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Capitol Report

April 25, 2024

Dear Neighbor,

I was extremely disappointed this week when the House voted to defund Planned Parenthood. This is a shameful act that punishes girls and women specifically because of the perception that Planned Parenthood is an abortion provider. ABORTIONS are ILLEGAL in most cases in Missouri and NO ABORTIONS are being performed in Missouri. This move is detrimental as 20 percent of the women who receive healthcare services from Planned Parenthood (ie. Cancer screenings, STI testing, birth control.) receive Medicaid. This is an undue hardship on these girls and women. I have worked to make healthcare easier to access in Missouri. This includes removing the restrictions on APRN's (which I was recognized as the Missouri Nurse's Association Legislator of the Year for 2023), direct access for physical therapy so patients no longer have to get a referral from a physician and passing legislation to create licensing compacts so medical professionals can get licensed easier in our state.

Although this bill will head to the governor's desk and he is expected to sign the bill. Voters, especially women, will have their say in November

as they head to the polls to overturn Missouri's abortion ban.

*Yours in Service,
Rich*

House Legislative Dashboard



Bill defunding Planned Parenthood heads to governor

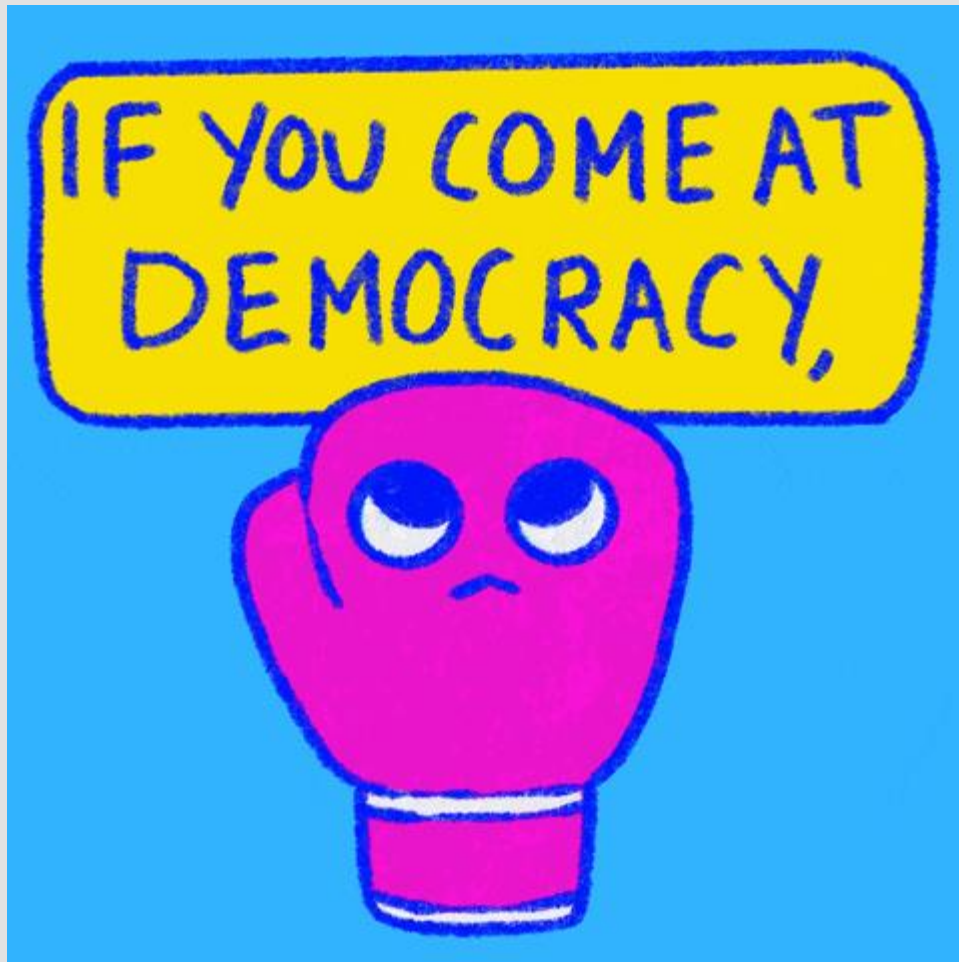
Along straight party lines, the Republican-controlled Missouri House of Representatives voted 106-48 on April 24 to grant final passage to legislation seeking to block one

of the state's largest providers of women's health care from participating in the state's Medicaid program. The bill, previously approved by the Senate, now goes to the governor, who is expected to sign it into law.

House Bill 2634 marks the culmination of a years-long Republican effort to defund Planned Parenthood clinics operating in the state. Although the organization was state's last remaining abortion provider, none its clinics currently perform the procedure in Missouri, where it is now illegal in nearly all circumstances.

Because the Missouri Supreme Court twice in recent years has struck down attempts to strip the organization of funding through the state budget process, the bill attempts to get around that impediment by creating a general statute purporting to prohibit Medicaid reimbursements to health care facilities affiliated with out-of-state abortion providers.

Republicans attempted to add an emergency clause to HB 2634 that would have allowed it to take effect immediately upon being signed by the governor. However, that motion failed on a vote of 106-50, falling three votes shy of the two-thirds majority needed for passage. As a result, the prohibition on Planned Parenthood receiving Medicaid funding, once signed, won't take effect until Aug. 28.



House approves making it harder to amend state constitution

After restoring so-called “bandy candy” designed to deceive Missouri voters into supporting it, the House of Representatives voted 102-49 on April 25 for legislation that would make it possible for a minority of voters statewide to block the ratification of proposed constitutional amendments supported by the majority.

The Senate previously had stripped out the ballot candy to

overcome a Democratic filibuster and allow a vote sending the measure to the House. With the ballot candy restored, the measure returns to the Senate, where its chances of winning final approval are uncertain since another filibuster is expected.

Senate Joint Resolution 74 seeks to impose a concurrent majority requirement of both a simple majority of votes cast statewide, as well as approval in at least five of Missouri's eight congressional districts. Ratification traditionally has required only a simple statewide majority. According to an analysis by the Missouri Independent, it would be mathematically possible under this system for just 23 percent of voters to thwart ratification.

Since SJR 74's supporters know Missouri voters likely would reject such a change as stand-alone legislation, they added ballot candy specifying that non-citizens can't vote and foreign governments can't sponsor or finance initiatives – provisions that merely echo existing law. The ballot language written into SJR 74 lists the various pieces of ballot candy first and the concurrent majority requirement last.

If SJR 74 wins final Senate approval, it automatically would go on the Nov. 5 general election ballot. However, it is expected Gov. Mike Parson, a Republican, would exercise his authority to move the measure to the Aug. 6 primary election in order for the concurrent majority requirement to have a chance of being approved before an expected November vote on an initiative petition to add an abortion rights provision to the Missouri Constitution.



House advances measure asking voters to modify term limits

State lawmakers would be limited to serving 16 years total in any combination between the Senate and House of Representatives, instead of no more than eight years per chamber, under legislation the House approved April 22 on a vote of 134-14, with five lawmakers voting “present.”

Missouri voters first enacted legislative term limits in 1992 with 75 percent support, but the restrictions didn't take full effect until the 2002 elections. In the two decades since, legislative term limits have been widely criticized for forcing lawmakers from office before they can accrue substantial experience, ceding power over the legislative process from

the elected representatives of the people to longtime lobbyists and legislative staff.

Although it's currently possible to serve 16 years in the legislature by serving the maximum tenure in both chambers, few lawmakers are able to do so as practical matter. House Joint Resolution 69 would grant more flexibility by allowing someone to serve the full 16 years in a single chamber or another combination, such as 12 years in one and four in the other.

HJR 69 now advances to the Senate. If it wins final legislative approval, it automatically would go on the Nov. 5 ballot for voter ratification. The 2024 legislative session ends May 17.

REAL ID

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For more information, including where to obtain your REAL ID, visit dor.mo.gov

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COMMUNITY NEWS AND HAPPENINGS



KC SUMMER 2024!

CHILDREN & YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES & RESOURCES



UPPER ROOM KC

- Reading/Math
- Fieldtrips
- Breakfast and Lunch
- **Ages K-8th grade**
- May 30-July 24
- Full day 7:30am-6pm
- www.upperroomkc.org
- 816-363-3819



BOYS & GIRLS CLUB KC

ATOMIC BLAST SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

- **Ages 5-12:** math, science, reading and writing
- **Ages 13-18:** college tours, first job and internship programs
- June 3 - Aug 2
- Full day 7am - 6pm
- www.helpkckids.org
- 816-361-3600



KANSAS CITY YMCA SUMMER PROGRAM

- **Ages 5-12:** full day summer camps at multiple sites
- **Ages 13-18:** summer youth volunteer program
- June 3 - Aug 9
- Full day 8am - 5pm
- www.kansascityymca.org
- 816-360-3390



TOMLIN ACADEMY PRE-K SUMMER

- SUMMER PROGRAM
- **Ages 3-5** full day summer camp
 - June 3 - Aug 9
 - Full day 6am - 6pm
 - www.tomlinacademy.net
 - 816-785-7878



PARKS & REC SUMMER CAMPS

- Seven summer camp sites for
- **Ages 6-15**
- Full day 7:30am-5:30pm
- June 3 - Aug 9
- www.kcparks.org
- 816-513-7500



WE CODE KC

- ONGOING stem camps for youth
- kids learn to code, design websites, and more
- **ages 7-17**
- different days and times
- June 3 - Aug 9
- www.wecodekc.org
- 816-434-0551
- NOT a full day camp



KCPD: POLICE ATHLETIC LEAGUE

- **Ages 8-18**, enrolled in school
- Coaching, life skills and mentoring through weekly sports practices
- www.kcpal.org
- 816-241-6816



FREEDOM SCHOOL KC

- **Ages 5-12**
- Full day reading and math
- Fieldtrips
- Breakfast and lunch provided
- June-August
- www.graceunitedkc.org
- 816-289-6062
- Full day camp



FRONT PORCH ALLIANCE

- **"Porch Storytellers"**: Paint, draw, collage, write poetry, etc
- **"Reel Collectors"**: Training in filmmaking and storytelling
- **Ages 13-17**
- www.frontporchalliance.org
- 816-921-8812
- NOT a full day camp



YOUTH AMBASSADORS

- **Grades 9-12 only**
- Paid entrepreneurship, job skills, & financial literacy training
- Fieldtrips
- Breakfast and lunch provided
- June-August
- www.youthambassadorskc.org
- 816-793-3833



GREAT JOBS KC

- **Ages 17+ only**
- Paid job skills training, certification & job placement
- Ongoing kids can enroll any time
- Open to adults as well
- www.greatjobskc.org
- 816-581-5700
- NOT a full day camp



UNI Summer 6 week programs

- **Grades 9-12 only**
- 6 week policy program
- Kids learn to create and advocate for policies they care about
- Grades 3-5 only
- Kids write and publish their own books
- www.uni-kc.org
- 816-231-0822

Negro Leagues Baseball
Museum 2024 Calendar

UPCOMING EVENTS

**MARCH OF THE
MONARCHS**

Saturday, May 4

**JAZZ AND JACKIE:
SALUTE TO
JACKIE ROBINSON**

Saturday, May 11

**HEART OF AMERICA
HOT DOG FESTIVAL**

Saturday, August 3

**BUCK O'NEIL
GOLF TOURNAMENT**

Thursday, August 15
(VIP Reception is
August 14 at the NLBM)

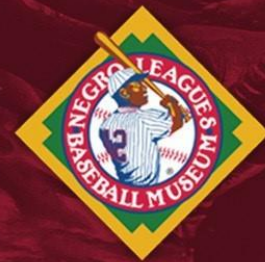
**NIGHT OF THE
HARVEST MOON**

Friday, October 25

**100TH ANNIVERSARY
MONARCHS BALL**

Saturday, November 2024
date to be determined

Additional details will be provided when available.
All dates are subject to change. For more information,
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**The reward has been raised to
\$30,000for Dominic**



**GREATER KANSAS CITY CRIME STOPPERS
816-474-TIPS HOTLINE**

**PRESS RELEASE
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

FROM: Det. Kevin Boehm, Crime Stoppers Coordinator

SUBJECT: Reward Increase – 9 Year Old Dominic Young Homicide

KANSAS CITY, MO --- The Kansas City, Missouri Police Department and the Greater KC Crime Stoppers TIPS Hotline continue to seek information in the January 20, 2018 homicide of 9 year old Dominic Young Jr. at 71 Highway and Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd.

Dominic Young Jr. was apparently hit by a stray gunshot while occupying a vehicle driven by his father and died as a result of his injuries. Dominic, his father and brother were en route to Grandview at the time. The vehicle driven by Dominic's father was hit by gunshots from other vehicles apparently engaged in a gunfight according to statements.

KCPD found a possible crime scene near the intersection where the father said the shooting happened. When the father arrived home in Grandview, Dominic was not responsive. Grandview police initially responded to the father's home and found the boy in critical condition. He was later pronounced dead at a hospital.

A number of community leaders and organizations including State Representative Richard Brown, former City Councilmen Kevin McManus, Scott Taylor, Scott Wagner, John Sharp; the City of KCMO and Concord Fortress of Hope Church (Pastor Ron Lindsay) have come forward to increase the existing reward in the case up to \$30,000.00. Those leaders are available for comment in regard to the case.

Anyone with information is urged to contact Crime Stoppers Greater Kansas City TIPS Hotline at 816-474-TIPS (8477), TIPS may also be submitted electronically at www.KCcrimestoppers.com, or by downloading our NEW mobile app, P3TIPS, on Google Play or the Apple iOS stores for FREE. Information leading to an arrest and/or filing of charges could be eligible for up to \$30,000.00 in reward money. ALL INFORMATION IS ANONYMOUS.



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www.KCcrimestoppers.com

Free Mobile App

www.P3Tips.com

* A program of the KC Metropolitan Crime Commission

My office in Jefferson City is available to assist you with questions you may have about state government or legislative issues. Please call, email or write anytime. If you are unable to reach me, my assistant, Donna Gentsch is ready to help you. If you are in Jefferson City, come by my Capitol office in room 134, and introduce yourself. The door is always open and I encourage you to visit.

Please forward this email to your friends and family who want to know how what is happening in Jefferson City will impact them here at home.



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