



# ADVOCACY IN ACTION

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*Note: This will be the final 5 Ways to Advocate E-Blast of 2025. We hope you have a very happy holiday season and we will see you in 2026!*

**Did you know?** Pre-filing for the 2026 Missouri Legislative Session began on December 1st. 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.

## Tell Hoskins and Hanaway to Follow the Missouri Constitution

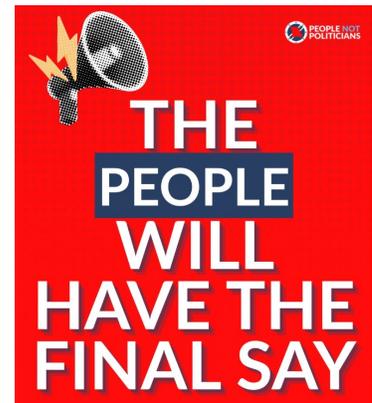
When Missourians submitted 305,968 signatures to the Missouri Secretary of State to put HB1, politicians' gerrymandered map, to a vote of the people, the map should immediately be paused and **not** go into effect.

**But Missouri Secretary of State Denny Hoskins and Missouri Attorney General Catherine Hanaway** don't like following the Missouri Constitution. Unelected AG Hanaway claims the maps have gone into effect, and SOS Hoskins has gone along with her claim that the map has gone into effect as of Thursday, December 11.

The Missouri Constitution clearly states "any measure referred to the people shall take effect when approved by a majority of the votes cast thereon, and not otherwise." (Article III 52(b))

**Missourians' voices must be heard.**

[Click here](#) to add your name to the petition urging Hoskins and Hanaway to follow the Missouri Constitution and listen to the will of the people.



## Health Care is on the Line: Tell Congress to Act

**Access to life-saving health care for those who need it most now hangs in the balance in Congress.** Millions of families rely on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) premium tax credits to

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afford health insurance. Those tax credits are expiring at the end of this year and Congress has failed yet again to extend this lifeline and prevent an impending health care crisis — despite shutting down the government for a devastating 43-days over this crucial issue.

If Congress does not act before the end of this month, 24 million people will face skyrocketing

health care costs, with nearly 5 million people losing health insurance entirely because they can no longer afford it.

To make matters worse, some lawmakers are trying to weaponize this battle for health care by including restrictions on abortion coverage. **As Jewish advocates, we refuse to remain silent as millions are denied essential care and reproductive freedom is increasingly threatened.**

[Click here](#) to tell Congress now: put people over politics and protect health care access for all families.

## Tell Congress to Fund Libraries in Fiscal Year 2026!



Now that the 43-day federal government shutdown – the longest in our nation’s history – has finally ended, Congress must turn its attention to completing a full Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 budget. As lawmakers begin making critical funding decisions, we need to ensure that libraries are not left behind.

Libraries are cornerstones of strong, informed, and connected communities. They provide early literacy programs, after-school support, digital access, small-business resources, job-seeker assistance, citizenship preparation, community safety information, and so much more. These services rely on consistent and robust federal funding through programs like the [Library Services and Technology Act \(LSTA\)](#) and [Innovative Approaches to Literacy \(IAL\)](#).

[Click here](#) to urge Congress to fully fund libraries in the FY 2026 budget. Communities across the country depend on federal support to keep library programs strong, equitable, and accessible to all.

## Join Us for the 2026 Jewish Advocacy Day



Join Jewish community members from across Missouri for [Jewish Advocacy Day on Wednesday, January 21, 2026](#), in Jefferson City. This is an opportunity to advocate for our shared priorities, meet with lawmakers, and ensure our voices are heard on the issues that impact our families and community.

Throughout the day, participants will:

- Meet directly with state legislators;
- Learn about key policy priorities affecting Jewish Missourians;

- Build relationships that strengthen our collective advocacy efforts.

Whether you're a seasoned advocate or joining us for the first time, your presence matters. Together we can make a difference!

**Bus transportation will be available from St. Louis to Jefferson City, leaving at 8:00 AM and returning at approximately 5:00 PM.** The departure location will be communicated closer to the event day. If you are participating from another city, a representative from your areas will be in contact about transportation.

Please [click here](#) to register. Participants are being asked pay an \$18 registration fee to offset expenses. If the registration fee is a barrier to your participation or if you have any other questions, please email [jrcrstl@jrcrstl.org](mailto:jrcrstl@jrcrstl.org).

## Volunteers Needed to Help Keep Abortion Legal in MO



We're beginning to organize around a critical issue: **protecting abortion rights in Missouri**. You may have heard that the Missouri Legislature is bringing abortion rights back to the ballot under the same name, **Amendment 3**. We anticipate a strong misinformation campaign from the opposition, and we need to be strategic in order to fight it. Although the new measure likely won't appear on the ballot until August or November 2026, **now is the time to act**.

We are looking for volunteers to work the polls, knock on doors, educate our communities, and notarize absentee ballots. If you're interested in getting involved, please [click here](#) to sign up. **It's going to take all of us.**

For any questions, please contact Jen Bernstein at [jbernstein@ncjwstl.org](mailto:jbernstein@ncjwstl.org).

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

### Protect the First Amendment! Join the Right to Read Coalition

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

Right to Read is a statewide coalition of 1,200 individuals and nearly 100 organizations. NCJWSTL is a founding coalition member.

- Censorship denies our First Amendment rights to access books that reflect our diverse community.
- Missouri laws and policies have led to book bans and harmful regulations on our libraries.
- President Trump's Executive Order threatens to eliminate \$3 million of Federal funds for Missouri's libraries.



## Get FREE Emergency Contraception at NCJWSTL!



NCJWSTL is thrilled to announce that we have partnered with Beacon Reproductive Health Network 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, Beacon Reproductive Health Network, 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).

## 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.

[Click here](#) to see the latest A-List Ad.

Join the A-list [here](#).



## Interesting Reading



In the wake of *Roe's* fall and a wave of state abortion bans, reproductive health advocates abroad have launched international telehealth abortion services that mail abortion pills directly to people's homes in all 50 states. As Trump's FDA threatens to block U.S.-based medical providers from offering telehealth abortion, one international telehealth provider—Abortion Pills in Private—has vowed to continue providing mifepristone and misoprostol to U.S.-based patients, no matter what.

[Click here](#) to read Carrie N. Baker's article from the *Ms. Magazine*, "International

Telehealth Provider 'Abortion Pills in Private' Ready to Ramp Up if FDA Restricts Mifepristone."

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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