



# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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At NCJWSTL, we are dedicated to tracking these legislative developments closely, focusing on bills that align with our mission of improving the lives of women, children, and families.

Please [click here](#) to view the bills NCJWSTL is following and whether we are in support or in opposition. The list will be continuously updated throughout session.

## Urge the Missouri Legislature to Pass the Bipartisan Women's Health Bill Now!



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**ACTION**  
**ALERT**

**NCJWSTL will be testifying in support of this bill tomorrow at noon!**

While we know there will be no shortage of attacks on women's health this session, the Missouri legislature also has an opportunity to pass a positive healthcare bill quickly - the Bipartisan Women's Health Bill ([SB 178](#) and

[HB 398](#)).

Last year, a critical women's health bill was just one vote from final passage, but despite wide bipartisan support - including from House leadership - the bill failed to pass due to dysfunction in the Senate. Both sides of the aisle strongly support this legislation that would treat and prevent disease, including congenital syphilis; increase access to contraception; and improve Missourians' health and wellbeing.

Please [click here](#) to tell our lawmakers to **prioritize and pass the Bipartisan Women's Health Bill now!**

## Tell Your State Rep to Vote NO on HJR 54

Earlier this month on Tuesday, February 4, the House Children and Families Committee heard [HJR 54](#), the **first legislative attack on Amendment 3**. This House Joint Resolution aims to shamelessly undermine the will of the people and the majority of Missourians who voted to END the abortion ban and enshrine reproductive freedom in our Constitution. Missourians want and deserve to make their own decisions about their own families and healthcare, and our bodies are not politicians' business.



Send an email NOW to your State Representative to let them know that you believe Reproductive Freedom is a Missouri value and that Missourians made it clear at the ballot: we support access to abortion and all sexual and reproductive health care and our government should reflect those shared values not threaten them!

Please [click here](#) to urge your state representative to vote NO on HJR 54.

## Save our Democracy: Stop the SAVE Act!



Equal access to the ballot box is the foundation of a just democracy. Unfortunately, some policymakers want to misuse disinformation about our elections and conspiracies about noncitizen voting to block access to the ballot for millions of Americans. [The Safeguard American Voter Eligibility \(SAVE\) Act](#) would require all voters to present a birth certificate, passport, or one of a select few other documents each time they register or re-register to vote. This bill also eliminates or

removes key methods of voter registration such as registration by mail.

What could this legislation do if passed? Millions of Americans cannot easily access the documents the SAVE Act requires and without them, would not be able to register to vote — and therefore would be barred from voting entirely. This includes scores of younger voters, voters of color, elderly voters, and millions of married women who changed their legal name after getting married, meaning their name does not match their birth certificate.

**The SAVE Act is dangerous. It will disenfranchise millions of citizens and will fundamentally disrupt democracy's sacred promise of ensuring every voice is heard.**

Please [click here](#) to urge your members of Congress to save our democracy and vote NO on the dangerous SAVE Act!

## Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Missouri Capitol

**When:** Wednesday, March 5

**Where:** Missouri State Capitol | 8:30 AM - 3:15 PM (we will leave St. Louis at 6:30 AM and arrive back at 5:15 PM)

[RSVP Here](#)

NCJWSTL will be joining forces with our friends at Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority for their day at the Missouri Capitol! Alpha Kappa Alpha Day at the Capitol is an event where members of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and their guests advocate for social justice and change. The goal of the day is to meet with state legislators, develop strategies to address community needs and mobilize actions to create change.



The day will begin at Quinn AME Church, where we will hear from a variety of dignitaries. We will then make our way over to the Capitol building to visit with legislators.

There is no fee to register, but please contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org) if you are interested in attending.

**ADD YOUR NAME and Help Us Oppose Censorship of Our Public Libraries**

Protect Missouri's Libraries! Join the Right to Read Coalition by [clicking here](#).

For those who have already joined, thank you! Check our member list to see who supports us...and if you've already joined by [clicking here](#).



Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,000 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. The coalition opposes legislative, state policy or other efforts to restrict access to materials at public and school libraries.

Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community:

- Missouri ranked third nationally in 2023 for the number of books banned at school libraries.
- 60% of banned books in the U.S. include characters of color and discussed issues of race and racism or presented LGBTQ+ characters or themes.

Laws and policies enacted recently have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries. **We expect more censorship efforts in Missouri in 2025.**

Add your voice to thousands of Missourians to fight censorship and book bans!

Please [click here](#) to add your name as an individual member of the coalition. For more information, please e-mail the coalition at [righttoreadcoalition@gmail.com](mailto:righttoreadcoalition@gmail.com).

## Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!



NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with the [Missouri Family Health Council](#) (MFHC) to distribute **FREE emergency contraception kits!** This effort is vitally important in the wake of last year's Supreme Court decision overturning Roe vs. Wade, especially in states like Missouri where abortion is illegal. Everyone should have the right to determine when and if they wish to start a family, and emergency contraception is vital in preventing unwanted pregnancies.

Also known as the morning-after pill, or by the brand name Plan B, the emergency contraception pill is an over-the-counter form of birth control that can be taken up to five days after unprotected sex to avoid pregnancy. The goal of this effort is to reduce geographic and financial barriers Missourians face in accessing emergency contraception pills.

While supplies last, MFHC, NCJWSTL, and other partner organizations are offering free EC kits to anyone of any age. **Feel free to stop by the NCJWSTL office to pick up your kit - for you or a loved one.**

If you have any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org). You can also order an emergency contraception kit by mail by [clicking here](#).

## Take Action & Join the A-List

**Now more than ever you will want to ensure that your name is on NCJWSTL's A-List for 2025!** 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, such as birth control access and voting rights. The full-page ads will run in the St. Louis Jewish Light during 2025.

- **\$18** includes your name in the ad.
- **\$54** makes you an Advocate Plus with your name in bold.
- **\$72** makes you a sponsor with your name distinguished in color.

[Click here](#) to see the **A-List flyer**.  
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## Interesting Reading




In a world where much of our daily lives is captured online, major technology and telecommunications companies hold tremendous power over Americans' data and the fate of people's digital footprints. Particularly under leadership that has boasted about overturning *Roe v. Wade*, there is a dire urgency to protect people's online privacy and private reproductive health information.

[Click here](#) to read the recent report from Center for American Progress, "Stopping the Abuse of Tech in Surveilling and Criminalizing Abortion."

Not yet a member of NCJWSTL? [Click here](#) to become part of a growing network of courageous and compassionate individuals who improve the lives of women, children, and families every day. You don't have to be a woman or Jewish to join!

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