



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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| WITNESS NAME | | | |
| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: BENJAMIN J TRAVLOS | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-893-1400 | |
| REPRESENTING: MO FARM BUREAU | | TITLE: DIRECTOR OF STATE LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS | |
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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 gatherers 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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| WITNESS NAME: DON BICKHAUS | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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Need this to properly represent all communities of voters across this state...Let's get this done NOW!



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| WITNESS NAME: ELIZABETH FRANKLIN | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: LINDA GREEN | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
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I am very much in favor of immediately restoring voting rights upon release to the formerly incarcerated. The laws of this country directly affect them and they should have the right to vote for or against those who make those laws. Also, just as we should try to eradicate racial bias in convictions, we should also try to eradicate it in the right to vote.



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| WITNESS NAME | | |
| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: SAMUEL H. LEE | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-368-4242 |
| REPRESENTING: CAMPAIGN FOR LIFE MISSOURI | | TITLE: |
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| CITY: ST. LOUIS | | STATE: MO |
| | | ZIP: 63114 |
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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: ZE'EV SMASON | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-749-5271 |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: COALITION FOR JEWISH VALUES MISSOURI | | TITLE: RABBI |
| ADDRESS: 19 BON HILLS DR. | | |
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I heartily support HJR 86, that requires any measure referred to the people to receive a majority of votes statewide and in a majority of the state Senate districts for approval. This bill prevents the possibility of a handful of Senate districts from having an outsized and unrepresentative influence on the outcome of a measure put to the voters. HJR 86 ensures that any measure passed truly reflects the will of Missouri's citizens by requiring both a majority of votes AND a majority of state Senate districts for approval. Thank you, Rep. Black, for this wise and important bill.



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| WITNESS NAME: AMANDA IWASYSZYN | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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Theses bills seek to take away our rights to one person oje vote. A right MO folks have had for over 100 years.



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| WITNESS NAME: AMANDA MATHEU | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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I oppose.



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| WITNESS NAME: AMANDA MICHEL | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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One voter one vote.



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| WITNESS NAME: AMBER BENGE | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
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Vehemently oppose. It's disgraceful to take the power of the people away from this state.



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| WITNESS NAME | | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: AMY HAMMERMAN | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-993-5181 |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: 295 N. LINDBERGH BLVD. | | |
| CITY: ST. LOUIS | | STATE: MO |
| | | ZIP: 63141 |
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| WITNESS NAME: AMY MCCARTHY | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: ANDREW AMIDEI | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: ANDREW LABEAUME | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
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I don't think we should be taking away rights if individuals. Until you walk a mile in someone's shoes let's not judge, and limit one's rights.



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| WITNESS NAME: ANGELA ALLEN | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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To close the opportunity for Missourians to voice legislatively their concerns goes against the state constitution. It is an aspect of our constitution that we should be proud and protective of as it is nonpartisan and allows for laws drafted that benefit the majority of the state.



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| WITNESS NAME: ANGIE J BROYLES | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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I oppose!



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| WITNESS NAME: ANN STEPP | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: APRIL BAUER | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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I oppose these measures that seek to limit the power of the people!



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| WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
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| EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com | ATTENDANCE: In-Person | SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2024 11:48 PM |
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| WITNESS NAME: ASHLEY ALLEN | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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As a lifelong Missourian, I strongly oppose this amendments which only seek to remove the voice of the average Missouri citizen and give more power to corrupt politicians. Missourians deserve a say in the way our state is governed. As our state motto says, Salus populi suprema lex esto "Let the good of the people be the supreme law".



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| WITNESS NAME: ASHLEY O'DANIEL | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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| WITNESS NAME: BÉLA C HOLZER | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: BEN COWELL | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: BENJAMIN JOSEPH MURRAY | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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I am writing to express my **STRONG OPPOSITION** to the proposed bill HJR 86, sponsored by Rep. John Black in the 102nd General Assembly. HJR 86 proposes an amendment to the Constitution of Missouri that upon voter approval changes the requirements for any measure referred to the people to not only receive a majority of votes statewide, but also in a majority of the state Senate districts for approval. This anti-democratic bill effectively undermines the principle of "one person, one vote" by giving disproportionate power to certain districts, regardless of their population size. Furthermore, this bill could potentially disenfranchise many legal United States citizens who are residents of the great state of Missouri. The actual effect of the bill would be to limit the ability of Missouri citizens to effect change through the ballot box. I urge you to oppose this bill and to work towards preserving and expanding the rights of all Missouri residents. It is the role of the legislature to ensure that the rights and freedoms of all Missouri residents are preserved. HJR 76 does the opposite, and only serves to chip away at our freedom for the benefit of a very small number of individuals. Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely, Benjamin Murray



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| WITNESS NAME: BERNADETTE HOLZER | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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I will share my stories of my experiences with the Initiative Petition, and why we need certain Initiatives on the November ballot.



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| WITNESS NAME: BETHANY MANN | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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I oppose these efforts to make it harder for Missourians to put issues on the ballot. The thresholds for petitions should be lowered without undue or prohibitive cost for citizens. It should be easier for voter's voices to be heard.



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The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy that allows Missourians to be able to vote on issues important to them. When the legislature fails to address these issues, the initiative petition gives power to ordinary citizens. This bill limits the voice of the citizens of the state by adding restrictions and changing the bar for passage. The initiative process, as it is now, has been a part of the MO constitution for 100 years and MO voters rely on and expect this right to be preserved. The process is already rigorous and expensive, connecting with hundreds of thousands of voters statewide to sign on before a measure even gets considered for the ballot. It costs millions to reach out to citizens across the state. Adding additional barriers does nothing more than censure the voice of the people. The current ballot initiative process is a non-partisan tool to address citizens' priorities. The ballot initiative process is the only recourse voters have when politicians fail to address the issues that matter to them. I oppose attempts to change the Initiative petition process . Do not raise the threshold for passage to 54%. Keep one person, one vote in Missouri.



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I oppose any changes to the Missouri's citizens' initiative petition. There is nothing wrong with the current system. The initiative petition process has been used many times by citizens to enact legislation that improved Missouri for all Missourians. The process has also been used to protect Missourians' rights from special interests and short-sighted politicians. Missourians believe in majority rule, not weakening it by surrendering their power to Culture War driven radical politicians. The MO GOP has already gerrymandered the voting districts. Changing the petition process would allow 40.1% of Missouri voters to overrule 59.9% of other Missouri voters & give the Minority an oversized power. One person, one vote. Do not approve this bill.



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I oppose this legislation because it overturns the principle of one person one vote. Our vote is already suppressed with unfairly drawn districts, and you seek to give those districts even more weight. I will keep it simple because the truth is simple; this is not right. If you have the will to do what is right, you will withdraw this bill from consideration.



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This amendment alters a process that has been in place for a century. There is nothing wrong with the current initiative process. This amendment would put an undue burden on the citizens of Missouri to determine their legislation.



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This bill tries to silence the voice of voters. One person = one vote.



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Missouri residents deserve to continue to have our voices and votes heard.



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Since 1907 our state has allowed citizens to add important issues to the ballot via IP using one person as one vote. Seeking to strip individuals voices is going against our basic beliefs within this state we have held for over 100 years. We elect public servants to represent us but nothing represents us better than our own voice.



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| WITNESS NAME: BYRON KEELIN | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-402-0655 |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PRESIDENT | | TITLE: PRESIDENT |
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We are opposed to this bill because this bill while setting up the requirement for concurrent majority ratification as a component for approving ballot initiatives, uses senate districts and not state house districts. If we want to truly protect our constitution, we must set up CMR using state house districts to guarantee the rural voter's voices are heard.



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Oppose!



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My name is Christine Wallach and I am submitting commits related to current legislation in committee which would change the initiative petition process in Missouri. I am concerned about HJR 76, HJR 86, and HJR 119 . Because these bills are similar, I am including the same testimony for each. I am over seventy years old and have spent most of those years in the state of Missouri where I have voted in most elections, including those for school board. I have also participated in the initiative petition process, collecting signatures, and also voting on issues that have made it to the ballot. The current process has worked for over one hundred years and I do not feel that it needs any changes. The current proposed pieces of legislation are written to make it more difficult for people to use the process to bring ideas before the voters and then to be passed. The initiative petition gives power to the people to directly propose state laws and amendments to the state constitution. It has been used by those labeled both as conservative and liberal. It gives power to the citizens and I am not sure why the state legislature would want to diminish that. In our country we believe in one person, one vote. These proposed bills take that away. It changes the system by inserting criteria related to the state districts. They also take away the idea of the majority rule. I believe all of these bills take power away from the people and take away our founding principles of one person one vote. I respectfully request that these bills be defeated.



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No changes to the Citizens initiative petition



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This bill is anti-democratic



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I am writing to express my fervent support for maintaining and, if anything, further streamlining the initiative petition process. This democratic mechanism has long served as a cornerstone of citizen participation in the legislative process, allowing individuals to actively shape public policy and hold elected officials accountable. I firmly believe that any attempt to make the initiative petition process more arduous would be detrimental to the principles of inclusivity, civic engagement, and the overall health of our democratic system. Here are several compelling reasons why we should resist any efforts to make the initiative petition process harder:

Empowering Citizen Voices: The initiative petition process is a powerful tool that empowers ordinary citizens to have a direct impact on legislation. It enables individuals and grassroots movements to bring important issues to the forefront, ensuring that the concerns of diverse communities are heard and addressed.

Counteracting Legislative Inertia: In many cases, the initiative process serves as a necessary counterbalance to legislative inertia. When the traditional legislative process fails to address pressing issues, citizens can step in to propose and enact changes, promoting a more responsive and adaptive governance.

Encouraging Civic Participation: Making the initiative petition process more accessible encourages greater civic engagement. It fosters a sense of responsibility and involvement among citizens, reinforcing the idea that everyone has a stake in the democratic process. Restricting this avenue could discourage participation and undermine the democratic ethos.

Diverse Perspectives and Innovation: The initiative process allows for a diverse range of perspectives to be considered, preventing a single group or entity from monopolizing policy decisions. By preserving this inclusivity, we foster an environment where innovative ideas can emerge, leading to solutions that may not have been considered within the confines of traditional legislative channels.

Protecting Against Special Interests: A more accessible initiative petition process helps safeguard against the undue influence of special interests. By allowing citizens to directly propose and vote on measures, we create a system that is less susceptible to manipulation by well-funded lobbying groups, ensuring that policies align more closely with the needs and desires of the general public.

In conclusion, the initiative petition process is a vital component of our democratic system, promoting citizen engagement, responsiveness, and a diversity of perspectives. Efforts to make this process more challenging could inadvertently weaken the foundation of our democratic principles. Instead, let us strive to enhance transparency, accessibility, and public education to ensure a robust and effective initiative petition process that truly reflects the will of the people.



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The people of MO deserve a mechanism to get things done when the Legislature refuses to act on the will of the people. We need to be able to ensure that the Legislature cannot undo what the people want.



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I am opposed to any change to the current Initiative Petition process. It's been in place for 100 years and both parties have used. Don't try to deny direct democracy from Missourians.



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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION | | TITLE: DIRECTOR | |
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I'm concerned that the super majority of conservatives in the Missouri General Assembly are attempting to circumvent the majority of Missouri citizens.



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Thank you, Madam Chair and Members of the Committee, for the opportunity to testify. My name is Elizabeth Franklin and I live in a rural area/on acreage outside Plattsburg MO. I am retired, having served 35 years for the U.S. Army, and testify on my own behalf, on my own time and receive NO monetary support. I do not support HJR 86 and am submitting testimony in opposition. The requirement to have a constitutional amendment pass by both statewide majority and majority of state senate districts will very likely create rule by minority, undermining the will of all Missourians. Measures currently must pass by a statewide majority without regard to acreage or zip code which fairly reflects the will of ALL Missourians. ONE PERSON ONE VOTE. My acreage gives my vote no more 'weight' than my niece who pays rent for a downtown KC apartment with no land. This is NOT PARTISAN. As you well know, the House hearing held last week on three IP HJRs amassed 1,393 pages of witness testimony; 18 pages in favor and 1,375 pages in opposition. THAT's a majority. Considering lobbyist who represent groups (in favor and opposed); it's still a whopping 98.7% pages of testimony in opposition. Missourians are sending clear communication to leave the IP process alone! Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony; I URGE you to vote NO.



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Please oppose this bill



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The people of Missouri deserve the right to representation and input into what happens in their state. Removing that right is ridiculous and undermines democracy itself.



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I was pleased to attend via video today's hearing. I want to register my opposition to any changes which weight some people's votes stronger than other people's votes. Of course the majority needs to take into account the needs of the minority, but one person one vote is the only democratic way to go. (People who don't believe in abortion should not have one, but they don't have the right to legislate what other people can or cannot do. They can try to persuade them, but must not make laws about other people's bodies!)



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I am writing in strong opposition to any bills limiting Missourians' ability to exercise our constitutional right to propose and pass issues we care about on the ballot. The initiative petition process is a fundamental pillar of democracy. The United States political system is primarily about consent of the governed and preventing consolidation of power. Though electing representatives serves this purpose, even they can disappoint and the initiative petition is a vital tool for citizens to exercise their rights. Citizen-led initiatives are an important way for Missouri voters to improve their quality of life and assert their needs and priorities. In my own short lifetime (I am 22), I have seen the petition process used by citizens four times to pass policies which the legislature opposed. The legislature should follow the will of the people instead of attempting to grab power by limiting our ability to make decisions for ourselves. If you cannot truly represent our will as an elected official we reserve the right to correct you through the initiative process. Democracy means that we all get 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. The initiative petition process belongs to the people of Missouri, not to legislators in Jefferson City. I strongly urge you to vote NO on any bills that intend to undermine the citizen initiative process.



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Equal representation means every vote is equal, and majority rules. Do not try to take away our right to make our vote count.



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This bill is an attack on democracy. The initiative petition process is the only avenue for direct participatory in Missouri. Do not weaken this process.



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I strongly oppose this amendments that undermines our democratic rights as Missouri citizens



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I firmly oppose making changes. I do not want to see this process change.



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| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: PdxJane@msn.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2024 3:06 PM |
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**Our current process for initiatives is the only thing that lets me feel I have any sense of being heard.
Our current legislators constantly vote for things that most of us Missourians do not want.**



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| WITNESS NAME: JASMINE CHING | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: JEANETTE MOTT OXFORD | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-289-4303 |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: PARAQUAD | | TITLE: PUBLIC POLICY & ADVOCACY MANAGER |
| ADDRESS: 5240 OAKLAND AVENUE | | |
| CITY: ST. LOUIS | STATE: MO | ZIP: 63110 |
| EMAIL: joxford@paraquad.org | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 7:06 PM |
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Paraquad is one of the oldest and largest independent living centers in the country. Centers for Independent Living are unique because more than 50% of our board and staff are people with disabilities. To carry out our mission, it is essential that the voices of people with disabilities be heard and valued in local, state, and federal government proceedings. We oppose HJR 86. The initiative petition process is one of the only avenues open to people with disabilities after we have brought concerns to the General Assembly year after year but see no action to solve the problems we share. Repeatedly we expressed the suffering associated with lack of affordable health insurance and wages too low to pay for food and shelter. When the General assembly took no action to help, we worked with our allies to win changes by initiative petition. In the past and continuing today, we sound the alarm about the lack of affordable, healthy, and accessible housing and public transportation in Missouri. It would be an uphill climb to put a solution to these problems on a ballot by initiative petition, let alone to secure a simple majority of voters, but we want to preserve that option.



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| CITY: | | STATE: | ZIP: |
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| WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER ABDEL-AZIM | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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These resolutions are part of a slew of legislation filed by Missouri Republicans to dismantle our initiative petition process of one person = one vote.



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| WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER BIERMANN | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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| CITY: | | STATE: | ZIP: |
| EMAIL: jengril1105@gmail.com | | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 9:33 PM |
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| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: jennnolan.rn@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 9:32 PM |
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Dismantling citizens' rights to our 1 person 1 vote initiative petition process is the ultimate act against democracy. The right of citizens to have a government that is for the people, by the people, and of the people is a primary tenant of the United States. Any politician voting for this does not believe in the democratic process and should not continue to hold their office. The fact that this is the top priority of this session of the Missouri legislature says a lot about the motivations of the majority party, and it has nothing to do with the will of the Missouri voters.



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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
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| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: jenn.selke.ramirez@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 10:09 PM |

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I oppose these bills because they diminish the rights of all citizens of the state of Missouri. These bills will silence the voices of the masses and further complicate and muddle the process of ordinary citizens participating in and having voice in our governmental processes. I will not sit quietly and allow my voice to be extinguished.



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| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: JEREMY J LAFAVER | | PHONE NUMBER: 816-654-3666 | |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI BUDGET PROJECT; EMPOWER MISSOURI | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: 612 WEST 69TH STREET | | | |
| CITY: KANSAS CITY | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 64113 |
| EMAIL: Jeremylafaver@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 9:00 AM | |

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The Missouri Budget Project is opposed to this legislation.



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| WITNESS NAME: JESSICA RISENHOOVER | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: jrisenhoover@ymail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 9:39 PM |
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I am opposed to any changes to the Initiative Petition process.



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| WITNESS NAME: JOAN GENTRY | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: joangentry2012@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2024 11:40 AM |
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I am adamantly opposed HJR 86 and any other bill that changes the Initiative Process as it now exists. These bills are an affront to the direct democracy process. Thank you for reading this. Joan Gentry HD 136



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| WITNESS NAME: JODI WALSH | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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| EMAIL: walsh27@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 9:13 PM |
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I am in strong opposition to this Constitutional Amendment. It k you are doing anything good for MO by writing hate & division in to law.is ridiculous to thin



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| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: johanna_daudsyah@hotmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 10:42 PM |
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I deserve a right to vote.



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| WITNESS NAME: JOHN BOWMAN | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-322-4441 | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NAACP | | TITLE: PRESIDENT | |
| ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 210464 | | | |
| CITY: SAINT LOUIS | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 63121 |
| EMAIL: jbowman@naacpstlouiscounty.org | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/24/2024 10:26 AM | |

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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NAACP ST LOUIS COUNTY | | TITLE: PRESIDENT | |
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| CITY: SAINT LOUIS | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 63121 |
| EMAIL: jbowman@naacpstlouiscounty.org | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/26/2024 6:02 PM | |
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| WITNESS NAME: JOHNATHON CUNNINGHAM | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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| EMAIL: johnathondcunningham@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 10:13 PM |

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I do not support the Republican Bill's attempting to rob each and every legal voter of their individual power to make changes that align with the majority of the state.



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| WITNESS NAME: JONATHAN | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: jpgartin@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/24/2024 1:16 PM |
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My name is Jonathan Gartin and I am writing to oppose changes to the Missouri initiative petition process from the Missouri State legislator. Specifically HJR 86. 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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| EMAIL: jonathan.dddenning@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 10:54 PM |
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The Missouri GOP want to make initiative petitions more difficult to succeed because it undermines their own power. They are showing that they do not care about the will of the people. They know there are a whole list of issues that are more popular among the majority than just their party. They are flailing and trying to put up roadblocks, rather than embracing what the majority of Missourians support. They are scared that initiative petitions will continue to be a voice of change within Missouri.



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| WITNESS NAME: JONATHAN SCHMID | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-652-3114 |
| REPRESENTING: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MISSOURI | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: 906 OLIVE STREET, SUITE 1130 | | |
| CITY: ST. LOUIS | | STATE: MO |
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Dear Honorable Representative, I am against all of the HJR IP bills including HJR 86 that wishes to change the IP process that wants to change the Majority Rule process. That really doesn't sound honest at all. We already have a IP process in our MO Constitution that is fair. Thank you.



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I am oppo to this legislation



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Do Not Do This. It is time for you to stop overriding the vote of the people. I'm confused why people keep voting in people who then try to override positions that we the people vote for, for example, right to work, Medicare expansion, puppy mills. Stop with the changes to the initiative petition process. If 50.1% of people take the time to show up and vote, the outcome should be respected. Dang. Do the right thing. Stop fighting just for power. You should be ashamed of yourselves. Look at the other states that tried this. You are OVERREACHING here.



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I oppose.



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We the people deserve our vote. Do not dismantle our initiative petition process of one person=one vote. We will NOT be shut out of the ballot box.



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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 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



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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS STL | | TITLE: | |
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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI PARKS ASSOCIATION | | TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR | |
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Missouri Parks Association is in opposition to HJR 86. 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 a “majority of votes cast thereon in each of more than half of the state senate districts” (there are 34 state senate 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. Furthermore, requiring a majority of voters in 18 state senate districts in addition to a majority of the total voters in the state seeks to disenfranchise voters in the more populous counties by treating their votes as less than other counties and is undemocratic. 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 86 and any legislation that would put a citizen’s right to participate in our democracy in jeopardy. Do not advance HJR 86.



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Each person who is a citizen of this country and this state, and is of lawful voting age, should be free to vote and have no impediments placed in their way. If this harms any political party, then they should change their stance to propose policies that are supported by a majority of voting-eligible citizens. Failing to win that majority says everything about a failed policy. Standing in the way of people's right to vote is anti-democratic and undermines the republic in which we live.



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In opposition to the majority vote statewide Senate district approvals.



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One person = one vote. The entire country sees what you're trying to do. Leave our initiative petition process alone. You do not speak for us, we do. If you feel your district's voters are being silenced, encourage them to vote. Missouri had an abysmal 51% voter turnout for the November 2022 election. Reasons given for these egregious bills and their attempt to eliminate majority rule always include the idea that rural voters aren't being heard. Technically that is mathematically impossible considering again that our Initiative Process is a very simple one vote for each voter. Fortunately, there are ways that you can help ensure that your constituent's voices are heard at the ballot box without stripping Missourians of our voices and our freedoms. How, you ask? Happy to help! Here's what YOU need to do as a state representative in YOUR district: -Go door to door ensuring EVERY voter is registered to vote. -Make sure EVERY voter understands Missouri's voter ID laws. -Help EVERY voter understand absentee voting and make sure they have access to their ballot. -Let EVERY voter know where their polling place is. -Find out if EVERY voter has a ride on election day. Now go do your job and leave our democracy (yes, democracy) alone, you tyrants.



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Stop taking away the voice of Missouri voters. One person should equal one vote, and there shouldn't be any additional hurdles or requirements added.



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Missourians deserve to have a fair opportunity to petition changes to our constitution and laws. These amendments suppress the voices of Missourians. This system has worked just fine and there is no reason to change it. One person, one vote.



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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 76, 86, & 119 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 76, 86, & 119. Thank you.



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As a volunteer on several ballot initiatives, I have learned that Missourians are united on some issues regardless of political party. The initiative petition process allows us to participate directly in our democracy, exercising majority rule, and it has worked effectively for over 100 years. Majority rule is the bedrock of democracy and every vote should count equally, but this bill does not honor that principle. If adopted, it would require a two-step threshold that amounts to minority rule. Please oppose this bill.



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I am in opposition to HJR 86



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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 86 would end majority rule in Missouri since if passed, it would require a concurrent majority of a statewide majority AND a concurrent majority of the state senate 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. 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 am opposed to the constitutional amendment of HJR 86 that would require a higher percentage of voter approval. This is not a partisan matter, it affects initiative petitions put forth by both Republicans and Democrats. I am strongly in favor of keeping the threshold for approval at 50+% because that is how we traditionally measure approval of legislation. Any amount over 50% best reflects the will of the voters.



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My name is Marla Marantz, Springfield, MO, and I am a frequent voter who cherishes my right to vote, recognizing it is truly the cornerstone of our democracy, the pathway to nonviolent change. The initiative petition, along with the vote, is my way to have a voice, to direct my democracy towards change I think is important. It is a check, a balance that we voters have. Have I always agreed with all citizen petition efforts? No. Nor do I expect to. Have my candidates always won? No. Nor do I expect them always to win. Nonetheless, I am willing to continue to help candidates of my choice. And I am willing to work, when needed, on a petition effort for which I feel is very necessary. And I have worked hundreds of hours collecting thousands of signatures on several petition efforts. It is not easy. Raising the threshold nearly impossible and takes away the majority rule. Do you really want to disenfranchise voters, making them feel voiceless? Only the wealthiest of organizations, would be able to launch such an effort, leaving Missouri vulnerable to the pressures of outside forces. We need to make sure this important check, important balance in our representative democracy stays in place for the future. After all, none of us know when will be on the side needing the petition to correct an unforeseen consequence of legislation. In our highly stratified political climate, we need to keep our pathways for democracy open. Please vote no.



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I strongly oppose HJR 86. Since 1907 Missouri voters have had the opportunity to make desired changes through the citizens initiative process and there is no legitimate reason to make it harder for our voices to be heard. I urge you to vote no on the changes in HJR 86 and any changes making the initiative petition process more difficult and less democratic.



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Violates one person one vote and undermines democracy



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Changing the rules because they do not like how democracy functions is abhorrent behavior and truly anti-American. This kind of behavior undermines what this country is founded on.



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The Sierra Club sees House Joint Resolution 86 as designed to weaken the ability of citizens of Missouri to utilize their voice and their vote to democratically enact policies that meet their needs. We support democracy and citizen engagement and we oppose HJR 86.



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The Initiative petition process is already extremely difficult and expensive. Do not take away the public's right to engage in the democratic process of law. Citizens use this process when legislatures do not respect or listen to the people's voices. Thank you



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One person =1 vote. Simple majority wins. It is wrong & evil to dismantle citizens rights to our one person one vote initiative petition as allowed in our MO Constitution. Taking away our rights will only make us more determined to defeat every Republican in the House, Senate & state office holders. I am retired. I have time to pay attention to everything you are doing now.



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| WITNESS NAME | | |
| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: OTTO FAJEN | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-3202 |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI NEA | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: 1810 EAST ELM STREET | | |
| CITY: JEFFERSON CITY | | STATE: MO |
| | | ZIP: 65101 |
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| WITNESS NAME: PAM HILL | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: | | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: | ZIP: |
| EMAIL: pamhill71@gmail.com | | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 9:20 PM |
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I oppose these measures that make the initiative petition process more difficult. Do not take away Missourians direct voices.



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| WITNESS NAME: PHILIP DEITCH | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: PRIYA PAL | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: Priya.pal789@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 9:55 PM |

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Ending majority rule is unconstitutional and unacceptable. I am in opposition to ending majority rule.



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| WITNESS NAME: RACHEL KOEHLER | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: rachelbraafkoehler@hotmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 10:34 PM |

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



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| WITNESS NAME: REBECCA ENGELKE | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: beccaengelke@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 12:21 PM |
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I oppose all three attempts to limit our rights as Missourians



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| WITNESS NAME: REBECCA WHITE | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: becca.white132@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 10:10 PM |
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I oppose this amendment.



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| INDIVIDUAL: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: REBEKAH MASSMANN | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: rmassmann@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 10:04 PM |

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I strongly oppose any changes to the initiative petition process.



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| WITNESS NAME | | |
| INDIVIDUAL: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: RICHARD EGAN | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: egan.egan@att.net | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2024 8:08 PM |

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I am opposed to changing the initiative petition process. Remember that the majority will not always be the majority.



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| INDIVIDUAL: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: RIVA CAPELLARI | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: rivacapellari@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2024 4:12 PM |
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I oppose the above bill that will make it more difficult to pass a petition. These petitions are important because they allow the public to vote on them. Votes should count equally regardless of here one lives. One person, one vote.



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| WITNESS NAME: ROB DIDRIKSEN | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
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| WITNESS NAME | | |
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| WITNESS NAME: RON ELDER | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: the.elders@sbcglobal.net | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 10:13 PM |
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| WITNESS NAME: RUSSELLA LEVIN | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: rustilevin@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 11:15 PM |

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Do not mess with our initiative petition laws! Stop hurting Missourians by interfering with our voting rights.



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| INDIVIDUAL: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: RYAN TINKER | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: ryantinker27@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 9:08 PM |
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Every Missourian should have a say in amending the state constitution. Any and every effort sponsored by the GOP and the embarrassingly ridiculous “freedom” caucus to silence those voices should be shut down. IP reform is just another way to distort and/or ignore the will of the people.



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| WITNESS NAME | | | |
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| WITNESS NAME: SALLY NICKEL | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: | | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: | ZIP: |
| EMAIL: sally.nickel@gmail.com | | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 10:11 PM |
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| WITNESS NAME: SANDRA COX | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: sandy@merrylegsfarm.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/29/2024 9:03 AM |
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I oppose constitutional amendments that restrict voting. Passage of these bills will diminish the voice of Missouri voters by eliminating the law of simple majority. I am a rural voter and placing more emphasis on rural voters is not fair to the majority of Missouri residents.



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| WITNESS NAME: SARAH FELTS | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: SARAH SHEAHAN | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: SARAH TOLCH | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: sarahstl@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 10:58 PM |
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The people of this state have a right to have a say in their government.



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| WITNESS NAME: SARAH YOO | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: SCOTT MCKELLAR | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: mck9@swbell.net | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 9:07 AM |
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This bill invites voters to disenfranchise themselves by abolishing majority rule. Stop it.



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| WITNESS NAME: SHARON SCHNEEBERGER | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: SLOAN SHEFFIELD COWELL | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: sloansheffield13@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 9:25 PM |
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| INDIVIDUAL: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: STEPHANIE GUERIN | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: SUSAN GIBSON | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: Onesuegibson@protonmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/24/2024 2:55 AM |

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Please oppose this unAmerican resolution that would end majority rule.



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| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: Onesuegibson@protonmail.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/27/2024 2:54 PM |
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Please oppose this unAmerican resolution that would end majority rule.



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| INDIVIDUAL: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: SUSAN HOISINGTON | | PHONE NUMBER: |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: |
| ADDRESS: | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: ZIP: |
| EMAIL: susanhoisington@yahoo.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 1/30/2024 9:45 PM |
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One person = one vote



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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, the 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 someone's advance 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 on undermining majority rule. One person, one vote.



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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 76, HJR 86, and HJR 119. We respectfully ask this committee not to advance any legislation which will alter the initiative petition process, 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 costly, time consuming, and by no means does it guarantee success. Since 1910, 68 proposed constitutional amendments have been added to the ballot after signature gathering. In total, 41 percent of these ballot measures have been met with a simple majority of voter approval. This means that only 28 constitutional amendments introduced through the initiative petition process have been approved by Missouri voters per our analysis of past election records. 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 your no vote on HB 1749, HJR 76, HJR 86, and HJR 119.



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HJR 86 is designed to gut Missouri's 100+ year-old citizen initiative petition process and strip power from the people. This is a direct attack on majority rule and the bedrock principle of one person, one vote. Oppose HJR 86.



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I am opposed to changes in the initiative petition process that make it harder for Missouri citizens to make their will known. This is a democracy and way too many of our current legislators are following their own will not the citizen's. It is clear from the efforts to undermine the initiative petition process that the Mo legislature knows they are not following the will of the majority. 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. Measures currently must pass by a statewide majority without regard to geographic districts which fairly and equally reflects the will of all Missourians. This HJR 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 163 state representative districts. 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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Changing the requirements for passage of initiative petitions is a direct assault on the Constitutional right of Missouri citizens to have a direct say on issues they feel are important. As a 92-year-old, I have volunteered in several initiative campaigns over the years. It is difficult and tiring to gather signatures, especially in bad weather. It takes thousands of citizens with the stamina, patience, and firm belief in the cause for a measure to be placed on the ballot. I respectfully urge you to oppose this bill and any measure that would weaken the current initiative petition process



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In filing HJR 86, Representative Black has make it clear that he is among the false friends and true enemies of democracy in the General Assembly who want to make it more difficult for the citizens of Missouri to use the initiative to enact legislation supported by a majority of the voters in Missouri when the General Assembly has failed to do so.Presumably, he believes it is too easy to get proposals on the ballot in Missouri through the initiative process. I speak from experience when I say that the initiative process in Missouri is harder – much harder - than it should be.By way of comparison, in the European Union, if a total of seven or more citizens, one or more from each of at least seven member states, submit an idea – just an idea – for legislation they would like have considered, there is a Commission set up to help them draft the proposal. Citizens are then able to submit statements of support electronically – online – in lieu of signing paper petitions. That system has been in place since 2011. It has worked very well.Representative Peter Meredith has filed a bill (HB 2228) that provides for online signatures of initiative petitions here in Missouri. I hope this committee will take up consideration of that bill and support it.Should that bill come up for consideration, the argument is sure to be made that allowing citizens to sign petitions online will make it too easy to put proposals on the ballot. Should that prove to be the case, adjustments could and should be made. But the ideal system of referendums and initiative petitions should strike the proper balance. The goal should be to see that when the General Assembly has failed to enact legislation supported by a majority of the voters, it should be relatively easy to enact it through the initiative. And whenever it appears likely that the General Assembly has enacted legislation that is opposed by a majority of voters in Missouri, it should be relatively easy to call a referendum to find out if that is the case.Abraham Lincoln once remarked that “What I want is to get done what the people desire to have done, and the question for me is how to find that out exactly.” In his Gettysburg Address, Lincoln famously defined democracy as government of the people, BY the people, and for the people and expressed the desire that that form of government not “perish from the earth”. I hope the majority of the members of this committee agree and will act accordingly.



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