition process to address concerns that touch their lives. When politicians fail to address real needs, Missourians of all political stripes can join their neighbors across the state to use the initiative petition for relief. Making the initiative petition process harder only puts more power in the hands of politicians and takes it away from Missourians. Because it will be harder to engage in an initiative petition campaign successfully, it will make it more expensive, increasing the reliance on deep-pocketed special interests. The current process is already difficult, but still, Missourians of goodwill and modest means can still participate. I have volunteered on several campaigns, standing in both extreme heat and extreme cold, meeting my fellow citizens where they live, work, and play to connect with them over issues we value. I ask you to stop this effort to change a wonderful democratic tool that all conservative, moderate, and progressive Missourians can be proud of. Don't throw away 100+ years of history.



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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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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ELIOT UNITARIAN CHAPEL		TITLE: REVEREND	
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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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These bills are dangerous, and would take power away from the citizens of Missouri. It is abhorrent that our legislature would be trying to curtail our rights as Missouri citizens to get issues placed on the ballot. Legislators seem to be betting on the fact that most Missourians don't pay attention to what is going on in Jefferson City.



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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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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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Majority rule is at the heart of democracy.



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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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I strongly oppose the attempt to make it harder for Missourians to have their voices heard.



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Laws should be decided by the majority of the people. Every vote of each individual who is a resident of the state should be heard on all issues. Republicans wanting to take this away are trying to silence people's voices.



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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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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 oppose any attempt to make ballot initiatives harder to achieve by subjecting them to a majority vote in an already unbalanced legislature. Stop discouraging voters from engaging in real reform.



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Missouri voters have been able to rely on the Citizens Initiative Process to have a say on the laws that govern us for over 100 years. This right belongs to the people not to the legislators or any other entity.



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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 say. 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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Do not end majority rule in Missouri! 50% + 1 should be all that's required to pass an initiative petition. This bill will kill our democracy. I'm asking you to vote against it to save democracy in Missouri.



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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 a majority in all eight congressional districts to pass an IP would be onerous and create of situation favoring minority rule. 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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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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Stop trying to take away our voices! I voted against Right to Work. I voted for legalizing marijuana. The citizens of Missouri have a right to bring petitions to the ballot and they should pass by a simple majority vote!



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The statute that initiative petitions can pass by "...not only majority of all votes cast statewide, but also must pass by a majority of all votes cast in a majority of Missouri's eight congressional districts.." does not parallel any governance practice for any other election or balloting process. It is impossible to understand how a separate voting process would 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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These bills are anti-democratic and seek to destroy our system of one person, one vote.



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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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I support SJR 61 as the best way to protect the Missouri Constitution.



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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 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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WITNESS NAME: M'EVIE MEAD		PHONE NUMBER:
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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. 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. 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 urge you to vote no on HJR 72



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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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My name is Madelyn Smith and I have given my time to get signatures for an initiative petition campaign. I believe this process is direct democracy and should not be changed. Making this process more difficult would be an attack on democracy. This process has given me the opportunity to talk directly to my neighbors about issues that we all face. I have seen firsthand the dedication this process takes. I encourage you to stand up for democracy. This process is already very difficult. I have spent numerous hours, as well as my fellow community members in varying weather conditions because I believe in this process. I respectfully encourage you to vote no on this issue. The initiative petition process should stay how it is so we can ensure Missourian's voices are being heard.



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WITNESS NAME: MAGGIE EDMONDSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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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. HJRS 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 HJRS 72, 102, & HB 1749. Thank you.



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I urge you to oppose this bill, which would end majority rule in Missouri. Initiative petitions transcend party lines and bring Missourians together to address the issues they care about. The current process is already rigorous enough, while allowing the majority of the state's citizens to prevail. The so-called concurrent majority removes the time-honored one-person-one-vote tradition. It is unnecessary and destructive to direct democracy.



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The League of Women Voters believes responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people. The citizen initiative petition is the most direct form of voter participation in our democracy and is only used when the citizens feel their voice isn't being heard. This valuable and trusted process has been enshrined in the Missouri Constitution for more than 100 years and has been used for both conservative and progressive issues. It is already a complicated and difficult process to get the thousands of signatures required to get an initiative on the ballot. Making the process even more difficult for no good reason takes away the people's voice. HJR 72 would end majority rule in Missouri since if passed, it would require a concurrent majority of a statewide majority AND a concurrent majority in at least five of Missouri's eight Congressional districts. Although the word "majority" is used here, the proposal for a concurrent majority means that effectively it would actually mean that the minority would rule. Altering the one person one vote tradition will be harmful to the rights each citizen has to have equal standing with every other citizen. Moreover, this legislation refers only to citizen initiatives and doesn't include ballot issues proposed by the legislature to be subject to the same concurrent majority. That would give all the power to the legislature and take away the voice of the people. It also adds a prohibition on any future initiative that might be used to raise taxes or fees on food, real estate or personal property. That gives an unfair advantage to certain industries. Are there any current issues listed as prohibited in our current Constitution? Why are those specific items included in this ballot issue? Ironically, it would take not much more than 100 votes in the legislature to put this proposed initiative on a statewide ballot and a simple majority to pass it. It would most likely be the death knell of any future initiative petitions brought by the people, no matter the subject, no matter the point of view, conservative or progressive. In summary, the League of Women Voters of Missouri opposes any attempts to make it more difficult to get a measure on the ballot or to raise the threshold for approval.



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I oppose any effort to make our first amendment right to petition more difficult or burdensome. We the citizens of Missouri are the ones who decide to petition.



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Please keep the process as is. We need a democracy.



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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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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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I am opposed to any changes in the initiative petition process. Leave it as is. It is already a high bar to meet. Requiring a majority to vote for a IP in all congressional districts is VERY restrictive and shows an unwillingness to allow ordinary citizens to participate in direct democracy



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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 am against this anti-democratic reform to the initiative petition process. I believe that a simple majority of all Missourians who have cast a vote should determine the outcome of an initiated constitutional amendment. I am also opposed to giving the General Assembly exclusive authority to enact laws enforcing provisions of the Missouri Constitution relating to initiative petitions. I think that it is ridiculous to include prohibitions to campaign contributions to candidates or political parties based on their position for or against an IP. Who is going to be the responsible party to read people's minds as to why they are contributing to a candidate or political party? I am not opposed to prohibiting foreign governments from sponsoring initiative petitions and from engaging in electoral activity in support of or opposition to an initiative petition.



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WITNESS NAME: MARYAM WEBSTER		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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HJR 72 and HJR 102, while well intentioned, are NOT the way to address the Initiative Petition process. They are too complicated to present a clear message, and they do not address the core of the issue. IP Reform must be addressed now, but we MUST do it the right way. We MUST pass Concurrent Majority Ratification using state house districts. We MUST support SJR 61.



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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 of your bill that undermines the right of the people of Missouri to directly participate and let their voices be heard in legislation that is important to them in the state of Missouri. Your purpose of your bill is to undermine the will of the people. Everyone's vote should count. No one's vote should be weighted more than another one's vote. Your bill would change that. And just like last year, you add ballot "candy" to the bill by putting in frivolous statements regarding foreign countries. You saw the response of the people during the legislative session last year. We will turn out in even larger numbers this year in order to defeat the dismantling of the initiative petition process.



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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 Joint Resolution No. 72 seeks to change the initiative petition process of Missouri. It makes it more difficult to pass ballot initiatives that amend the Constitution, requiring a majority of all voters statewide as well as the majority of all voters in the majority of Missouri's house of representative's districts. This is the component with which MCE is most concerned. These majority of voter requirements created an unreasonable burden for Missourians seeking to propose policy reforms through the initiative petition process that can meaningfully improve their lives. We have our initiative petition structure to protect our democracy and create a balance between Missourians and their respective elected officials. Voters have confidence in this process because everyone gets an equal chance to vote and make a change. It empowers Missourians to collaborate and speak to issues that directly impact them and their communities 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, Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully urges you to vote "NO" on HJR 72 in order to protect Missouri's initiative petition process. 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 weakens the ability of the citizens of Missouri to make change to our constitution through our efforts and our votes. 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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HJR 72 (congressional district) Please vote against HJR 72. This legislation, which is almost identical to HJR 102, also sets a anti-majority standard meant to contradict the will of the voters. Even if an overwhelming majority of Missourians, along with an overwhelming majority of your own constituents vote in favor of a ballot initiative, it can still fail because of invisible lines that you all drew arbitrarily in 2022. The people of our state should not be held back by politicians, in fact, the people must hold us accountable and do so with our Constitution. The Constitution is the document of the people, protecting them from their government, and this legislation is nothing more than an attempt for you all to avoid accountability to the voters. Missourians should not have to jump through flaming hoops to be able to access our Constitution.



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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 72.



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The initiative petition process is a key way that everyday Missourians can advance meaningful and positive change for the city when the state legislature fails to act. To make it harder for people to have a say in how our state works is a slap in the face to the values we say we hold. I strongly urge all members of the legislature to vote NO on HJR 72.



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As a Missouri citizen, voter and tax payer, I am terrified by the idea of greater restrictions and limits to the citizen initiative petition process. As our elected officials, one would assume our Representatives would understand the constitutional importance of giving citizens their rights have bring issues they care about up for a vote by fellow citizens. To restrict that process is blatant voter suppression and must not be allowed in Missouri.



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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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Stop just stop! The Missouri legislators need to start listening to the people of Missouri! Apparently you don't want to listen hence trying to take away our rights with petitions. You tried to force Right To Work practices and we used the petition to actually ask the people of Missouri what they wanted and the people won! Stop trying to push your views on all of us and let us vote for how we want our state to function on every issue!



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HJR 72 places undue influence in the hands of a select few, subjecting Missourians to their whims. The legislation introduces unconventional and illogical requirements, adding complexity to the process of amending our Constitution by necessitating a majority of House districts to vote in favor, rather than a majority of the overall population. This setup could lead to absurd scenarios where districts with low voter turnout, where a slight majority opposes a ballot measure, hold the power to negate a constitutional amendment supported by an overwhelming majority of Missourians. The legislation grants equal influence to a congressional district with 2,000 votes as one with 150,000 votes. In situations where 1,001 people vote against a ballot measure and 1,000 vote in favor, a constitutional change can be thwarted. This example highlights the potential for the legislation to yield unreasonable outcomes. Moreover, the bill may result in some individuals' votes carrying more weight than others, depending on turnout and the competitiveness of their districts. The legislation may incentivize a campaign focus solely on high-turnout, purple districts, primarily in the suburbs, neglecting city and urban voters. Gerrymandered districts aligned with partisan voting habits might discourage participation in areas with predictable outcomes. This approach diminishes the voices of individuals whose beliefs differ from the prevailing partisanship in their district. Essentially, this legislation poses a threat to democracy by narrowing campaign efforts to select districts, excluding diverse voices and perspectives across the state. It is likely to disenfranchise city and urban voters, who may find themselves as the sole Democrat in their neighborhood or the GOP holdout in their municipality. I urge you to consider the potential harm to democracy and your constituents and vote against this legislation.



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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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No movement on IP



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As a longtime member of the League of Women Voters I am opposed to HJR 72. I've signed initiative petitions in the past and have worked with groups to put issues on the ballot before. The Initiative Petition as is currently stands is an important safeguard for democracy and a way for ordinary citizens to petition their government for things that are important to them. Altering the one person one vote tradition will be harmful to my rights as a citizen to have equal standing with every other citizen. This is one way I have to have my say on important issues that the Missouri legislature might not address. In the past this right has been used by both conservative and progressive causes, sometimes with success and sometimes not. Please don't make changes in this process that make it more difficult for citizens to have a say on issues important to them.



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Does not support the constitution to pass these bills.



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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 petition process allows Missouri citizens to put important measures on the ballot and have historically been relevant and expressed the will of the people. This bill makes that process even more difficult than it is even though there is no sign of the existing process being problematic. The bill allows the threats of a few push through bills that are not needed or wanted in Missouri and actually limit our freedom and right to let our priorities be known and put up for a statewide vote. Do not pass this bill.



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I am a Missouri constituent and voter who has volunteered for grassroots efforts, and I strongly oppose HJR72 and its proposed changes to Missouri's initiative process. HJR72 would 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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I do not agree with the moves to make it more difficult to pass a citizen initiative petition. We either are a state, or we are not, and I think the requirement that the IP pass in every Congressional district is ridiculous. It is enough to say it must pass in the state, period. We do not elect our U.S. Senators on the basis of having to pass in every Congressional district, so I think it is manipulative to require such a thing for an initiative. For similar reasons, I think it is wrong to pass a resolution delineating the required font size and margin for initiative petitions. We are better than this as a state.



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My name is Nichell Hunter, and 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 to 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 the people decide-once voice, one vote.



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The Association appreciates the opportunity to present written testimony regarding HJR 72. The Association opposes the joint resolution.HJR 72 would raise the approval requirement for constitutional amendments to a statewide majority plus a concurrent majority in at least five of Missouri's eight Congressional districts. The Association supports removing barriers for eligible citizens to vote and participate politically. The initiative petition process is already a significant and challenging effort. The Association is concerned that this change would make the process more difficult and that the initiative petition process would no longer be a realistic option for Missouri citizens to bring issues of concern forward for public consideration.On behalf of the Association, I thank you for the opportunity to offer our testimony on this issue.



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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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HJR 72 Missouri has amended the constitution since enacting the constitution with a simple majority of votes cast statewide. This resolution requires any amendment to the constitution to receive a majority of the votes cast both statewide as well as a majority of the state's congressional districts for approval. This resolution grants the General Assembly exclusive authority to enact laws enforcing provisions of the Missouri Constitution relating to initiative petitions. This provision takes away the power related to the petition process from the citizens of the state to amend the constitution and makes it the exclusive rights of the General Assembly to enact laws. Respectfully submitted by Patricia M. Bartholme, 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 volunteered from time to time 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 HJR72 because it ends majority rule by requiring constitutional IPs to pass by majority of all votes cast plus a majority of Missouri’s 163 state representative districts. Moreover it would require IPs to pass by majority of all votes cast statewide + majority MO’s?8 congressional districts. In addition, IPs are limited in scope by this bill. No IPs related to food or property taxes. What next? The state constitution did not limit the scope of the IP. There is no reason to do so now. I don’t think we need to worry about foreign countries sponsoring initiatives since foreign countries are not, under any condition of which I am aware, Missouri citizens.



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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 Dougherty Retired Representative Retired Senator 136 Nassau Herculaneum, 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 the concept of one person, one vote. Stop trying to make some votes count for more than others.



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I oppose HJR 72. I want my voice to be heard.



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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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WITNESS NAME: PETER SCHNEEBERGER		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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WITNESS NAME: PETER SPOTTS		PHONE NUMBER:
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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: PEYTON LYNN STROUP		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: plstroup@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 2:18 PM
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Initiative petitions are essential to our government and should not be restricted in any way, shape, or form. Missouri has had an initiative petition process in place for over 100 years. Previous Missouri governor John Ashcroft once said, "It is through the initiative process that those who have no influence with elected representatives may take their cause directly to the people." Initiative petitions keep the people intimately connected to their government, and gives a voice to those otherwise unheard. It is a sacred and trusted right of the citizens of this state. It should not be restricted in any way that impedes or ends its usefulness. To attack the initiative petition is to directly attack democracy itself.



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WITNESS NAME: RACHEL JAMIESON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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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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WITNESS NAME: RANDEE STEFFEN		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: randee_steffen@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/20/2024 3:56 PM
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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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WITNESS NAME: RAYMOND JAMES		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: raymondjames552@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 9:58 AM
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I oppose anything that reduces democracy. Let the people petition without raising cost, number of signatures or number of votes needed.



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA ENGELKE		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: beccaengelke@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 8:12 PM
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I do not support HJR 72. Do not sabotage the citizens petition.



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA HEIDEN		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: jabby@snet.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 5:43 PM
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I strongly oppose this bill. Simple popular vote is sufficient to determine the will of the people of Missouri.



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Strongly opposed to this bill as popular vote is sufficient in determining the will of the people of Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA JANE RICHARDSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: rr@axisarchkc.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 4:02 PM
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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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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA MCCOY		PHONE NUMBER:
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Legislators work for us, not their donors. They are trying to take away the people's right to bring up subjects they refuse to cover in their legislative sessions. The will of the people is what drives our representative democracy. We must not let them take away our right to petition.



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA WATSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: REBEKAH BERKOWITZ		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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WITNESS NAME: REBEKAH MASSMANN		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: rmassmann@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/23/2024 2:30 PM

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



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WITNESS NAME: REESE E. FORBES		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: forbes.reese@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/23/2024 9:03 AM
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I oppose all bills which suppress, in any way, the people's right to form initiative petitions.



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WITNESS NAME: REV. CARLETON STOCK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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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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WITNESS NAME: REV. DOUGLAS SMITH		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: dougnslp@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 6:29 PM
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I am a 77 year old male who has voted consistently. I am also a retired pastor who views our American democracy's universal right to vote and upholding the majority's vote as sacred. The proposed legislation in HJR 72 enables only one of Missouri's 8 Congressional Districts to defeat an initiative regardless of the voting outcome in the other Districts. This opens the door to undue influence of a person or group who focuses on one of the Districts to defeat the will of the majority in the 7 other Districts. Passage of such a bill can and will be seen as another instance of enabling persons of great wealth to put their thumb on the scales of our democracy.



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WITNESS NAME: REV. STEVEN MICHAEL ANDREWS		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: smandrews@ymail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 12:36 PM
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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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WITNESS NAME: RHONDA RIGGS		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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WITNESS NAME: RICHARD GOLDBERG		PHONE NUMBER:
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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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WITNESS NAME: RIKE REUTER-HART		PHONE NUMBER:
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Initiative Petitions are the best way to make our voices heard in MO. Legislators need be able to understand and follow the will of the people. Please do not take our voice away.



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WITNESS NAME: RIVA CAPELLARI		PHONE NUMBER:
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Each vote should be weighted equally. Allowing districts with low population to be equal to larger districts is an unfair and unequal distribution of votes. One voter, one vote.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT BLISS		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: wyllys@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/22/2024 7:18 AM
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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 HJR 72 should fail. Let MO voters speak!



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT CAMPBELL		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: Bobcam69@charter.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 1:49 PM
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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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EMAIL: cerrmj@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/21/2024 5:27 PM
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I can't be anymore opposed to this bill. This is an outright attempt to remove the right of the citizens of Missouri to self governance. Forget the eye candy in the bill about not allowing taxes to be raised or funding by foreign interests, the whole point of this Bill is to make it harder for citizens to pass popular legislation on their own when the legislature will not act on things that the majority of Missouri Citizens want and demand.



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Representative Lewis has been a great champion and visionary of ratification reform, particularly using Concurrent Majority Ratification. He deserves to be the House handler on that issues.-But HJR 72 and HJR 102 are the WRONG bills.-The main problem with these bills is that they would amend the wrong Article of the Constitution. Article XII is actually the "Amending the Constitution" article, but HJR 72 and 102 amend Article III. Consequently, those HJRs do not apply to ALL the ways Constitutional amendments can be proposed.- In fact, HJR 72 and 102 ONLY raise the bar on petition proposed amendments, and voters will appropriately think that is an arrogant move of the General Assembly and will reject it.- These bills can not be fixed without being tied up for months in court and a grave risk of the courts ruling against them on Hammerschmidt grounds, especially in light of the December 19, 2023 Supreme Court opinion in the Byrd case.



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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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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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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	
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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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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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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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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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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 HJR 72.



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**There is no need for a concurrent majority. Our current IP system gives EVERYONE an equal voice.
This amendment is unnecessary.**



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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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As a lifelong Missouri resident, I am increasingly shocked, outraged, and sickened by the continual attempts to disenfranchise voters, take away rights, and to force an extreme ideology on the state's residents during the past 15 to 20 years. Too many of our state officials have demonstrated little regard for the rights, health, and personal freedom to which we are entitled and HJR 72 is yet another such attempt. I believe that the intent of HJR 72 is to severely suppress the ability of Missourians to participate in the legislative process. It is a flagrant attempt to limit the people's right to exert their own influence and values on the laws that we live by. There is nothing contained in the bill that is put forth in good faith or in the best interest of everyday Missourians. It does not improve the process by which residents are able to access the ballot or even pretend that our ability to use an IP to engage in the democratic process is a right worthy of protection. On the contrary, the benefit is strictly for unscrupulous state authorities and the only thing it seeks to protect is their power and control over Missourians. If passed, HJR 72 will stifle the public's voice while further strengthening the extreme members of the legislative majority's ability to ignore the demands of their constituents. In addition, this bill proposes unethical changes to the way our votes are counted with regard to an IP. HJR 72 will eliminate the long-held practice of using a statewide, 'simple majority' count of voters and replace it with a blatantly unfair and undemocratic method of counting Congressional districts, thereby disenfranchising the vast majority of Missouri voters. The proposed ballot wording for HJR 72 is disingenuous and designed to confuse, disinform, and possibly frighten particular groups of voters. It places restrictions on Missouri residents' freedom of speech by disregarding residents that are not registered voters, banning certain subject matter from IP eligibility, forbidding contributions to a candidate or political party based on their support of an IP, and restricting the way that IPs can be funded. HJR 72 is the product of extremist members of the MO Legislature who are determined to silence those who oppose them. Their purpose is to maintain their power in the state for their own benefit and to undermine the rights and disregard the will of Missouri residents.



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WITNESS NAME: SHARON SCHNEEBERGER		PHONE NUMBER:
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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 HJR 72.



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I strongly oppose all attempts to change the Mo. ballot initiative. Nothing should be altered in the wording of this process



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The IP process has worked over the years for all political perspectives. LEAVE IT ALONE. Missourians do not want this right usurped by the Legislature.



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As a voter in Missouri I am adamantly against all of these initiatives & petition reforms. All these seek to do is silence the voices of voters by making it even more difficult to get a ballot initiative before the voters.



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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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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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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 or changing the requirements for where or how petitions are collected is anti-democratic. I haven't always agreed with initiatives that are made the ballot. When that happens I have voted against them and asked others to do the same. That is how democracy works. Thank you.



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It appears to me that if this bill is passed, the voices of the people you represent will be silenced or greatly restricted. This is not representative of a democracy.



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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. I am against 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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This unAmerican resolution would end majority rule. A simple majority vote is the American way and should be sufficient.



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Initiative petitions are vital to preserve the true voice of the public in our state. The legislature frequently is out of step with the citizens of Missouri.



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I am opposed to any change in the spirit or writing 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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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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Put this on the ballot...let the people vote. Stop allowing republicans to gut our freedoms.



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HJR 72 makes it more difficult to pass ballot initiatives that amend the Constitution.**



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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.



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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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HJR 102 and HJR 72 only pertain to initiative petitions by outside groups but do not apply to any initiative petition offered by the legislature, which will be DOA with voters and could also result in opposition filing legal challenges. So I oppose these bills.



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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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IP ratification reform is imperative to stop progressives from adding poisonous amendments to the MO constitution, but these two IP Ratification Reforms will not accomplish this goal. - specifically related to Article III, Section 51 of the MO constitution; better if written in Article XII of the MO constitution - only pertains to IPs from outside groups, not from the legislature, which voters will reject - does not address any Constitutional Convention proposed amendments - filled with confusing language that voters will reject



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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 and 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 has been used 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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This bill to change the initiative petitions process is anti-democratic and takes away the voice of the majority of Missourians. Missourians should have an equal voice. Requiring passage by a majority of all votes cast in a majority of Missouri's eight congressional districts is anti-democratic and takes away the power of the people. I strongly oppose this bill.



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HJR 72 is an attempt to end majority rule and strip Missourians' power. Since 1907, the people of Missouri have had the citizen initiative petition process, an important tool of direct democracy. HJR 72 is a power grab that directly undermines the citizen initiative petition process and makes it easier for politicians to overturn the public's vote. 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 don't support any of these bills. Stop changing the rules to achieve your own objectives. Leave the initiative petition process alone.



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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 Tori Patrick, and I am a Missouri voter and active in my community. I have enjoyed gathering signatures for multiple initiative petitions since moving to Missouri. The issues I organize around unite my community even though we may disagree on other points. It gives me opportunity to better get to know my neighbors and speak out about the issues I feel my Government and legislature isn't prioritizing. I vote in every election. I understand when my issue or candidate loses. But I also understand my right, as a Missourian, to organize around an issue and petition with my neighbors when we feel we must, in order to move our government in the direction we'd like to see. This right is enshrined in our Constitution, passed down to us from generations of Missourians. It is severely disheartening that it would be removed simply because of its successes - because of how many successful petitions Missourians have gotten on the Ballot. It will harm every Missourian voter to come after me. It is not right to deprive the future generations of this right. I urge you to vote no. Thank you.



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HJR 72 proposes to undermine Missouri’s initiative petition process for amending Missouri’s constitution by making it more difficult for citizens to achieve desired changes. Under Missouri’s constitution, a simple majority is required to pass a constitutional amendment proposed by citizen initiative. HJR 72, however, not only requires a constitutional amendment to receive a majority of votes statewide, but also concurrently win a majority of votes cast in five of Missouri’s eight congressional districts. Placing a higher bar for passage of citizen initiative petitions takes away rights embedded in Missouri’s constitution. Constitutional amendments passed by the legislature, however, would still require only a simple majority of statewide votes for passage. It is unfair for Citizen Initiative Petition ballots to have a higher vote requirement than ballots from the state legislature. I ask you to oppose HJR 72. Thank you for considering my opinion on this resolution. Winifred Colwill



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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 all three of these bills. Please do not pass these bills.



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