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For those who celebrate, NCJWSTL wishes you and your loved ones a very happy and healthy New Year. Shana Tova u'Metuka!

Tell Biden-Harris Administration to Enforce Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act NOW



The Biden-Harris Administration has an opportunity to improve health care access for LGBTQI+ individuals through Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act. The Department of Health and Human Services' Office for Civil Rights enforces Section 1557 of the Affordable Care Act, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability by health programs and activities that receive federal funding. It is the first federal civil rights law to prohibit discrimination in health care and health insurance based on sex.

Under the Trump administration, key provisions of Section 1557 were gutted, and LGBTQI+ patients continue to face high rates of discrimination in health care and health insurance. The reestablishment and expansion of the nondiscrimination protections under Section 1557 are critical to improving access to health care and coverage for LGBTQI+ people. **[Now is your chance to tell the Biden-Harris Administration how they should enforce Section 1557.](#)**

These protections are particularly urgent as transgender and nonbinary people across the country face politically motivated attacks on their access to basic health care.

Please **[click here](#)** to tell the Biden-Harris Administration to enforce Section 1557.

Urge Senators Blunt and Hawley to Vote YES on the Respect for Marriage Act

The U.S. Senate has an opportunity to provide a massive win for LGBTQ families by passing the **[Respect for Marriage Act](#)**, which would solidify the freedom to marry for same-sex and interracial couples under federal law. **Outgoing Senator Roy Blunt has indicated he is still deciding how he will vote, but in conversations with our coalition partner PROMO's team, has demonstrated some openness.** Now, we need your help to make it a reality.



The bill has already passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 267 to 157. Support poured in from both sides of the aisle, with 47 Republicans voting in favor of the bill. This shows ongoing bipartisan momentum, and now our work continues. Your help is urgently needed!

Please [click here](#) to tell Senators Blunt and Hawley to vote YES on the Respect for Marriage Act.

Tell Your Senators to Fill Judicial Vacancies



The Senate has returned from summer recess, and they must take immediate action to take back our courts!

Gun safety, separation of church and state, the government's ability to fight climate change, and, of course, abortion rights have all been significantly weakened. These decisions will harm people across the country. This compromised Court chose to leave us to fend for ourselves, but we are not helpless. [The Senate](#)

[must act.](#)

If our nation's highest court will not protect us, we must ensure our lower courts are filled with judges committed to protecting the rights of all of us, not just the wealthy and powerful. **There are over 100 judicial vacancies, and the Senate must move to fill every seat by the end of 2022 with judges committed to equal justice.**

[Click here](#) to tell your senators to fill every lower court vacancy.

October Lunch and Learn - Disability Rights with Sarah Jane Hunt



Thursday, October 20, 2022
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM CT

Sarah Jane Hunt

When: Thursday, October 20 | 12:00 – 1:00 PM CT

Where: Zoom

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Disability rights are human rights. Everyone deserves to be included and live a full life in their community — accessing the same public spaces, housing opportunities, education, and work as anyone else. Many people with disabilities experience multiple risk factors for human and civil rights violations. Although the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) became law in 1990, discrimination still exists. Attitudes, poor enforcement of the law, underfunded programs, and fiscal difficulties in state and local government budgets all contribute to the ongoing need to be vigilant advocates for full inclusion and equity.

For October's Lunch and Learn, we are excited to welcome attorney Sarah Jane Hunt, who will talk about disability advocacy and its intersection with other civil rights issues.

Hunt is an accomplished attorney who focuses her practice in civil rights, employment, and special education disputes. She has extensive experience representing sober homes, disability rights agencies, and individuals in fair housing matters in federal and state court. Sarah Jane also litigates collective and class actions relating to unpaid wages and overtime under both the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and state wage and hour laws.

Please [click here](#) to register for the October Lunch and Learn. Questions? Email Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org or call 314.993.5181

Take Action & Join the A-List



Now more than ever you will want to make sure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2022! Join us as we stand together and speak out about the issues that matter most.

Together we can make a difference!

A-List sponsorship ads sustain our collaborative efforts to educate the community and elected officials about issues integral to our mission. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2022.

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Interesting Reading



If there's one thing women in the workforce can count on, it's unequal pay. The gender wage gap is as stubborn as a filibustering senator. On average, women make 83 cents for every dollar a man makes. If you're a Black woman, it is even worse: For every dollar a white man makes, a Black woman earns 63 cents. [Black Women's Equal Pay Day](#) represents how much more time Black women have to work to earn what white men make in a year. This year, the day falls on Sept. 21—**nearly 10 additional months.**

[Click here](#) to read Josephine Kalipeni's article from Ms. Magazine, "Black Women and Their Labor Are Still Underpaid and Undervalued."

Important Voting Information

WHAT'S IN MISSOURI'S NEW VOTING LAW, HB 1878?

Effective August 28, 2022

VOTER ID RESTRICTIONS

PHOTO I.D. REQUIRED



Present one of the following to cast a regular ballot in person:

- A nonexpired Missouri driver's license or non-driver state ID card;
- A nonexpired military ID, including a veteran's ID card;
- A nonexpired United States passport;
- Another current Photo ID from Missouri or Fed'l Govt

Eliminates voter registration card and student ID options

No valid photo ID? Cast a provisional ballot that will only count if voter returns to poll with photo ID or signature match

VOTER REGISTRATION RESTRICTIONS

- Illegal for anyone (except gov't) to be paid or compensated for soliciting voter registration
- Those soliciting 10 or more voter registrations must register with the Secretary of State as a Voter Registration Solicitor
- Solicitors must be 18 and Missouri registered voters



ABSENTEE VOTING CHANGES



- Illegal for anyone to "solicit" an absentee ballot application
- 2 weeks no-excuse in-person absentee voting with photo ID
- Caregivers must reside with confined person to vote absentee
- No absentee ballot drop boxes
- First responders can vote absentee

OTHER VOTING CHANGES IN HB 1878

- **Eliminates** Presidential Preference Primaries
- Allows SOS to **audit voter rolls** and order removal of voters
- Eliminates electronic machines, **requires hand-counted paper ballots**
- **Gives legislature power** over challenges to voting laws
- **No grants** or outside funds to local election authorities
- Allows **private audits** of elections
- Allows voters to **update registration** address at the polls

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