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I am in Support of this Bill. I believe strongly in this Penalty as these Crimes shall never happen. Let's pass this Legislation and place this Question on the Election Ballot for Missourians to Vote on, which will write this Penalty in Our State Constitution.



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Thank you for allowing me the privilege of speaking to you today in support of HJR26. It is a well-established fact that there are life-long repercussions of rape and child trafficking experienced by those who are victims of such atrocities. Lack of self-worth, extreme difficulty managing emotions, continuous underlying stress, and struggling to have healthy relationship with anyone of the opposite sex are just a few of the struggles they deal with their entire life. In some cases, the result may include a Sexually Transmitted Disease, and in some cases there are unwanted pregnancies. Both of these certainly have life-long consequences. Often times the victims of such crimes wrestle with the terror of their violation every single day for the rest of their life. Even decades afterwards, they may not experience a single day where they are free from the violations they were forced to endure. And even if they do manage to gain a small measure of freedom, that trauma can be triggered by a variety of otherwise innocent behaviors, such as a husband coming up behind his wife to give her a hug. The perpetrator of such crimes is deserving of life-long consequences as well. What's fair for the goose is fair for the gander. It is also a well-established fact that those who commit sexual crimes seldom, if ever change their ways. Once a sexual offender always a sexual offender. This is why, even now, a person convicted of a sexual offense – sometimes even much less than the ones addressed in this legislation – must continue to register as such and they are not allowed to live within a certain distance of a school, and they cannot generally be in places where children are present. But even in that, consider the lady who is a victim of rape....trying to put it behind her, trying to live a normal life in spite of the struggles she faces within her own marriage. Then a sex offender moves into her neighborhood. Suddenly the home she fought so hard to attain in a neighborhood that was once safe is now – to her – a place of danger every time she goes out the door. Through no fault of her own, she is once again traumatized. Why should the violator be free when the violated is still imprisoned emotionally, psychologically, and socially? And as for those who are trafficking children....well, it should evident to all that they need to be imprisoned for life! There are those who are trying to use the term “minor attracted person”. They are perverts, that's what they are. Manipulating, abusing, threatening . . . playing on the naivete of young minds and hearts. Actually, life-imprisonment is too kind for such people. Have you seen the movie “Sound of Freedom”? If not, I challenge you to watch it. It is available on a variety of platforms and streaming services. If we don't do what is necessary to protect our children who will? HJR26 is necessary to protect our children. I urge you to vote “Do Pass” on HJR26.



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I am a constituent and am sick to death of you not representing us and our actual interests, but whoring your views to the highest bidder. I oppose any law that gives the government access to women's bodies, medical records, medical history, and the like. It is invasive and unconstitutional, much like all of the bills you are presenting, in your effort to achieve the dystopia that would set our country back 100+ years. I did not vote for you, i will never, and I will never stop fighting against you.



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This is outrageous when did this state become a communist??? The women of this state are not cattle or any other kind of livestock! This is wrong and unchristian!



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I am a mother of 3 young girls, a wife, and a registered nurse. The fact that myself or my children could be tracked in a database due to the medical condition of pregnancy is appalling. I am not in favor of abortions, but that does not give the state a right to play "big brother" and watch our every move. This is a violation of HIPAA and human rights, as everyone deserves the right to privacy. I do not want myself, my children, or any of my patients to be tracked like animals. This is NOT the 'work around' for the publics passing/legalization to the right to abortion. All mothers should be outraged that this idea even exists.



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Normally I would support this bill without question. My concern is that there are currently a lot of bills proposed around gender and sexuality. Some of these bills want to make teachers using the name of a trans student a sexual offense. Using a nickname is not sexually molesting or trafficking of a child but could it be considered such in the near future during the current political climate? I encourage caution and an extremely clear definition of sexual trafficking within the bill itself so that this legislation cannot be misconstrued.



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We strongly support harsh penalties for anyone convicted of sex trafficking of minors, however, we don't believe this should be a constitutional amendment. This needs to be a state statute instead.