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Pro-Choice Missouri releases largest slate of endorsements in organizations' history; candidates vow to rebuild abortion access in Missouri after the fall of *Roe v. Wade*

(SAINT LOUIS, MO)-- On Monday, June 11th, 2022, Pro-Choice Missouri released its largest slate of endorsed candidates in the organizations more than 50 year history: 67 candidates. With the U.S. Supreme Court decision to overturn *Roe v. Wade*, Missourians across the state are stepping up to fight for reproductive freedoms and to rebuild abortion access in Missouri.

Pro-Choice Missouri Executive Director Mallory Schwarz said, "Pro-Choice Missouri is proud to endorse our largest slate of candidates in the organization's history. *This is a testament to the overwhelming support in Missouri for abortion access. We are ready to usher in a new generation of pro-abortion leaders that will champion the essential right to abortion and create the blueprint to rebuild liberated abortion access for everyone in Missouri.*"

Pro-Choice Missouri endorses three statewide leaders in the run for U.S Senate.

Says Schwarz, "For years, politicians have compromised on our rights and allowed access to abortion to be chipped away. It has never been more important to have outspoken pro-abortion leaders at the top of the ticket who will go to Washington to demand more for Missourians."

- **Trudy Busch Valentine for U.S Senate:** *"Pro-Choice Missouri has a track record of fighting for the rights of Missourians and their endorsement is a true honor," said Trudy Busch Valentine. "This is a terrifying time in Missouri for people who have lost the essential freedom to make their own healthcare decisions. In the Senate, I'll fight tooth and nail to codify the right to a safe abortion for future generations."*
- **Lucas Kunce for U.S Senate:** *"This fight is about our human rights and power — the right to an abortion and the power to control our own lives," said Kunce. "In Washington, I'll fight to eliminate the filibuster and enshrine abortion rights into law. I'm proud to have Pro-Choice Missouri in this fight alongside me."*
- **Spencer Toder for U.S Senate:** *"The endorsement of Pro-Choice Missouri could not mean more to me. At a time when reproductive rights and the right to privacy have been revoked, it is essential that we take immediate legislative action to ensure the right to an abortion is permanently enshrined into law. When elected to the Senate, I will vote to abolish the filibuster and to codify Roe, once and for all."*

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Pro-Choice Missouri endorses in six Missouri Congressional Districts: Pro-Choice Missouri's Political Advocacy Manager Brian Wingbermuehle said, "Missourians deserve meaningful representation in Congress. *7 in 10 Missourians oppose political interference in access to abortions*, yet the majority of our representatives are out of touch with their constituents wants and needs. Missourians deserve more, and with leaders like Trish Gunby and Rep. Cori Bush, we're ready to fight for it."

- **State Rep. Trish Gunby for Missouri's 2nd Congressional District:** *"For anyone who can get pregnant, progress is inseparable from abortion rights. As I have before, I'm running with Pro-Choice Missouri to demand that future generations retain the same bodily agency that's empowered me since I was a teenager."*
- Jon Karlen for Missouri's 3rd Congressional District
- *Dual endorsement* of Henry Martin and Charles West for Missouri's 6th Congressional District
- *Dual endorsement* of Bryce Lockwood and John Woodman for Missouri's 7th Congressional District
- Randi McCallian for Missouri's 8th Congressional District

* *PCM endorsed Incumbent Representative Cori Bush for Congress in their first ever federal endorsement in November 2021*

Pro-Choice Missouri endorses 46 candidates for the Missouri General Assembly: Said Wingbermuehle, "Missourians, like Americans, overwhelmingly support access to abortion— it's *not enough to just vote, we need build political power in every corner of the state*. And that's what these candidates are doing."

- Michael Baumli for State Senate District 12
- Tara Anura for State Senate District 16
- Jessica Piper for State Representative District 1
- Lois Pontius for State Representative District 2
- **Jamie Johnson for State Representative District 12:** *"Missouri's lawmakers have chosen to ensure that our state consistently ranks at or near the bottom of lists in regards to maternal mortality, infant mortality, and other quality of life measures. Pro-Choice Missouri has been on the front lines of this fight, knows what we are up against, and knows what it will take to win back the right to care for our bodies in the way we see fit. I am honored to have them in my corner as we fight for the rights of all."*
- *Incumbent* Rep. Ashley Aune for State Representative District 14
- *Incumbent* Rep. Maggie Nurrenbern for District 15
- Eric Woods for State Representative District 18

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- *Incumbent Rep. Ingrid Burnett for State Representative District 19*
- ***Incumbent Rep. Emily Weber for State Representative District 24:*** *"I've always been a fierce advocate for abortion rights. But this year, with the regressive destruction of reproductive rights, an endorsement from Pro Choice Missouri means more. I am honored to stand with an organization that respects, advocates, and honors our freedom from government intervention in our most personal, private, and intimate decisions."*
- *Incumbent Rep. Patty Lewis for State Representative District 25*
- *Incumbent Rep. Ashley Bland Manlove for State Representative District 26*
- *Aaron Crossley for State Representative for District 29*
- *Sonia Nizami for State Representative District 30*
- *Kemp Strickler for State Representative District 34*
- *Incumbent Rep. Keri Ingle for State Representative District 35*
- *Dave Rathel for State Representative District 44*
- *Chimene Schwach for State Representative District 47*
- *Doug Mann for State Representative District 50*
- *Jenna Roberson for State Representative District 63*
- *Jessica DeVoto for State Representative District 69*
- *Incumbent Rep. Gretchen Bangert for State Representative District 70*
- *Incumbent Rep. Doug Clemens for State Representative District 72*
- *Alder. Bill Stephens for State Representative District 81*
- *Incumbent Rep. Sarah Unsicker for State Representative District 83*
- *Incumbent Rep. Joe Adams for State Representative District 86*
- *Incumbent Rep. Paula Brown for State Representative District 87*
- *Luke Barber for State Representative District 89*
- *Incumbent Rep. Barbara Pfifer for State Representative District 90*
- *Incumbent Rep. Jo Doll State for Representative District 91*
- ***Incumbent Rep. Bridget Walsh-Moore for State Representative District 93:*** *"Missouri needs healthcare, affordable childcare, and bodily autonomy. I'm proud to have the endorsement of Pro-Choice Missouri fighting for our basic rights and needs."*
- *Ann Zimpfer for State Representative District 95*
- *Leslie Derrington State Representative for District 96*
- *Hon. Deb Lavender for State Representative District 98*
- *Colin Lovett for State Representative District 100*
- *Melissa Greenstein for State Representative District 101*
- *Gregory Upchurch for State Representative District 104*
- *Cindy Berne for State Representative District 105*
- *Ron Odenthal for State Representative District 106*
- *Tracy Grundy for State Representative District 107*

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- Rev. Susan Shumway for State Representative District 108
- Barbara Marco for State Representative District 115
- Sally Brooks for State Representative District 118
- *Incumbent* Rep. Betsy Fogle for State Representative District 135
- Stephanie Hein for State Representative District 136
- Dale Speelman for State Representative District 156

Pro-Choice Missouri endorses 10 candidates in local races from Kansas City to St. Louis County: said Schwarz, “Up and down the ballot, these pro-abortion champions are dedicated to rebuilding and reimagining access to abortion care in Missouri, *including addressing disparities in healthcare access, targeting high rates of maternal mortality, and ensuring Missourians can still access quality abortion services.*”

- **St. Louis County Executive Dr. Sam Page:** *“I’m proud to receive the endorsement of Pro-Choice Missouri. Rolling back Roe triggered a major public health crisis in Missouri, where our state legislature has already discussed some of the most extreme laws in the country. Abortion should be legal, safe, accessible, and affordable. Our health department will consult with every abortion provider and use every resource of County government to ensure County employees and residents have access to the services they need to stay healthy.”*
- **St. Louis County Prosecuting Attorney Wesley Bell:** *“I believe all women should have autonomy over their own bodies, which includes the right to a safe and legal abortion. That decision must be solely between a woman and her healthcare provider. As St Louis County Prosecutor, I will not use our offices’ resources to criminalize reproductive health decisions and I commit to exercise our well-settled discretion and refrain from prosecuting those who seek, provide, or support abortions.”*
- St. Louis County Assessor Jake Zimmerman
- *Dual endorsement of Incumbent* St. Louis County Councilwoman Rita Heard Days and Terry Wilson for St. Louis County Council District 1
- Vicki Lorenz-Englund for St. Louis County Council District 3
- Councilwoman Lisa Clancy for St. Louis County Council District 5
- Kristine Callis for St. Louis County Council District 7
- Josh Becker, MPH for St. Charles County Council District 5
- **Justice Horn for Jackson County Legislature District 1:** *“Every level of government has a role to play in the fight for reproductive healthcare and freedom! With that, I’m honored to have the support of Pro-Choice Missouri as I run to represent this community on the Jackson County Legislature! I promise you this, we’re going to legislate with urgency to expand resources, prevent further harm, and ensure that access to reproductive healthcare is guaranteed to everyone here in Jackson County. We must act immediately to reduce harm to folks.”*

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Pro-Choice Missouri is the leading pro-abortion grassroots advocacy organization in Missouri, and we believe that every person should be able to make personal decisions about the full range of sexual and reproductive health options. Pro-Choice Missouri PAC works to elect pro-reproductive freedom candidates at every level of government.