



**ADVOCACY
IN ACTION**
ADVOCATING CHANGE = ADVANCING LIVES

The 2026 Missouri Legislature is in its final two weeks of session. 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.

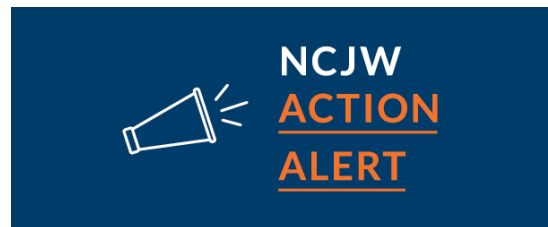
Urge Your State Senator to Vote NO on HB 3146

HB 3146, which passed the House and is soon headed to the Senate floor, is the Missouri Legislature's latest attempt to implement the so-called "**Let Politicians Lie**" Act, which was struck down by the Missouri Supreme Court in January.

Currently, the SOS or legislature already has the authority to draft ballot summary language, but courts can adjust that language if they conclude that the language violates the law. HB 3146 would upend these important checks and balances designed to ensure the language voters see on their ballots is fair.

Voters deserve to know what they are voting for. That's why Missouri law requires ballot language to be fair. **HB 3146 would stop courts from fixing biased language** and could significantly shape how voters understand the measures they are asked to approve or reject.

[Click here](#) to find your senator's contact information and urge them to vote NO on HB 3146.



Let Us Vote: Rally Outside the MO Supreme Court

Rally outside the
MO Supreme Court



Paid for by People Not Politicians, Mike Pridemore, Treasurer

When: Tuesday, May 12 | 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Where: Missouri Supreme Court

[Register Here](#)

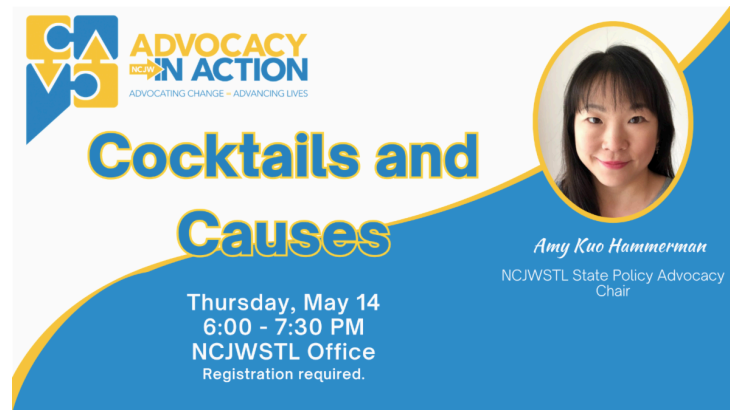
Missourians did what the law requires. We organized, gathered signatures, and exercised our constitutional right to a referendum by turning in 305,000+ signatures in December 2025. Since then, politicians have continued to push forward this gerrymandered map as if the people have no power.

On May 12th, as [Maggard v. State of Missouri](#) is heard before the Missouri Supreme Court, we're coming together to show just how much this moment matters.

We need to show up, stand together, and make it clear that Missourians are paying attention and know our constitutional right to a fair path to the ballot.

Please [click here](#) to register for the rally. If you are interested in carpooling with NCJWSTL, please contact Jen Bernstein at jbernstein@ncjwstl.org.

May Cocktails and Causes: What Happening in Jeff City?



When: Thursday, May 14 | 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Where: NCJWSTL Office | 311 North Lindbergh Blvd.
[Register Here](#)

Join us for our next Cocktails and Causes for a timely look at the 2026 Missouri legislative session, just as it comes to a close. We'll break down what's happening in Jefferson City and what it means for our community.

Hear from NCJWSTL State Policy Advocate Amy Kuo Hammerman, who will share insider insight on key legislation, major developments, and where things stand as lawmakers head toward the May 15 adjournment. In a relaxed, conversational setting, she'll help cut through the noise and make sense of the policies shaping our state.

Whether you've been following along or are just looking to stay informed, this is a great opportunity to get up to speed, ask questions, and connect with fellow advocates.

Come for the cocktails and appetizers, stay for the conversation, and leave empowered, energized and ready to take action.

Cocktails and Causes is free to attend, but registration is required by [clicking here](#).

Become a Court Watch Volunteer!

We are excited to announce that NCJWSTL is now coordinating the Domestic Violence (DV) Court Watch Program. Court Watch is a volunteer-powered initiative designed to bring transparency, accountability, and humanity to domestic violence and Order of Protection cases in St. Louis. This is an opportunity for individuals seeking to make a measurable difference in the lives of survivors of domestic violence and strengthen accountability in our justice system. No legal background is required. NCJWSTL will provide comprehensive training and ongoing support to all participants.



Are you interested in learning more? Watch for information regarding future trainings and volunteer registrations. For more information about Court Watch, please contact Rachel Bray, NCJWSTL Advocacy Manager, at rbray@ncjwstl.org or call [314-514-4955](tel:314-514-4955).

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.

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 the latest information at [MO Right to Read – Supporting 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.

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 2026! 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 2026.

- **\$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



Across Missouri, facilities known as Crisis Pregnancy Centers receive millions in taxpayer dollars each year — despite not being held to the same standards as medical providers. They often present themselves as clinics, but many are not licensed healthcare facilities, are not required to employ medical professionals, and are not bound by the same clinical or privacy standards. Yet they provide counseling on pregnancy decisions, sometimes offering inaccurate or misleading information that can delay time-sensitive care.

[Click here](#) to read Priya Pal's article from the Missouri Independent, "If Pregnancy Centers Get Public Money, They Should Meet Medical Standards."

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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