



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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We strongly support HB 2124, enhancing the clarity, security, and integrity of Missouri's ballot initiative system through standardized petition forms, stricter circulator requirements, enhanced fraud prevention, and improved verification processes.

This bill takes meaningful steps to address longstanding issues in our initiative petition process. Specifically, it requires the Secretary of State to prescribe uniform petition signature pages that include essential elements such as the name of the county and page number, a statement for signers to affirm the accuracy of their information, the official ballot title, numbered lines for signers, designated spaces for signers' details and signatures, and the circulator's affidavit. These measures are crucial for making petitions clearer, more verifiable, and resistant to abuse, ultimately protecting the integrity of our democratic process.

While we fully support the bill as introduced, we respectfully urge the committee to consider an amendment that would further strengthen its transparency goals. This amendment would require the name or organization name of the petition sponsor to be prominently displayed on the standardized petition signature forms and the corresponding ballot language text that accompanies them.

In recent cycles, organizations such as MOVE Ballot Fund and Respect MO Voters have submitted multiple petitions for circulation without disclosing the originator or sponsoring entity on the signature collection pages. Additionally, these groups have often hired out-of-state residents to collect signatures, and when voters inquire about who is behind the petitions, the circulators are frequently unable or unwilling to provide clear information about the group or individual they represent.

Including the sponsor's name in an easy-to-recognize, prominent area of the petition form would empower Missouri voters with true transparency, allowing them to make more informed decisions about whether to sign. This simple addition aligns perfectly with the bill's objectives of reducing confusion and potential manipulation, without imposing undue burdens on petitioners.

We believe this enhancement would significantly bolster the transparency and accountability that HB 2124 seeks to achieve.



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We strongly support this bill for its key reforms, including standardized petition forms prescribed by the Secretary of State, stricter circulatory requirements, enhanced fraud prevention, and improved verification procedures. These changes are vital to ensuring clarity and security in the initiative and referendum process. To build on the bill's transparency goals, we urge the committee to consider an amendment requiring the petition sponsor's name or organization name to be prominently displayed on the standardized petition forms and on any attached documents accompanying the signature pages.

Recent cycles have seen organizations like MOVE Ballot Fund and Respect MO Voters circulate multiple petitions without identifying the sponsoring entity on the signature collection pages, leaving voters confused about who is behind the measures and often providing misinformation about the purpose of the petition. Adding this simple, clear disclosure would help citizens make informed decisions about signing, reduce confusion or manipulation, and align with the bill's goals—without adding significant burdens on petitioners.



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I am very opposed to this legislation. Why do some state leaders wish to silence Missouri citizens' voices? This is not representation. The people of Missouri voted you in and we can vote you out. Stand up for Missouri citizens!
We have the right to petition, don't take it away from us. It is called the voice of the people



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Our Missouri State Constitution has protected our right of the initiative petition process since 1907. The initiative petition process is an important tool for Missourians to participate directly in our democracy. This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult. Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians



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I am opposed to HB2124



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WITNESS NAME: AMANDA RAE BASRI		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please accept this testimony **IN OPPOSITION TO HB 2124**, which seeks to modify the initiative petition process. The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians, and our State Constitution has protected this right since 1907. This bill's goal is to make the initiative process more difficult, taking away the voice of the people and concentrating voting power in only Missouri's legislatures. We are a government by and for the people, not by and for the legislature. This method of making our voices heard should be protected, not blocked. Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians. Please vote **NO** on HB 2124.



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The ballot initiative process that Missourians have had for over 100 years should be protected, not regulated into obscurity. The people deserve a chance to help ourselves when a legislature is not listening to and governing in accordance with our needs as citizens.



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Dear Committee Members:

As a 70-something Missourian, I've volunteered two or three times to carry initiative petitions, asking fellow citizens to be part of democratic action by adding their signatures to a *proposed* new law. These have been rewarding experiences as they've allowed me to see first hand how much our democracy depends on citizen participation.

For nearly 120 years, our Missouri Constitution has stood firm in allowing the use of initiative petitions. This is a sign that the process is solid--and needs your protection.

As a veteran election judge in Southwest Missouri, I see the importance of voting, up close and personal. When citizens participate in making democracy work, whether by signing a petition, learning more about the subject of a petition or opposing a petition, they become engaged and, in turn, make our democracy stronger..

Let's keep voters engaged in many ways. Missouri's initiative petition process is one of the foundational ways to accomplish that.

Please vote NO on HB2124. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: ANNA CHOTT		PHONE NUMBER:
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The people of Missouri support and need our initiative petition process! HB 2124 is one of many efforts to add red tape and make the initiative petition process harder. Please vote no on this bill, which makes it harder for the people of Missouri to participate in the political process.



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Missouri's initiative petition process exists so citizens can take issues directly to voters when the legislature refuses to act. HB 2124 would change Missouri's initiative petition process and add new restrictions making it harder for citizens to place issues on the ballot. I STRONGLY OPPOSE this.



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WITNESS NAME: BARBARA SHEINBEIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Petitions are a big part of basic democracy and suppressing this is not democratic. This bill adversely impacts citizen petitions. Individuals have a lot on their plate and dedicated paid people are needed to have a successful petition drive. It is not reasonable to think that individuals have the amount of time to dedicate to this. Well trained people are an asset and are contributing to democracy. Same for Missouri residents. It is not the petition gatherers, it is the citizens who choose to sign that are the key. Restricting legal challenges limitations are too restrictive since courts take time and citizens would be punished for this situation.



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When the legislature will not act, the people must be able to petition their fellow citizens for redress of grievances. Unless and until dark money is removed from the political process, restrictions on the IP process, unless by a vote of the people, should not be considered. The IP process is already a high bar.



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This bill would make it harder for constituents to get their issues and concerns on the ballot



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This bill seeks to take We the People out of our government. Our democracy works best when We the People have a say of what goes on. Our elected officials are elected to office to represent US and OUR concerns. This bill must be defeated.



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I oppose HB 2124. The citizens of Missouri have had the right to put forth citizen initiatives for Missouri voters to vote on for 119 years. This bill would put restrictions to make it much hard for a citizen IP to get to the voters. These restrictions do nothing to improve the process. They are only designed to put more of a burden on citizens. Vote NO on this unnecessary bill.



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It is very obvious that legislators want to suppress our Missouri constitutional right to place issues on the ballot via initiative petition. If our legislators really listened to the people, ballot initiatives would be more rare. But this is the only method to advance the will of the people. Raising the bar higher for ballot approval is a clear attempt to keep citizen-backed issues from winning, especially since legislator initiatives would not have to meet the same nearly-impossible percentages. I am VERY opposed to ant "reform" (actually dismantling) of this right.



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I am submitting opposition to HB 2124, which would impose a citizenship and residency requirement for initiative petition circulators, among other mandates.

While those signing initiative or referendum petitions must be Missouri voters (and therefore US citizens and Missouri residents), limiting who can circulate petitions infringes on the rights of free expression and bars circulators from engaging in political speech in violation of the U.S. and Missouri Constitutions.

Our constitution is clear: the right to free speech belongs to everyone. The US Supreme Court has made clear that circulating initiative petitions is “core political speech” where the “First Amendment . . . is ‘at its zenith’”.

HB 2124’s residency requirement is likely unconstitutional under both the state and federal constitutions.

In 2023, a federal court in South Dakota permanently blocked a residency requirement for petition gatherers, finding it violated the First Amendment. Missouri’s state constitution is at least as protective of free speech as the federal constitution, and a state judge in Missouri has already blocked a provision requiring those conducting voter registration to be Missouri residents and registered voters in the state on similar grounds.(see League of Women Voters et al v. Hoskins et al,

HB2124:

- requires petition circulators to be US Citizens;
- imposes a 30-day residency requirement on petition circulators;
- prohibits circulators from being compensated based on number of signatures obtained;
- requires legal challenges to ballot title language to conclude by 8 weeks before election day;
- repeals a requirement for a legislative public hearing on initiatives;
- sets pagination page and font requirements for signature sheets, voiding otherwise valid signatures merely because signature sheets do not meet these requirements;
- Allows petition electronic signature page forms, a positive reform.

Three years ago, a federal court permanently struck South Dakota SB 180 that included a 30-day residency requirement for petition circulators.

The permanent injunction followed a ruling by the Eighth Circuit (which also binds Missouri) finding that the South Dakota law likely violated the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This case resolved a parallel challenge to SB 180’s 30-day residency requirement brought by the League of Women Voters that the court found raised valid First Amendment claims.

(“All of this leads us to conclude DFH is likely to succeed in showing SB 180 is facially invalid as

overbroad in that it violates the First Amendment in a substantial number of its applications. It discriminates against paid circulators for reasons unrelated to legitimate state interests, reduces the pool of circulators available to DFH, and restricts the speech of DFH by sweeping too broadly in its requirements.”)

The U.S. Supreme Court and the Eighth Circuit have consistently held that initiative petition circulation is “core political speech” where the “First Amendment protection for such interaction . . . is ‘at its zenith.’”

A critical step in the petition process is interacting with fellow citizens and engaging in political speech about the issues, putting First Amendment rights directly at issue. Restrictions on who can circulate ballot initiative petitions “significantly inhibit communication with voters about proposed political change,” and infringe on the free speech rights of those made ineligible. Further, by reducing the pool of potential circulators, these restrictions limit the speaker’s ability to spread the petition’s message. This conclusion is nearly universal in courts that have examined the constitutionality of residency requirements for petition circulators, so much so that courts have defined this as a near consensus. Only the 8th Circuit has found otherwise, but in a case from more than 20 years ago that is largely discounted today, particularly in light of the 2023 South Dakota ruling.

Missouri’s constitution is even more protective. The Missouri Constitution guarantees “[t]hat no law shall be passed impairing the freedom of speech, no matter by what means communicated: that every person

shall be free to say, write or publish, or otherwise communicate whatever he will on any subject.”

This provision is at least as expansive as the First Amendment of the Federal Constitution.

In 2024, the Cole County Circuit Court struck a requirement in Missouri HB 1878 (2022) that voter registration solicitors be registered voters (and therefore residents) in Missouri, finding that a residency requirement “mutes speech and expressive activity,” directly infringing on their free speech rights guaranteed by the Missouri Constitution. The court further determined that the restriction “will also remove from the pool of potential solicitors many voting-ineligible Missourians” and “thus restricts the

number of voices” conveying core political speech and thereby “directly stifles speech.” Missouri’s appeal in that case is currently pending before the Missouri Supreme Court.

Here too, HB 2124’s residency and citizenship requirements block a large swath of people from engaging in core political speech, and reduces the pool of individuals available to spread the petition’s message.

Limiting who can circulate petitions mutes ineligible circulators on important issues, in conflict with state and federal law. By preventing those who have not resided in Missouri for at least 30 days from engaging

in petition circulation, the residency requirement restricts who can circulate initiative petitions, thus limiting their ability to exercise political speech about measures they care about. “Such direct restraints on

this doctrine is long-standing. The gathering of signatures and circulating of initiative petitions are protected by the First Amendment.

The solicitation of signatures on an initiative petition is “core political speech” involving “interactive communication concerning political change.”

The Ninth, First, Third, Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, and Tenth Circuits have all determined that residency requirements for initiative petition circulators impose a severe burden on free speech.

The First Amendment ‘was fashioned to assure unfettered interchange of ideas for the bringing about of political and social changes desired by the people.’”

We should not limit public participation as this legislation proposes. The initiative petition process is amongst the purest forms of democratic participation. For more than a century, access to the citizen initiative process has allowed for voter engagement by Missouri voters across the political spectrum - conservative, progressive and everything in between.

Because the legislation unduly limits core political speech, I urge you to vote NO.



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Citizens of Missouri have had the right to submit petitions for over 100 yrs. Every voter has a right to make their voices heard, especially if millionaire legislators are only concerned about their own power and money grabs instead of the constituents they represent. Please vote in opposition to this bill, keep democracy and the the voices of the people intact



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Please respect the voters of Missouri to be able to exercise our rights to have petitions, have voting rights and express our wishes. As lawmakers working for US, you need to listen to the people who you represent. We have rights, and you should respect them.



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Vote no!!!



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The initiative petition process is an important tool of the direct democracy for Missourians. Our State Constitution has protected this right since 1907. This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiation petition process more difficult. Legislators know that Missouri citizens value the initiative petition process so those who do not like direct democracy are trying to subvert the process by making it harder or impossible. I urge the committee members to vote "no" on this bill.



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I support the MOVPC statement in opposition to this bill, which includes this quote: "While those signing initiative or referendum petitions must be Missouri voters (and therefore US citizens and Missouri residents), limiting who can circulate petitions infringes on the rights of free expression and bars circulators from engaging in political speech in violation of the U.S. and Missouri Constitutions. Our constitution is clear: the right to free speech belongs to everyone. The US Supreme Court has made clear that circulating initiative petitions is 'core political speech...'"



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WITNESS NAME: CINDY MUELLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this. Leave some power for citizens



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I am in opposition to this bill--initiative petitions are important tools for all points of view in Missouri, and should be open to all, with no restrictions.



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WITNESS NAME: CONNOR LUEBBERT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-291-2463
REPRESENTING: MO VOTER PROTECTION COALITION		TITLE:
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 65101
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WITNESS NAME: CONSTANCE KRAPFL		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am opposed to this bill restricting the ability of Missourians to bring forward ways they wish to change the constitution.



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WITNESS NAME: CYNTHIA KAY CART		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am writing today to request that you **OPPOSE** bill HB 2124. The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians, and our State Constitution has protected this right since 1907.

Also, this bill adds more red tape and the process more difficult.

Thank you for opposing this bill.



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The initiative petition process exists to give citizens of MO a voice. This bill undermines the power citizens of this state to effect change.



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WITNESS NAME: DARLENE LAUBENSTEIN		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVE WEBSTER		PHONE NUMBER:
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Missouri has a 200-year tradition of letting voters decide big issues directly, but HB 2124 threatens that. It's a bill designed to bury citizen initiatives in technical red tape. Instead of focusing on what voters actually want, it allows politicians to disqualify thousands of signatures over tiny paperwork errors. It basically makes the process so expensive and legally complex that only special interests can afford to be heard, while regular Missourians—especially those in rural areas—get left behind.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID LIMBACK		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please do not lessen the power of the people!



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Missourians' right to citizen ballot initiatives is at risk.

I am against HB 2124 as it would change Missouri's initiative petition process and add new restrictions making it harder for citizens to place issues on the ballot.

The bill would:

- ?? Restrict who can circulate petitions**
- ?? Ban pay-per-signature compensation for circulators**
- ?? Expand the power of state officials to review petitions**
- ?? Remove a required public hearing after signatures are certified**

Missouri's initiative petition process exists so citizens can take issues directly to voters when the legislature refuses to act.

I completely oppose this bill.



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I am against this bill.



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Lawmakers need to make voting more accessible! This is removing rights guaranteed by our constitution!



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I am opposed to this!! We all voted last year for paid sick leave and abortion & my representative holly jones told me to my face that I didn't know what I voted for!! Are you serious!! So now you want to reverse everything we voted for!?! Now you want to take away our right to petition? I have been petitioning from the start of your BS!! So I am opposing this and also not supporting you holly jones!! We need someone who does & supports the WILL OF THE PEOPLE!!!!!!!!!!



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I am in opposition of this bill. I know there is desperation to find a way to rule like a dictators but I do not want that for my grandchildren. VOTE NO ON HB2124



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION		TITLE: DIRECTOR & GENERAL COUNSEL	
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The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC) submits this testimony in opposition to HB 2124, which would impose a citizenship and residency requirement for initiative petition circulators, among other mandates. While those signing initiative or referendum petitions must be Missouri voters (and therefore US citizens and Missouri residents), limiting who can circulate petitions infringes on the rights of free expression and bars circulators from engaging in political speech in violation of the U.S. and Missouri Constitutions. Our constitution is clear: the right to free speech belongs to everyone. The US Supreme Court has made clear that circulating initiative petitions is “core political speech” where the “First Amendment . . . is ‘at its zenith’”.

HB 2124’s residency requirement is likely unconstitutional under both the Missouri and federal constitutions. In 2023, a federal court in South Dakota permanently blocked a residency requirement for petition gatherers, finding it violated the First Amendment. Missouri’s state constitution is at least as protective of free speech, and a state judge in Missouri has already blocked a provision requiring those doing voter registration to be Missouri residents and registered voters in the state on similar grounds.

HB2124:

- *requires petition circulators to be US Citizens;
- *imposes a 30-day residency requirement on petition circulators;
- *requires legal challenges to ballot title language to conclude by 8 weeks before election day;
- *repeals a requirement for a legislative public hearing on initiatives;
- *sets pagination page and font requirements for signature sheets, voiding otherwise valid signatures merely because signature sheets do not meet these requirements;
- *Allows petition electronic signature page forms, a positive reform.

Three years ago, a federal court permanently struck South Dakota SB 180 that included a 30-day residency requirement for petition circulators. The permanent injunction followed a ruling by the Eighth Circuit (which also binds Missouri) finding that the South Dakota law likely violated the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. This case resolved a parallel challenge to SB 180’s 30-day residency requirement brought by the League of Women Voters that the court found raised valid First Amendment claims.

The U.S. Supreme Court and the Eighth Circuit have consistently held that initiative petition circulation

is “core political speech” where the “First Amendment protection for such interaction . . . is ‘at its zenith.’” *Buckley v. Am. Const. L. Found., Inc.*, 525 U.S. 182, 186-87 (1999) (quoting *Meyer v. Grant*, 486 U.S. 414, 422, 425 (1988)); see also *Dakotans for Health v. Noem*, 52 F.4th 381, 388 (8th Cir. 2022); *SD Voice v. Noem*, 987 F.3d 1186, 1191 (8th Cir. 2021).

A critical step in the petition process is interacting with others and engaging in political speech about the issues, putting First Amendment rights directly at issue. Restrictions on who can circulate ballot initiative petitions “significantly inhibit communication with voters about proposed political change,” and infringe on the free speech rights of those made ineligible. *Buckley*, 525 U.S. at 192. Further, by reducing the pool of potential circulators, these restrictions limit the speaker’s ability to spread the petition’s message. This conclusion is nearly universal in courts that have examined the constitutionality of residency requirements for petition circulators, so much so that courts have defined this as a near consensus. Only the 8th Circuit has found otherwise, but in a case from more than 20 years ago that is largely discounted today, particularly in light of the 2023 South Dakota ruling.

Missouri’s constitution is even more protective. The Missouri Constitution guarantees “[t]hat no law shall be passed impairing the freedom of speech, no matter by what means communicated: that every person shall be free to say, write or publish, or otherwise communicate whatever he will on any subject.” This provision is at least as expansive as the First Amendment of the Federal Constitution. See *Karney v. Dep’t of Lab. & Indus. Rels.*, 599 S.W.3d 157, 162–63 (Mo. 2020) (en banc).

In 2024, the Cole County Circuit Court struck a requirement in Missouri HB 1878 (2022) that required voter registration solicitors to be registered voters (and therefore residents) in Missouri, finding that a residency requirement “mutes speech and expressive activity,” directly infringing on their free speech rights guaranteed by the Missouri Constitution. The court further determined that the restriction “will also remove from the pool of potential solicitors many voting-ineligible Missourians” and “thus restricts the number of voices” conveying core political speech and thereby “directly stifles speech.” The State’s appeal in that case is currently pending before the Missouri Supreme Court.??

Here too, HB 2124’s residency and citizenship requirements block a large swath of people from engaging in core political speech, and reduces the pool of individuals available to spread the petition’s message.

Limiting who can circulate petitions mutes ineligible circulators on important issues, in conflict with state and federal law. By preventing those who have not resided in Missouri for at least 30 days from engaging in petition circulation, the residency requirement restricts who can circulate initiative petitions, thus limiting their ability to exercise political speech about measures they care about. “Such direct restraints on pure speech—and core political speech like encouraging political participation in particular—are antithetical to the core tenets of freedom of speech.” *Henry v. Halliburton*, 690 S.W.2d 775, 784-785 (Mo. 1985) (en banc) (citing *Connick v. Myers*, 461 U.S. 138, 145 (1983)) (“The First Amendment ‘was fashioned to assure unfettered interchange of ideas for the bringing about of political and social changes desired by the people.’”)

We should not limit public participation as this legislation proposes. The initiative petition process is among the purest forms of democratic participation. For more than a century, access to the citizen initiative process has allowed for voter engagement by Missouri voters across the political spectrum - conservative, progressive and everything in between.

While only Missouri voters can sign and vote on initiative petitions, the first amendment protects EVERYONE’s right to talk about those issues. Because the legislation unduly limits core political speech, we urge you to vote NO.

Sincerely,
Denise Lieberman, Director & General Counsel
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This bill is an assault on direct democracy. It should absolutely be opposed.



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Do not make it harder for We The People to make our voices heard. You work for us, not the other way around. This bill should not move forward.



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I stand in opposition of bill HB 2124. Stop taking the peoples rights away from them!



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As our representatives, you should not continue to try to take away our Constitutional rights to disagree with what you impose on us. I do not agree with this latest bill that attempts to take away our rights as Missouri citizens.



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My name is Doug Mann, and I serve as Legislative Director for Planned Parenthood Great Rivers Action.

For more than a century, Missourians have relied on the initiative petition process as a critical part of our democracy. Since the adoption of the initiative and referendum system, voters in our state have had the power to propose laws, amend the constitution, and hold their government accountable when the legislature fails to act. This process reflects a simple but powerful principle: the people of Missouri deserve a direct voice in the laws that govern their lives.

Over the past several years, Missourians have used the initiative petition process to address issues that deeply affect their communities. Voters approved Medicaid expansion to ensure that more families can access health care. They passed reforms to improve ethics and accountability in government. They have weighed in on issues ranging from worker protections to healthcare policy. Regardless of where one stands on these individual measures, the common thread is clear, Missourians value the ability to participate directly in shaping public policy. HB 2124 threatens to undermine that long-standing democratic tradition.

This legislation adds new procedural hurdles and bureaucratic requirements that will make the initiative process slower, more complicated, and more difficult for everyday citizens to navigate. The practical effect will be delays at multiple stages of the process, from drafting and approval of petition language to signature verification and litigation timelines. These delays could make it far harder for citizens to gather signatures and qualify measures for the ballot within the existing election timelines.

When barriers are added to the initiative process, the people most affected are not well-funded special interests. Instead, it is grassroots coalitions, community groups, and ordinary Missourians who rely on volunteer energy and limited resources to bring issues before the voters. Missouri's initiative process was designed to empower the public, not to create procedural roadblocks that silence them.

At its core, HB 2124 interferes with the voice of the people. When the initiative process becomes overly burdensome, it diminishes one of the few tools citizens have to ensure their government reflects the will of the voters.

Our state's democratic traditions are strongest when we trust Missourians to participate fully in the political process. Rather than weakening that participation, we should be protecting and strengthening

the mechanisms that allow voters to make their voices heard. For these reasons, Planned Parenthood Great Rivers Action respectfully urges the committee to vote no on HB 2124.



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I strongly oppose this bill. It's difficult to submit serious testimony when such non-serious bills are proposed. I have volunteered on numerous petition efforts and find that to a person; folks are very supportive of the process. I've had folks sign the petition even if they plan to vote against a measure, they agree measures should be put to a vote of the people. This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult. Perhaps the sponsor will also deny any form of payment to campaign personnel since he doesn't want to pay staff to collect petition signatures. Such hypocrisy. The Missouri Republicans interest in making the initiative petition process more difficult seems to be a power grab. Could it be for personal gain that some elected officials and wealthy special interests want to gut the initiative petition process? This is a non-serious frivolous bill and should not even get a vote. Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians and support the IP process, not dismantle it. I urge you to cast this bill in the trash bin and move on.



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I am against HB 2124. Issues should be decided by voters, not the ruling party. Remember: It is We the People, not We the Politicians.



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HB 2124 only makes it more difficult for Missouri citizens to put forth a ballot issue. Why would you want to stifle what voters want? If politicians listen to what voters want, there would be no need for initiative petitions. When politicians do not listen to voters, this is the only way to get what they want. Therefore I oppose HB 2124



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Chair Reedy and Members of the House Elections Committee:

On behalf of the Health Forward Foundation (Health Forward), I submit this testimony in opposition to House Bill 2124, which would modify provisions governing initiative petitions and referendums. Health Forward is a public health foundation committed to strengthening communities by advancing equitable access to health care and improving health outcomes. We oppose this bill because it would impose unnecessary and burdensome requirements on the signature-gathering process for citizen-led initiative and referendum petitions, limiting Missourians’ ability to shape the policies that impact their health and well-being.

The provisions in HB 2124 are designed to increase barriers to collecting the signatures required for a citizen-led initiative petition or referendum. The bill would require petition circulators to be Missouri residents or individuals who have been physically present in Missouri for at least 30 consecutive days prior to collecting signatures. Additionally, HB 2124 would prohibit circulators from being paid on a per-signature basis. Courts have previously scrutinized restrictions on how circulators may be compensated. In Term Limits Leadership Council v. Clark, a federal district court ruled that Mississippi’s ban on paying circulators based on the number of signatures collected violated the First Amendment rights of the plaintiffs because petition circulation is “core political speech.”(1) The court determined that the prohibition burdened political expression without evidence that per-signature payments increased fraud. Policies that unnecessarily restrict signature gathering or impose additional procedural hurdles increase the cost and logistical burden of citizen-led initiative petitions, favoring well resourced campaigns and making it more difficult for citizens to exercise their right to participate in direct democracy.(2)

These circulator and signature requirements would increase barriers to citizen-led petitions, which have historically served as an important mechanism for residents to engage in policymaking and address issues when traditional legislative pathways are limited. In recent years, Missouri voters have used the initiative process to advance policies related to health care access, worker protections, and other issues that directly affect community well-being.(3)

In 2025, Missouri legislators introduced more bills to restrict the initiative process than lawmakers in any other state. Policies that limit participation in direct democracy, including citizen-led petitions, can disproportionately affect communities that already face systemic barriers to political engagement,

including rural communities and communities of color. In practice, these restrictions limit people's ability to shape policies that affect their health and the well-being of their communities.(4)

For these reasons, Health Forward respectfully asks members of the Committee to vote no on HB 2124. The state's goal should be to support participation in democracy, not create unnecessary barriers that impede the initiative and referendum petition process. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like additional resources at eshankland@healthforward.org.

Sincerely,
Emma Shankland
Impact Strategist – Policy
Health Forward Foundation

(1) Term Limits Leadership Council v. Clark, 984 F. Supp. 470 (S.D. Miss. 1997).

(2) National Conference of State Legislatures. (2025). Citizen led ballot initiatives face growing restrictions. <https://www.ncsl.org/state-legislatures-news/details/citizen-led-ballot-initiatives-face-growing-restrictions>.

(3) Ehrhardt, A. (2025). Voters, not lawmakers, expanded health access in Missouri. The Missouri Independent. <https://missouriindependent.com/2025/09/29/voters-not-lawmakers-expanded-health-access-in-missouri/>.

(4) Ballot Initiative Strategy Center. (2026). State of Legislative Attacks on the Ballot Measure Process. <https://ballot.org/attacks-threats>.



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There is no need to amend or adjust the current initiative petition and referendum process in Missouri. I am tired of the constant attempts of our elected officials to take away our rights as Missouri Citizens to put forth amendments to our constitution. We the people need to be able to act when you don't. Stop trying to make it difficult for us to govern ourselves.



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Stop trying to cancel our votes!



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I feel that passing this will impair citizen voices.



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Please oppose HB 2124. It adds unnecessary restrictions to the initiative petition process, thereby making it much more difficult to exercise this right.



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This is bad legislation designed to reduce the opportunity for citizens of Missouri to exercise rights provided by the initiative petition process. That process is already quite rigorous and should not be tampered with by the legislature.



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When an issue is important, citizens need the ability to gather signatures & then put the issue on the ballot for a vote. Part of being a citizen of MO is participating in government by joining with other MO citizens to bring a matter to a vote. NO on HB 2124, please.



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Missourians have used the citizens initiatives to pass major popular policies. This bill makes it dramatically harder for voters to act - while leaving lawmakers' power intact.



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Ballot language must be totally accurate and true. The legislature must not be allowed to hoodwink the public by submitting false or misleading ballot summaries.



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This is latest effort to make our democratic republic less democratic. One more effort to remove more power from average American citizens so the rich and powerful can rule us instead of represent us. I'm in strong opposition to this bill. If an initiative petition gets a majority of votes even after all the lobbying by the rich and powerful, then it's clearly something the people strongly want. We the people see what you are trying to do. You wish to rule and not represent.



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The initiative petition and referendum process **DOES NOT** need to be modified. The residents of this state are not being fully represented by the elected officials, and this gives them an avenue to work within the system to allow Missouri voters an opportunity to have their voices heard by voting on issues they deem to be important enough to be placed on the ballot.



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Hello,

I am urging you to vote no on HB2124. There are already sufficient safeguards regarding the citizen initiative petitions and gathering signatures for them. Making it even more difficult is more transparent efforts to diminish the power of citizens and expand the power of politicians. Please stop doing voter suppression like it's your full time job. Respect your constituents instead of acting like they're children who are too stupid to make smart choices.

Sincerely,

Jennie Loomis

A fully grown woman and mother of five who doesn't need politicians trying to limit my power as a citizen.



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Mr. Chair and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to submit this testimony in opposition to HB 2124. My name is Jen Bernstein and I am the Director of Advocacy at 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.

Missouri's initiative petition process is one of the most important ways that everyday people can participate directly in our democracy. Several provisions in this bill would create unnecessary barriers to that process. Imposing a 30-day residency requirement would significantly limit who can help gather signatures, while prohibiting compensation based on the number of signatures obtained would make it harder for campaigns, especially grassroots efforts, to organize and meet strict deadlines.

HB 2124 also restricts transparency and access to the courts by allowing challenges to ballot title language only from Missouri registered voters and requiring those challenges to conclude eight weeks before Election Day, even if legitimate concerns arise later. The bill further removes the current public hearing requirement for initiative petitions and adds unnecessary technical hurdles, such as requiring signatures to be in black or dark ink. While NCJWSTL supports the provision making signature page forms available electronically, that single improvement does not outweigh the many changes that make it harder for Missourians to engage in direct democracy.

NCJWSTL urges you to vote no on HB 2124.



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Our democracy works BECAUSE the people still have a voice. I am a Missouri constituent and my vote counts. And when you don't support us or our votes, you will lose your seat in November, or eventually. We are done with you not representing us.



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Chair and Members of the Committee,

I am writing today as a Missouri resident to express my opposition to HB 2124.

Missouri’s initiative petition process is one of the most fundamental tools citizens have to participate directly in our democracy. It allows voters to place issues on the ballot when the legislature does not address them or when citizens believe that the public should have the final say. This process has been part of Missouri’s constitutional framework for over a century and has been used by voters across the political spectrum.

HB 2124 would place additional barriers on an already onerous process and make it significantly more difficult for ordinary Missourians to bring issues to the ballot. Whether someone agrees or disagrees with specific ballot initiatives, the principle should remain the same: voters deserve the opportunity to decide on important issues directly. The right to petition our government is even guaranteed under the US Constitution. The initiative petition process belongs to the people of Missouri, and it should remain accessible and transparent.

For these reasons, I respectfully implore the committee to vote NO on HB 2124 and preserve the people’s right to place issues on the ballot.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Jessica DeVoto



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Dear Committee Members,

Please **OPPOSE** B HB 2124,
This bill makes it more difficult - almost impossible- for citizens to use the citizen's initiative process.
Our state Constitution has protected this right to direct democracy since 1907.
Why would you want to change that!!!
Joan Gentry



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Please vote **NO** on HB 2124 which makes the process of gathering signatures for a citizen's initiative even more difficult than it already is. The citizen's IP is a valuable tool for citizens to address issues that the supermajority refuses to legislate on, despite the wishes of the majority of citizens. It is already a huge and difficult undertaking to obtain the required number of signatures in a majority of congressional district with volunteers only, and limiting the ability to obtain assistance in this task is a detriment to Missouri citizens. Please vote **NO**.



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I have volunteered to collect initiative petition signatures on many occasions. The initiative process must be protected, so that Missourians can take action on issues that the Legislature is not addressing. The initiative process is a key tool for regular voters to hold legislators accountable.



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WITNESS NAME: JONATHAN SCHMID		PHONE NUMBER: 314-652-3114	
REPRESENTING: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MISSOURI		TITLE: POLICY COUNSEL	
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The ACLU of Missouri (ACLU-MO) submits this testimony in opposition to HB 2124, which would severely degrade access to Missourian’s constitutional right to citizen initiative petitions.

The ACLU-MO is the state affiliate of the national ACLU and works in the courts, legislature, and Missouri communities to defend and preserve the civil rights of individual Missourians, specifically of that to vote. The citizen initiative petition process is an essential form of direct democracy in Missouri. For over a century, Missourians from across the political spectrum have employed this process to advance key causes important to the general electorate.

If passed, however, HB 2124 would undermine this essential right. Most concerning, this bill unacceptably expands the powers of the Secretary of State and Attorney General in their roles certifying a petition for the ballot.

Rather than reviewing petitions for proper form as statute currently provides, this bill instructs the Secretary and Attorney General to review the content of the petition for compliance with statutory and constitutional provisions. Far beyond a review for form, this bill would install partisan politicians as essential gatekeepers to the initiative process, affording them the power to grant or deny access to what is supposed to be a right of the people.

HB 2124 also seeks to impose burdensome and unnecessary requirements for petition formatting and for signature collectors. To be clear, these requirements are not designed to address any particular problem currently in statute, but to make the process more difficult and less accessible.

Rights must not depend on the personal or political inclinations of an elected official. This bill, if passed, would only serve to degrade equal access to the right of initiative. Accordingly, we urge to vote NO on HB 2124.



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The will of the people must be respected by elected representatives of the people. Elected officials must not be allowed to undermine constitutional amendments and laws supported by the majority of citizens.



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I oppose this bill as it does not support the MO Constitution. This bill tries to weaken the Initiative Petition and Referendum process by repealing the public hearing requirement for IPs. This bill is against democracy by adding more red tape and roadblocks to prevent Missourians from voting. This is a terrible bill. I urge everyone to oppose this bill. Thank you.



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The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians, and our State Constitution has protected this right since 1907. I oppose this bill because it adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult. Lawmakers should instead focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians.



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Do not remove YOUR constituents' constitutional right for directly presenting their voice to the Missouri Legislature.



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I oppose this bill because I trust Missouri voters.

The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians

Our State Constitution has protected this right since 1907

This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult

Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians



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WITNESS NAME: KARIN PAGE		PHONE NUMBER:
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We, the people, of Missouri have this constitutional right to citizens petitions to amend the constitution. You, as law makers, should do what the people want, as you represent us. If you can't do what we want, maybe do to lobbyist money, then having the citizens initiative petition saves your asses. Missourians still can get to vote on things they feel are important to them. Do not make ANY changes to this law. We want this right protected. There is no real reason to change it. The arguments against this are made up. The CIP has helped citizens on both conservative and liberal sides. So, this is important, necessary, and needs to be kept exactly as it is.



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WITNESS NAME: KATE BROOKS		PHONE NUMBER:
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I believe responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people and promotes access to voting. The initiative process is an important tool of direct democracy for the people in Missouri. We have had this right since 1907. This bill would add MORE red tape with the goal of making the petition process more difficult. MO should make voting MORE accessible for Missourians.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHIE L ALLISON		PHONE NUMBER:
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The initiative process is a fundamental constitutional right of Missouri Voters.
this bill is an attempt to hinder this process by the legislature. Voting is guaranteed by the US
constitution and Missouri is attempting to take it away



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WITNESS NAME: KATHRYN KAY AMTHOR		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please vote NO on HB 2124!!!



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The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians

Our State Constitution has protected this right since 1907

This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult

Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians



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I believe responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people and promote access to voting. Otherwise, you're cheating. Plain and simple.



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WITNESS NAME: KAY PARK		PHONE NUMBER: 314-368-1178
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MISSOURI		TITLE:
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CITY: ST LOUIS		STATE: MO
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EMAIL: kaypark122@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/8/2026 2:59 PM

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On behalf of the League of Women Voters of Missouri I OPPOSE HB 2124 which adds restrictions on the initiative petition process which is already very arduous. The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians. The League believes responsible government should be responsive to the will of the people and promote access to voting. This bill does the opposite by adding more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process, which is the voice of the people, more difficult. Lawmakers should focus on representing the will of the voters. Please oppose HB 2124 and support the people of Missouri.

Thank you for considering these comments.

Kay Park, President

League of Women Voters of Missouri



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MISSOURI		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
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Oppose!



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The systems we have had in place in the State of Missouri have worked until the last few years. Passing this House Bill only disenfranchises the voters of this state and gives 100% of the power to a select few, which are currently the GOP. Please do not pass bills that favor only one party. It is unfair to everyone.



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I vehemently oppose HB 2124!! Stop making it difficult for citizens to be part of the initiative petition process here in Missouri! The initiative process has been part of our state's democracy for well over 100 years!



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WITNESS NAME: LARRY R. BRADLEY		PHONE NUMBER:
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Former President Harry S. Truman was known for saying, "If you can't stand the heat, stay out of the kitchen."

One of the favorite sayings of a former Battalion Commander of mine was, "No guts, no glory." I'm reminded of both these sayings because this Bill is a blatant rejection of both those statements. This is an attempt to turn down the heat in kitchen by doing things that will make it harder for Initiative Petitions to succeed. And such success could well bypass the agenda of a political party to control the citizenry of this state.

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, some 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.

This is a cowardly, no guts way to do political business in Missouri. I urge that this Bill be defeated.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA MARCUS MOUNTJOY		PHONE NUMBER:
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As a Missourian, I am vehemently opposed to having my voice diluted. HB 2124 would do just that.

Here are my concerns:

- The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians**
- Our State Constitution has protected this right since 1907**
- This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult**
- Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians**



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This bill works to make the initiative process more difficult for Missourians to access. The government should be more responsive to the will of the people, not add more red tape to further keep its interests at arms length from citizens. We are a state of government for the people, by the people, and that right has been protected by Missouri's constitution since 1907.

HB 2124 seeks to restrict citizens rights and is not in our best interests.



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The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians, a right of which our State Constitution has protected since 1907. This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult. I feel that a focus should be on making voting more accessible for Missourians, not harder.



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I am submitting testimony in opposition to HB 2124:

- The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians
- Our State Constitution has protected this right since 1907
- This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult
- Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians instead of creating barriers and challenges.



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The ballot initiative process that Missourians have had for over 100 years should be protected, not regulated into obscurity. The people deserve a chance to help ourselves when a legislature is not listening to and governing in accordance with our needs as citizens. In a Democracy people still have a voice !!



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I have collected well over 1000 signatures on recent state-wide Missouri petitions I felt strongly about, and I continue to collect signatures on the Respect Missouri Voters petition. Among other things, it would protect the initiative petition process from legislative attempts to weaken it. If the Missouri legislature would do its job, which is to represent the people while making decisions, then we the people would not feel compelled to take matters into our own hands and put initiatives and amendments on the ballot! It's hard work, and we don't do it lightly. We do it because we believe the people's voice must be listened to. Stop trying to take our power, and start listening to your constituents. You do not know better than we do. This bill is arrogant and Un-American.



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I believe our Constitution, our state constitution, holds our government responsible through the people, the peoples' choices and voices and votes. Do not withhold our direct process to not only keep the people silent while our government steals our tax money but suppress our votes.

The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians. Our State Constitution has protected this right since 1907.

This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult. I am in opposition to this bill.

Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missouri.



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Respect MO voters. It's time our law makers learn that we the people are tired of voting for items to only have our legislatures take it away. Right to work has been on the ballot more than not. Voted down every time, yet Jeff City wants to beat a dead horse over and over again. Abortion to be legal was voted overwhelmingly for, yet you guys found away to strip that away. If voting matters, then show that it does. Stop taking away things voting on, then take it away.



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The initiative petition process is truly the people's process as it allows citizens the ability to bring issues for a vote of the state when many times the legislature fails to act. Please oppose this bill that puts up unnecessary roadblocks.



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The Missouri state Republican super majority is **SCARED** to let the citizens of this state exercise the power of the people.

You all are **OUR** public servants. **WE** pay your salary. You **SERVE** the public, not try to **RULE** it.

WE the **PEOPLE** know what is important to us. **STOP** trying to rein in our petition power.



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For more than 100 years our state constitution has allowed for direct democracy in the form of citizen initiative petitions, and much good policy has been passed this way. This bill would make that process much more difficult. Please focus on making voting and direct democracy easier, not harder.



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The initiative petition process is an important tool for direct democracy in Missouri. Lawmakers should be supporting voting rights, instead of trying to minimize the voices of their own constituents.



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I urge you to oppose HB 2124, which would impose unnecessary new barriers on Missouri's citizen initiative petition process, making it harder for voters to place issues on the ballot.

The initiative process exists so citizens can take important issues directly to voters when the legislature chooses not to act. Restricting petition circulation, banning widely used compensation methods, expanding state control, and eliminating public hearings all undermine that constitutional right.

Missouri voters deserve a fair, accessible, and functional initiative process.

I respectfully urge you to vote NO on HB 2124.



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I strongly believe the initiative process should stand as currently stated. Citizens of Missouri should not be denied this important process.



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Through petitions, people in Missouri have already said they don't want this change that would make their voices even less heard.



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The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians which the State Constitution has protected since 1907. It has been used for subjects from conservative to progressive and otherwise. This bill adds unnecessary red tape to the IP process with the apparent goal of making it more difficult. It is already unbelievably difficult for the people to get a measure on a ballot, especially compared to the way that the Legislature can put measures on the ballot. If this passes, at some future time, current members of the legislature who think this is a good idea may come to regret this bill, as they too will be just ordinary citizens who might want to use the IP to achieve some goal. Please vote NO on this unnecessary bill.



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i strongly oppose this bill to limit the people of Missouri to collectively voice our will over the legislators' actions to overturn our Constitutional right to veto the actions of the legislators when they vote to overturn the will of the people of Missouri. I have collected signatures from Missouri voters, and it is well organized and respectful of the laws governing the process. Do not impede our rights by trying to impose your personal views by manipulating the process of citizen initiatives.



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This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult.

As a signature collector, I am opposed to restricting who can collect signatures. Volunteers are invested in this process.

I also oppose repealing the public hearing after signatures are certified.

Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians.



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The initiative process as it is currently structured is difficult enough. I am vehemently opposed to this attempt to further restrict the voice and will of Missouri voters.



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Please vote NO on HB2124. I do not want any more of my rights taken away by Republicans mMary



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We had several initiatives that passed in Missouri and the Republican majority stopped them from being initiated. Missouri is quickly moving to an authoritarian/totalitarian government. We are quickly losing our democracy. State officials are elected to represent us, the Missouri citizens. They are only representing their big campaign donors. This is oligarchy. Citizens United was not our friend. It has caused power by the billionaires. Stop this bill.



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This bill would require a residency requirement for petition circulators which is a clear violation of a petition gatherer's First Amendment rights.



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This proposed bill guts the power of voters to change laws that don't work; favors PACS and large corporations; gives the power to change ballot language of the petition; limits who can collect signatures.

Therefore, this bill is not in the best interests of voters. It takes power away from voters and gives it to the legislature. I oppose this bill.



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I vehemently oppose this bill. As an ordinary Missourian volunteering alongside other ordinary Missourians, I have worked hard to make sure the voices of Missourians are heard by the Missouri legislature. This bill seeks to silence us and we won't stand for it.



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I oppose this legislation and any legislation that restricts the citizens of Missouri from participating in our government. We should always have the right to collect petition signatures and put an issue on the statewide ballot to be voted on by the citizens of the state when our elected officials are ignoring our needs.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI COALITION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT		TITLE: DIRECTOR OF POLICY & STRATEGY	
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March 10, 2026

Chairman Rodger Reedy
 House Elections Committee
 MO House of Representatives
 201 West Capitol Avenue, Room 411-2
 Jefferson City MO 65101

Dear Chairman Reedy and Members of the Committee,

Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Bill No. 2124 establishes unnecessary parameters around gathering signatures for initiative petitions and referendum petitions. For this reason, I respectfully ask that you oppose HB 2124.

The bill increases text and formatting requirements for proposed measures. By requiring that measures be written in 12-point Times New Roman font with one-inch margins, HB 2124 creates more technicalities through which initiative petitions could be unfairly invalidated. Similarly, HB 2124 introduces arbitrary citizenship and residency requirements that generate further barriers to the petition process that are wholly unnecessary. It is unnecessary that petition circulators are required to be residents. Petition endeavors require a substantial amount of time and money which leads some politically concerned residents to partner with national or neighboring state advocacy groups that care about the same policy ideas. These outside groups can offer increased capacity to concerned Missouri citizens by allocating staff and volunteers who may come from outside the state.

Missouri's initiative petition process exists to protect our democracy and maintain a balance between Missourians and their elected officials. Voters have confidence in this process because it ensures that every citizen has an equal opportunity to participate and effect change. It empowers Missourians to come together and address issues that directly impact their lives and communities, something voters have done several times in recent years. For these reasons, we ask you to vote "no" on HB 2124 in order to preserve the constitutional right of Missourians to engage in the initiative petition process without needless red tape. Thank you for your time.

**Sincerely,
Melissa Vatterott, JD
Director of Policy & Strategy
mvatterott@moenvironment.org
314-727-0600, ext. 111**



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I urge you to vote NO on HB 2124. While presented as election integrity reform, this legislation erects unconstitutional barriers to the initiative petition process, silencing voices and restricting the core political speech of Missourians.

The initiative petition is one of the purest forms of democratic participation. For over a century, Missourians across the political spectrum have used this process to engage directly with their government. HB 2124 undermines this fundamental right.

HB 2124 imposes a 30-day residency requirement and citizenship mandate on petition circulators. The United States Supreme Court has made clear that circulating initiative petitions is “core political speech” where First Amendment protection is “at its zenith.” The Constitution protects everyone’s right to engage in political speech, regardless of how recently they moved here or their citizenship status.

These restrictions are likely unconstitutional. In 2023, a federal court permanently blocked South Dakota’s nearly identical 30-day residency requirement for petition circulators, finding it violated the First Amendment. That ruling came from the Eighth Circuit, which also binds Missouri. The court recognized that such requirements “significantly inhibit communication with voters about proposed political change” and infringe on free speech rights.

Missouri’s constitution is even more protective. It guarantees that “no law shall be passed impairing the freedom of speech, no matter by what means communicated: that every person shall be free to say, write or publish, or otherwise communicate whatever he will on any subject.” This provision is at least as expansive as the First Amendment.

Just last year, a Cole County Circuit Court struck down a requirement that voter registration solicitors be Missouri residents, finding it “mutes speech and expressive activity” and “directly stifles speech.” That case is now before the Missouri Supreme Court. HB 2124 makes the same constitutional error.

The bill also prohibits compensating circulators based on the number of signatures obtained, imposes strict formatting requirements that could void otherwise valid signatures, and repeals the requirement for a legislative public hearing on initiatives. While we support allowing electronic signature page forms, this positive reform does not outweigh the bill’s constitutional defects.

The residency and citizenship requirements block a large swath of people from engaging in core

political speech. They remove from the pool of potential circulators many individuals who care deeply about Missouri issues but have not met an arbitrary 30-day deadline. This directly restricts the number of voices conveying political messages and limits the ability of petition sponsors to spread their message.

I urge you to oppose HB 2124. Do not limit public participation in our democratic process. Do not pass a bill that clearly violates both the state and federal constitutions. Vote NO.



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Petitions should be continued so there is our voice to be heard and tallied instead of getting drowned out amongst lobbyists!



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WITNESS NAME: MIRIAM SORKIN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The initiative petition process enables good citizens to participate in their right to have a say in their government. Democracy only works when citizens participate. This bill intends to make it difficult to impossible for citizens to do so when their politicians fail in their duty to work in behalf of the people they represent.



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This bill screams voter suppression. The multiplicity of barriers enumerated in it just pile on ways to stop or severely hinder the initiative petition process, one that should be protected as voters have the right to initiate changes to the laws that we feel are needed. Circulating petitions gives the people the right to decide if an issue should reach the ballot or not. We should not be silenced, which is what this proposed legislation is trying to do, to make it impossible for an IP to reach the ballot so the people you all represent can vote it up or down. Please take your foot off of our neck and allow the democratic process to work the way it was intended - for the people.



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I strongly oppose this bill because it makes it harder for Missourians to hold our legislature accountable and prevent abuse of power. Missouri legislature already shows willingness to overthrow the will of Missouri voters, and the citizen petition/referendum process is an important stopgap against that abuse. Eliminating public comment is an egregious limitation on our constitutional right to participate in governance. Further, giving the SOS and AG additional power to regulate petitions, weakens the power the Missouri constitution assigns to the citizens

The citizen petition process has worked well for a century and is a vital part of Missouri's democracy. Leave it alone.



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I am a Missouri constituent and voter and I strongly oppose HB 2124. This bill is yet another way that our MO legislature is showing their lack of support for the people of Missouri and our over 100 year old right to participate in direct democracy through the initiative petition process. From my volunteer work for multiple citizen-led initiative petitions, I know that this right is valuable and effective for me and my neighbors. And I am testifying to urge our legislators yet again to leave this important process alone; it's a difficult yet well-functioning process by which we have passed popular, important laws that Missourians want and need. Vote no on this bill and other similar measures.



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The initiative petition process is an important tool of direct democracy for Missourians. Our State Constitution has protected this right since 1907. This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult. Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians.



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- Our State Constitution has protected this right since 1907
- This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult
- Lawmakers should focus on making voting more accessible for Missourians



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I greatly oppose HB 2124. As someone who has collected signatures for initiative petitions, I disagree that petition circulators must be residents of Missouri or US citizens living in MO for 30 consecutive days prior to the collection of signatures. This only puts a roadblock to make signature gatherers be all volunteers. There is nothing wrong with us hiring people to collect signatures and be compensated for their work. There is no need to state that signature must be in black or dark ink. That is already one of the rules to initiate a petition.

The MO Constitution states that citizens can petition to have a law placed on the ballot for votes. This is trying to prevent this from happening. Please do not vote to approve this.



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Missouri citizens have the right to let their voices be heard. The initiative petition process is the most effective way we can do this! It is undermining democracy to have our legislature continually try to limit, disrupt, and interfere with this process, making it harder to let the will of the people be respected and implemented into law or policies. Missouri's legislative body works for us, the people. What is the point of having an initiative petition process if the state is constantly trying to thwart it and make changes in how the people voted? Our legislature needs to learn how to work with the people not against them. Doing so undermines our constitutional rights. Please vote no on this bill.



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I oppose.



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Initiative petition process is a important tool for the citizens of Missouri to make our voices heard. You should be ashamed for trying to make the process more difficult. The super majority has enough power as it is. Let us have our voice!



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Hello I am opposed to these changes to our initiative petitions for two reasons. The first is that the formatting changes seems to be there only to allow the Secretary of State more chances to disqualify signature for technical reasons, rather than a need to improve the form. Secondly I have no idea why noncitizens shouldn't be allowed to collect signatures. That would be the only time they have the ability to get involved with our ballot initiatives, since their signatures just wouldn't count.



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WITNESS NAME: ROB DIDRIKSEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My name is Rob Didriksen. I have spent a lot of time volunteering to help with ballot initiatives in Missouri.

I love this process because it lets me talk to my neighbors about the problems our state faces. Through these campaigns, I have met people I never thought I would agree with. It helped us become a better community.

I vote in every election. I know that in a democracy, you don't always win. Sometimes your side loses, and that is okay. What matters is that everyone gets an equal vote.

I believe that making it harder for citizens to start a petition is wrong. It goes against the idea of "one person, one vote." If a small group of people can stop what the majority wants, it only makes people frustrated and angry.

As a Missouri voter, I have the right to talk to my neighbors and ask for change if I think the government is missing something important. This right was given to me by the people who lived here before me. It is a tool we use to keep our democracy healthy.

If this bill passes, future Missourians will not have the same rights that I have today. We should not change our laws to take away rights from our children and grandchildren.

I respectfully ask you to vote NO on HB2124.



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WITNESS NAME: RON BERRY		PHONE NUMBER: 660-537-2239	
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The initiative petition process is amongst the purest forms of democratic participation. For more than a century, access to the citizen initiative process has allowed for voter engagement by Missouri voters across the political spectrum - conservative, progressve and everything in between. All of our voices matter.

Because the legislation unduly limits core political speech, and will make this labor intensive and already difficult process even more difficult, and thus discouraging Missourians voices, I strongly urge you to vote NO.



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This notice is submitted to preserve the legislative record regarding foreseeable constitutional concerns arising from House Bill 2124.

HB 2124 materially alters Missouri’s initiative and referendum process by expanding pre-circulation review requirements, imposing additional circulator restrictions, increasing criminal penalties, and limiting the time and circumstances under which judicial review may occur.

These changes implicate the people’s constitutionally reserved initiative and referendum powers under Article III of the Missouri Constitution.

First, HB 2124 expands the authority of the Secretary of State and Attorney General to review petition submissions for compliance not merely as to form, but for compliance with multiple constitutional provisions before circulation may begin. Because the initiative power is reserved to the people, statutory mechanisms that materially increase executive gatekeeping over access to the petition process warrant close scrutiny.

Second, the bill imposes multiple new procedural and technical requirements on petition circulation, including circulator registration, residency or physical presence requirements, and heightened compliance obligations. Although the state may regulate petition integrity, such regulations may not be structured in a manner that unduly burdens or functionally impairs the exercise of the initiative and referendum power.

Third, HB 2124 contains a significant restriction on judicial review by providing that actions challenging ballot language that are not fully and finally adjudicated within specified time limits shall be extinguished, and that no court shall have authority to grant relief after those periods expire. A statute that attempts to terminate pending judicial review by operation of time raises substantial due process and separation-of-powers concerns, particularly where constitutional rights and ballot access are at issue.

Fourth, the bill adds criminal penalties and reporting obligations in a manner that may chill lawful petition activity if broadly enforced. Where criminal sanctions attach to political participation and petition circulation, clarity and narrow tailoring are essential.

HB 2124 therefore raises substantial concerns involving:

**the people's reserved initiative and referendum powers,
due process,
access to judicial review,**

and the risk of undue burdens on protected political activity.

This notice is submitted to preserve the legislative record regarding those concerns.



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This is yet another attempt to silence Missourians and infringe on our voting rights. Politicians need to focus on making sure families can afford groceries, rent, and health care — stop coming after our freedom to vote.



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I very strongly oppose this bill. Any vote to further suppress the will of Missourians and our Constitutional rights will be an indicator to me that you are very happy to surrender your seat in any position of government. Your opposition in any race going forward will be receiving my vote in any race. For all time.

You represent all of us or none of us.



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I do not support HB2124 as it negatively impacts the separation of powers in our state which then is a detriment to checks and balances. The Courts should maintain their ability to edit language hat ultimately violates Missouri law.



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The Legislature should encourage citizen participation in government, not continue to throw up roadblocks.

Initiative petitions and referendums help to maintain a balance of power between the people and Legislatures that fail to do the will of the people.



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It has been made abundantly clear that the Missouri legislative body with a Republican super majority has ZERO interest in serving ALL Missourians. They do not listen to constituents. I even had my state senator not show up for an appointment I scheduled with them after driving two hours to meet with them. This bill is an effort to further suppress the will of the people of Missouri. The IP process gives power back to the people where it belongs. MO Republican legislators don't like that and this is an effort to make the IP process constrained to the point of inaccessibility. It's shameful. I oppose it. I expect my representatives to oppose it as well.



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This is an unnecessary bill. The government should encourage and welcome citizen initiatives.



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Stop making it harder for voting-eligible Missourians to participate in democracy.



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I'm a Missouri voter & I am opposed to HB2124. The initiative petition process has been a valued tool of direct democracy in Missouri for over 100 years. Sadly, we are currently facing a Republican governor & Republican majority in our state legislature that seems intent on destroying it. HB2124 is one of several bills currently in process designed to make the initiative petition process more difficult by adding red tape for the folks organizing initiative campaigns & more opportunities for politicians to refuse the wishes of the people of this state by nitpicking inconsequential details. This effort is a direct attack on the will of Missouri voters & yet another total waste of our tax dollars. Our state representatives should be focused on supporting the democratic process instead of undoing it.



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The initiative petition process is a tool of direct democracy that is treasured by Missourians as a means to improve our lives when lawmakers refuse to address our concerns. This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process more difficult; we see right through it.



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It is obvious that our Representatives and Senators don't listen to the issues that are important to the citizens of Missouri. Obvious because they change or overturn the initiatives that are passed by usually an overwhelming majority of citizens have voted for and passed. I am in opposition of HB2124. Keep the citizens initiative process with the people of the state of Missouri not with politicians.



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The initiative petition process is an important, critical tool of direct democracy for Missourians that has been in place since 1907.

A citizens initiative is already very time consuming and expensive. This bill adds more red tape with the goal of making the initiative petition process even more difficult. Instead of making this process more difficult lawmakers should be focusing on making voting more accessible for Missourians!



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HB 2124 establishes unnecessary parameters around gathering signatures for initiative petitions and referendum petitions. Clearly the purpose is to make the initiative petition process harder. Please vote NO.



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The initiative petition process is an important tool for Missouri voters to get legislation on our ballots when our legislators won't. I oppose HB 2124 because it makes the initiative petition process more complicated for Missouri voters.



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Our MO government should be responsive to the will of the people and promote access to voting.



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Our democracy works best when the people still have a voice.



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I am opposed to this bill. Missouri residents deserve to have a voice and be able to initiate petitions.



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Please receive my opposition to HB2124. I am appalled at the continuing attacks my state legislators inflict on the rights of my and my fellow Missourians. The right of Missourians to petition it's fellow citizens to address issues ignored by their elected representatives has been enshrined in Missouri's Constitution since 1907. This was done to ensure citizens control the direction of our state. The false narrative too many current Missouri legislators continue to peddle with absolutely no proof that Missourians are so easily duped that we do not understand what is placed on the ballot is insulting. The Missouri Ballot Initiative and transparency in ballot language must be preserved.