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I respectfully request that you vote in favor of these bills for the following reasons:
 Currently, Missourians cannot vote while incarcerated, as well as during any period of probation or parole for a felony conviction . HB 617 would restore voting rights upon completion of their term of incarceration for a felony (except for crimes associated with right of suffrage).
 Nationwide, 4.6 million people - one in 50 Americans of voting age - are disenfranchised due to a felony conviction in their past.
 More than 75% of people who can't vote due to a criminal record are not incarcerated, but have served their time. They are living in our communities, having completed incarceration, or while being on probation or parole. These people are working and paying taxes, yet they have no voice in their government.
 In Missouri, there are approximately 60,000 individuals on probation and parole.
 Voters of color are disproportionately impacted. One in 19 African Americans of voting age is disenfranchised due to a felony - a rate 3.5 times that of non-African Americans. Among the adult African American population, 5.3 percent is disenfranchised compared to 1.5 percent of the adult non-African American population.
 Studies confirm that voting while on probation and parole reduces recidivism. Why? Voting encourages engagement and participation. It gives people a stake in their communities. This is one reason many states are moving towards restoring voting rights for those on probation and parole. Since 1997, 26 states and the District of Columbia have guaranteed voting rights to people living with felony convictions in their past. As a result, over 2 million Americans have regained their fundamental right to vote, and are contributing members of their communities
 Since 2020, 8 states have changed their laws to provide for voting rights after incarceration. Missouri should join this list by allowing people to vote once they have completed their sentence of incarceration, and allow those on probation and parole to register to vote.



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I strongly SUPPORT ELIMINATING THE REQUIREMENTS TO COMPLETE PROBATION OR PAROLE in order to vote. Allowing citizens who have served time to begin participating in the voting process will help them become active members of society. Probation can last many, many years and it is unfair to continue to punish citizens in this manner.



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The Missouri Voter Protection Coalition (MOVPC) submits this testimony in support of HB 2592, HB 2787, HB 2834, which would restore voting rights to Missourians on probation or parole for prior felony convictions. This is a much needed reform with proven impacts on reducing recidivism and promoting positive reentry and citizenship. The majority of states allow those on probation or parole to vote.

Currently, Missourians are not eligible to vote during any period of incarceration, as well as during any period of probation or parole for a felony conviction. This would restore voting rights upon completion of their term of incarceration for a felony (except for crimes associated with right of suffrage).

Nationwide, 4.6 million people - one in 50 Americans of voting age - are disenfranchised due to a felony conviction in their past. And more than 75% of people who can't vote due to a criminal record are not incarcerated, but living in our communities, having completed their sentences, or while being on probation or parole. These people are working and paying taxes, yet they have no voice in their government.

In Missouri, there are approximately 60,000 individuals on probation and parole.

Voters of color are significantly disproportionately impacted. One in 19 African Americans of voting age is disenfranchised due to a felony - a rate 3.5 times that of non-African Americans. Among the adult African American population, 5.3 percent is disenfranchised compared to 1.5 percent of the adult non-African American population.

Studies unilaterally confirm that voting while on probation and parole reduces recidivism. States that allow voting by those on probation and parole have lower recidivism rates, and more positive re-entry experiences. Why? Voting encourages engagement and participation. It gives people a stake in their communities. This is one reason many states are moving towards restoring voting rights for those on probation and parole. Since 1997, 26 states and the District of Columbia have guaranteed voting rights to people living with felony convictions in their past. As a result, over 2 million Americans have regained their fundamental right to vote, and are contributing members of their communities.

Since 2020, more than 8 states have changed their laws to provide for voting rights after incarceration. Missouri should join this list by allowing people to vote once they have completed their sentence of incarceration, and allow those on probation and parole to register to vote. Accordingly, we urge this

committee to Support HB 2592, HB 2787, HB 2834.



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I strongly support this legislation and appreciate it being filed and having a hearing.



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My name is Emily Stoinski, and I am a registered Missouri voter. I am writing today in support of HB 2834. What happens in elections has a significant impact on all individuals, regardless of criminal record. I believe they should have a say in what happens in our state and country.



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Chair Mayhew and Members of the House Corrections and Public Institutions Committee:

On behalf of the Health Forward Foundation (Health Forward), I submit this testimony in support of House Bills 2592, 2787, and 2834, which would restore voting rights to individuals on probation or parole. Health Forward is a public health foundation focusing on equitable healthcare access and outcomes. Policies that increase access to voting play a key role in shaping the community and are critical to fostering a healthy, functioning and thriving society.

Currently, Missourians who have been convicted of a felony cannot vote until they have completed probation or parole. As of May 2025, around 57,000 people were on felony probation or parole under supervision of the Missouri Department of Corrections.

These bills would restore the right to vote for thousands of justice-impacted Missourians, strengthening civic engagement and community connection, which is associated with better health and health outcomes. Communities of color have been disproportionately affected by felony disenfranchisement due to long-standing structural and systemic inequities within the criminal justice system.

Restoring voting rights would ensure that Missourians who are living, working, and paying taxes in their communities can participate in elections and have a voice in the policies that shape their health, their families, and the well-being of their communities.

Health Forward asks the members of the committee to vote yes to restore voting rights for individuals on probation and parole. Please contact eshankland@healthforward.org if you have any questions or would like additional resources. We would welcome the opportunity to remain engaged with you on this issue.

Sincerely,
Emma Shankland
 Impact Strategist – Policy
 Health Forward Foundation

<https://mostpolicyinitiative.org/science-note/voting-while-on-probation-or-parole/>.

(2) Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. (n.d.). Civic Participation. Healthy People 2030. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved from <https://odphp.health.gov/healthypeople/priority-areas/social-determinants-health/literature-summaries/civic-participation>.

(3) The Sentencing Project (2023). Increasing Public Safety by Restoring Voting Rights. Retrieved from <https://www.sentencingproject.org/policy-brief/increasing-public-safety-by-restoring-voting-rights/>.



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As a convicted felon currently on parole/probation and an advocate for prison reform, I understand the critical importance of restoring voting rights to individuals in similar situations. Having faced the challenges of reintegration firsthand, I have seen how the denial of voting rights perpetuates a cycle of disenfranchisement and hopelessness. Individuals on probation or parole encounter numerous barriers upon reentry, and stripping away our voting rights sends a message that we are not valued members of society. Restoring these rights empowers us to engage civically and advocate for the policies that directly affect our lives, fostering responsibility and accountability. Moreover, our diverse perspectives can contribute to more informed policy-making, ensuring that those most affected by these policies are heard. By supporting the restoration of voting rights for individuals on probation and parole, we can build a more just and equitable society for all



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Allowing voting while on probation or parole promotes citizenship and reduces recidivism.



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Empower Missouri has been committed for over 120 years to improving the quality of life for all Missouri residents through advocacy and policy change. Since our inception, Empower Missouri has focused on the criminal justice system and its impacts. Our Community Justice Coalition consists of community advocates and organizations from across the state who work with those who have been impacted by the criminal justice system. Many coalition members are formerly incarcerated or have currently incarcerated loved ones, and all are connected by a vision for a future without mass incarceration. We support HB 2592, HB 2834, and HB 2787, bills that would restore voting rights to individuals on probation and parole.

People on parole and probation are your constituents and our neighbors. Each of us has unique insight into our own lives and experiences with Missouri policy that others, including elected officials, simply will never have the chance to experience. When we delay the restoration of voting rights until a term of probation or parole is complete - which can be years - this can mean that individuals who know best what helps and hinders their everyday lives are not always represented in state policymaking. We believe that the majority of our state representatives and senators take seriously the idea that they represent everyone in their district. We also recognize the reality that elected officials pay more attention to voters, and when people's right to vote is delayed or denied, their preferences and interests won't be attended to.

Additionally, if we expect people to reintegrate into our communities successfully, we must also provide them with pathways to meaningful engagement. Engaging in the civic responsibility of voting is a meaningful (re)connection to the greater community. Delaying the restoration of an individual's voting rights puts up barriers, disenfranchises, and encourages isolation instead of what is needed, which is moving toward what it is to be a flourishing member of the community. A single vote does not change outcomes, but it is an important part of making a person feel like a contributing part of the whole, counting as a full citizen.

Voting rights restoration is also a common sense public safety measure. States where individuals retain their right to vote while on supervision see 10% lower recidivism rates than states without voting restoration. Voting is a pro-social activity associated with a lower chance of offending. Missouri is one of fifteen states where people with a felony conviction lose their voting rights through incarceration and while on parole and/or probation. Empower Missouri urges this committee to join the other states that have taken steps to restore voting rights immediately after incarceration and vote do-pass for these bills. Thank you for your time and consideration.



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As a member of the Prison Ministry Team at Epiphany United Church of Christ in St. Louis, Missouri, I am writing to support HB 2592. Those who have served their time for crimes should have rights and responsibilities similar to other community members upon release, including the right to vote. When formerly incarcerated persons get invested in the well-being of their communities, including being active voters, they are less likely to commit crimes and return to incarceration. I thank the sponsor for bringing this bill forward.



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Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, thank you for allowing me to submit testimony in support House Bill 2834. My name is Jen Bernstein and I am the Advocacy Director 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.

NCJWSTL strongly supports MO HB 2834 because it restores voting eligibility to Missourians on probation or parole for felony convictions and ensures that individuals regain their right to vote immediately upon release from incarceration. The right to vote is fundamental to a healthy democracy, and this bill recognizes that people who are living in our communities, working, paying taxes, and rebuilding their lives deserve a voice in the decisions that affect them. By removing unnecessary barriers to civic participation, HB 2834 helps reinforce accountability, dignity, and belonging for returning citizens across Missouri.

This reform also aligns Missouri with national trends favoring rights restoration. These trends are backed by evidence showing that civic engagement reduces recidivism and strengthens communities. When people are encouraged to participate fully in society, they are more likely to remain connected, invested, and law-abiding. Restoring voting rights is not only fair, it is smart public policy that promotes rehabilitation, public safety, and a stronger democracy.

We urge you to vote YES on HB 2834.



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Please vote Yes to restore the voting rights of those who have served their terms of incarceration and are now on probation or parole. Post-incarceration supervision is meant to ensure reintegration into society, not to inflict further punishment. A fully integrated person should have the right and duty to participate in the civic life of the community. Disenfranchisement serves no purpose except to further punish and stigmatize the returning citizen. Please restore voting rights to these individuals.



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As a citizen, I don't have any objection to restoring voting rights to people who have felony convictions but who have served their time. My understanding is that not allowing these people to vote is unfairly disenfranchising minorities and low-wage workers. Also, I understand voting rights restoration reduces recidivism because people feel more connected to their communities this way.



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Let Missouri be the 9th state!!

Since 2020, 8 states have changed their laws to provide for voting rights after incarceration. Missouri should join this list by allowing people to vote once they have completed their sentence of incarceration, and allow those on probation and parole to register to vote.



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I volunteer with a church group helping people without a Birth Certificate and/or Missouri ID get those. The group typically helps 60 or 70 people every week. Nearly every week I help a person on Probation or Parole get their documents, and the same is going with the other volunteers. These formerly incarcerated people want to be able to work and find housing, but they are often also interested in when they will be able to vote.

I know it is not directly covered in this bill, but there are current problems with how ID, and so jobs and housing access, are handled for people leaving correctional institutions that can be improved with this bill.

They are often released with nothing that would identify them enough to help get a Birth Certificate or a State ID.

They have no funds to help them get those documents and of course do not qualify for the Free ID to Vote.

Restoring the Right to Vote will help remove these added barriers for these people to just get an ID to work and find housing



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MARILYN MCLEOD		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
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More than 75% of people who can't vote due to a criminal record are not incarcerated, but have served their time. They are living in our communities, having completed incarceration, or while being on probation or parole. These people are working and paying taxes, yet they have no voice in their government.

In Missouri, there are approximately 60,000 individuals on probation and parole. Studies confirm that voting while on probation and parole reduces recidivism. Voting encourages engagement and participation. It gives people a stake in their communities.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MARY GROSS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
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I support a person serving their sentence to have voting rights.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL DREYER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL WESTEN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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I SUPPORT HB 2834 as originally drafted.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: PATRICIA DANIEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I support HB 2834 to allow every citizen to vote after release from prison.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: PRECIOUS JONES		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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I am in full support of this bill.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: RIVA E CAPELLARI		PHONE NUMBER:
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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: SARAH FELTS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: SHARON GEUEA JONES		PHONE NUMBER: 573-808-2156	
REPRESENTING: MO NAACP		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 227 JEFFERSON ST			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/2/2026 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: SHEENA ROGERS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-635-9030	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: SHOW ME JUSTICE FOR ALL/MO JUSTICE COALITION		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/PROGRAM MANAGER	
ADDRESS: 6412 TIGER RD			
CITY: PIERCE CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65723
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/2/2026 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: SHERRY L BUCHANAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: SUSAN GIBSON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
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I support the re-establishment of enfranchisement upon release from prison.



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: TOMMIE HOLLINS SR		PHONE NUMBER: 573-647-9366	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI STATE CONFERENCE NAACP		TITLE: PULASKI COUNTY NAACP	
ADDRESS: POX 407			
CITY: WAYNESVILLE		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65583
EMAIL: thsr007@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/1/2026 8:44 PM	

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Currently, Missourians cannot vote while incarcerated, as well as during any period of probation or parole for a felony conviction . HB 617 would restore voting rights upon completion of their term of incarceration for a felony (except for crimes associated with right of suffrage). Nationwide, 4.6 million people - one in 50 Americans of voting age - are disenfranchised due to a felony conviction in their past.

More than 75% of people who can't vote due to a criminal record are not incarcerated, but have served their time. They are living in our communities, having completed incarceration, or while being on probation or parole. These people are working and paying taxes, yet they have no voice in their government.

In Missouri, there are approximately 60,000 individuals on probation and parole. Voters of color are disproportionately impacted. One in 19 African Americans of voting age is disenfranchised due to a felony - a rate 3.5 times that of non-African Americans. Among the adult African American population, 5.3 percent is disenfranchised compared to 1.5 percent of the adult non-African American population.

Studies confirm that voting while on probation and parole reduces recidivism. Why? Voting encourages engagement and participation. It gives people a stake in their communities. This is one reason many states are moving towards restoring voting rights for those on probation and parole. Since 1997, 26 states and the District of Columbia have guaranteed voting rights to people living with felony convictions in their past. As a result, over 2 million Americans have regained their fundamental right to vote, and are contributing members of their communities

Since 2020, 8 states have changed their laws to provide for voting rights after incarceration. Missouri should join this list by allowing people to vote once they have completed their sentence of incarceration, and allow those on probation and parole to register to vote.



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WITNESS NAME: TYLER TRAVERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION AND MO APPLESEED		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 906 OLIVE ST			
CITY: ST LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63101
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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I support these bills.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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I am Opposed to this Bill. Your do the Crime, you Serve your Sentence and Full Probation.



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WITNESS NAME: SARAH BERRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 2834 again seeks to impose permanent civic exclusion—from voting and jury service—without performing or disclosing the constitutional analysis required when the legislature restricts a fundamental right.

The right to vote is fundamental. Any law that permanently disenfranchises citizens, particularly beyond incarceration, triggers heightened constitutional scrutiny and demands narrow tailoring, proportionality, and a clearly articulated governmental interest.

HB 2834 provides none.

The bill permanently disenfranchises individuals convicted of certain suffrage-related misdemeanors and permanently bars all persons convicted of a felony from jury service, regardless of rehabilitation, passage of time, or relevance to civic fitness. These are lifetime civil disabilities imposed categorically, without individualized assessment or restoration mechanism.

This form of permanent civic exile has long been recognized as constitutionally suspect. It transforms criminal punishment into an enduring status condition—one that alters the electorate and jury pool itself—without acknowledging the constitutional limits on legislative power to do so.

Most troubling is the process failure. HB 2834 does not identify:

**which constitutional provisions are implicated,
 what level of scrutiny applies,
 or how permanent disenfranchisement and jury exclusion are narrowly tailored to a compelling or even substantial state interest.**

Instead, the General Assembly again proceeds by silence, effectively outsourcing constitutional review to the courts and shifting the cost of that abdication to taxpayers.

The real violation is structural: the legislature is redefining the boundaries of democratic participation while refusing to engage the constitutional framework that governs that authority.

Absent a recorded constitutional justification meeting heightened scrutiny, HB 2834 represents an improper exercise of legislative power and should be rejected.

HB 2592, HB 2787, and HB 2834 collectively demonstrate a deliberate bill-splitting strategy in which permanent voter disenfranchisement and lifetime civic disabilities are divided across multiple vehicles to diffuse scrutiny while producing the same cumulative effect.

Fragmenting substantively identical restrictions does not cure constitutional defects; it obscures them. When considered together, these bills operate as a single scheme to redefine voter qualifications and civic participation without engaging heightened constitutional scrutiny or placing any unified constitutional analysis on the record. Courts evaluate substance over form, and this pattern will be assessed cumulatively, not in isolation.

Footnotes

Harper v. Virginia Board of Elections, 383 U.S. 663 (1966) (voting is a fundamental right subject to close scrutiny).

Hunter v. Underwood, 471 U.S. 222 (1985) (invalidating overbroad disenfranchisement provisions).

Trop v. Dulles, 356 U.S. 86 (1958) (the Constitution forbids punishment that strips basic civic status as a permanent condition).

Reynolds v. Sims, 377 U.S. 533 (1964) (the right to vote is preservative of all other rights).