



Democratic Insider

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All,

So about last week...and this week...and the future of our state...It has been a scary few weeks filled with unbelievable news left and right. The Supreme Court is serving up blow after blow and has even showed us what they plan to do [next](#) - voting rights and LGBTQ+ rights.

Stateside, Parson wasted no time signing [HB1878](#), an absurd attack on voting rights, just as he did with the trigger law.

We have one thing to say to Governor Parson:

LET US VOTE.

For the rest of us, there is so much to say. We have to stand together to educate others about the changes coming because of the Missouri GOP idea of voter "reform."

What is in HB1878?

 <p>Missourians will be charged for registering more than 10 voters and could serve jail time.</p>	<p>Allows the Secretary of State to purge voter rolls.</p>	 <p>Requires photo ID, despite Supreme Court rulings against it.</p>
 <p>Bans the Presidential Primary, forcing Missourians to participate in long, inconvenient and discriminatory caucus meetings to cast a vote.</p>		

HB1878 guts voting rights in our state for each and every one of us. The thought that someone could be jailed for registering their neighbors to vote is unconscionable. The idea that the Secretary of State could just dump voter rolls when he feels like it is dangerous. There is another lesser talked about piece in HB1878 – the removal of presidential primaries. This severely limits the ability for many to cast a vote; instead of going to our polling location and filling out a ballot, Missourians will have to attend caucuses, like Iowa and New Hampshire. Not only are caucuses inconvenient, they are truly discriminatory to working families and more.

The signing of this bill is a continuation of the GOP attack on voting rights, significantly impacting communities of color, senior citizens, and young voters from exercising their constitutional right to vote.

HB1878 will go into effect on August 28th. Besides confirming your own voter registration, help as many others register to vote as possible before this bill is enacted. Register to vote [here](#).

We all are learning about this bill and its ramifications as we go. MDP will keep you updated on any lawsuits or news that comes up.

**LAST DAY
TO REGISTER
TO VOTE
FOR AUGUST
PRIMARIES**

Don't forget!

**BY
JULY 6**

 **MISSOURI
DEMOCRATS**

Rights Already Denied, Confusion Everywhere

First, I would like to propose renaming SCOTUS. **The United States Conservative Court** fits much better, sadly. So, CCOTUS.

Last Friday, CCOTUS overturned Roe v. Wade in their 6-3 decision of the [Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization](#) case.

They didn't just overturn a case.

They overturned us.

Marches and protests popped up all over the state, from the big metro areas to small towns in the Southeast - not to mention all over the country.

We discussed Missouri's trigger law in detail in last week's Insider. While truly deadly, there was still some "grey area" on what "medical emergency" meant, and also how the state defines "contraceptives."

This led to St. Luke's in KC to withhold Plan B medications from patients. It led to at least one OBGYN watching a woman's blood count almost bottom out before she treated her bursting ectopic pregnancy.

Missouri needs answers. And how does Parson and Schmitt respond? Well, Twitter. Parson sent out an extremely vague tweet to "correct misinformation" that did not address any of the definition concerns.

Many Missourians and legislators (shout out to [Leader Quade](#) and [Rep. Unsicker!](#)) have called out the GOP leadership and demanded an official statement so hospitals, doctors and other health care providers know what the heck to do without risking a felony charge.

What can we do **right now**? Donate and encourage others to support the [Missouri Abortion Fund](#).

4th of July

Soooo...Happy Fourth of July! We are being honest this year, guys. It's tough to celebrate freedom amidst all the not freedom-y news the last few weeks. This 4th of July, I will be thinking about what freedoms I want to celebrate *next* 4th of July and how I can help make it happen.

How can you turn my frown upside down? Make your celebration Union-Made! Buy these brands at the grocery store to support [local unions](#): Sara Lee, Wonder, Pirate Booty, Frito Law Potato Chips, Keebler Town, Club, 7-Up, Pepsi, Coca-Cola, Heinz, French's mustard, Ball Park hot dogs, Hebrew National hot dogs and don't forget the beans - B&M Baked beans.



IN THE NEWS



St. Louis City and County are already working on ways to support Missourians in need of abortion care. This week, leaders have proposed using [COVID relief funding](#) for those seeking care elsewhere.

Missouri was devastated to see a [fatal train derailment](#) on Wednesday outside Mendon, Missouri. Four people were killed and there is no solid number on those injured yet.



It is official: Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson is the first Black woman on the Supreme Court (Conservative Court), following Justice Breyer's quick exit on Thursday. If I were him, I would have ran from that place, too.



Last week I said Arizona Speaker Rusty Bowers had arguably the most dramatic testimony yet - then Cassidy Hutchinson arrived on Tuesday after a sudden release on Monday announcing another Jan. 6th hearing. I can't even start to summarize what she said...[.read about Trump's knowledge](#) of the violence occurring in his name and how he wanted to "join in."

IN THE OFFICE

Randy has been go-go-go the past month. June is Pride month and we were excited for the MDP to participate in the Kansas City Pride Parade again. As it relates to Roe, he participated in a coalition call with Vice President Harris, had numerous conversations with our partners at Planned Parenthood and we facilitated a virtual press conference last Friday. On Wednesday, Randy met with Congressman Cleaver's staff to discuss trends, polls and recently passed legislation.

Sara Beth has also been focused on voter registration, as well as continuing to to keep the lights on and the bills paid. She met with our Volunteer Voter Protection Director, Owen Flomberg, and is providing all the information and support possible as well as beginning the recruitment process for poll workers, observers, and Election Day Boiler Room lawyers. (Please reach out to her if you would like to help in these ways!)

Matthew is clearly pumped to be back in Missouri and has been zooming around the state to revisit so many of you. He was the guest speaker at the Senior Democrats of the Ozarks June meeting in Springfield and continues to grow the

Party membership. We are very close to hitting our goal of new monthly donors to the Party as we are just 8 donors short of having 70 new monthly donors since April. Are you a monthly donor? Sign up [here](#).

Over the past few weeks, **Andy** has worked to finalize early voting information for [iwillvote.com](#). He's also working on lists of unregistered people to share with campaigns and county parties for registration. We hope to register as many voters as possible before HB 1878 creates new barriers for that work August 28th.

I, **Bailey**, have spent a lot of time the past two weeks preparing and executing our Roe v Wade response and coverage. The ruling came out last Friday morning, shortly after 9am. We are proud to say MDP was the first state party to get together a press conference with state media at 12pm - including Minority Leader Crystal Quade, Chairman Michael Butler, Executive Director Randy Dunn and both Congressman Cleaver and Congresswoman Bush. We are so grateful both of our federal representatives were able to join us despite their busy schedules.

COMMUNITY

The Missouri State Fair is coming up and we need volunteers to man the MDP table with us this year. Here's an incentive - we are **INSIDE** this year. Thank youuuuu air conditioning. Sign up for a slot [here](#).

Be a poll worker for the August 2nd Primaries! Contact your local election board [here](#).



CALENDAR

Keep an eye out for HDCC reminders about their upcoming Democrat Days of Action across the state. Don't miss these opportunities to get out and talk to real voters! You can RSVP on HDCC's [site](#) or [ours!](#)

St. Charles - July 16

Platte County - July 30

Lee's Summit - Aug 13

Independence - Aug 13

Boone County - Aug 27

We can make change together. Join us in a united front to take back Missouri's democracy and future.

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