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With HB 1854, Missouri will have the toughest state law defunding Planned Parenthood. We will also be the first state to legislatively push back against the Biden Administration's attempt to repeal the Hyde Amendment, forcing state funding of abortion on demand throughout pregnancy. HB 1854 is identical to HB 2, which passed the Missouri House 109-45 during the June special session. For years, legislators defunded abortion facilities, their affiliates and associates in appropriation bills. But a 6-1 state supreme court ruling in June 2020 (Planned Parenthood v. Dept. of Soc. Serv., 602 SW 3d 201) said lawmakers cannot defund the abortion industry in appropriation bills, but only by statute: If the General Assembly wants to change the conditions that must be met to be an authorized provider of MO HealthNet services, it must do so by amending the statutes in which those conditions are found and article III, section 23 [of the Missouri Constitution] prohibits a bill whose subject is appropriations from also being used for that purpose." (602 SW 3d at 210) HB 1854 amends the statutes cited by the court to strike down the pro-life appropriation restrictions: section 208.152.1(6) and (12), and section 208.153.1. The bill also restricts funding of abortion facilities, their affiliates and associates in the "Uninsured Women's Health Program (section 208.659). In addition, section 208.164 in the bill sets forth six mandatory exclusions of Medicaid providers – the last two applicable to Planned Parenthood because it operates abortion facilities (the exclusion extends to the organization's affiliates and associates) and because it was founded by the eugenicist and racist Margaret Sanger. (See, "Margaret Sanger's extreme brand of eugenics," America, July 28, 2020). The Code of Federal Regulations provides legal authority. 42 CFR 1002.3(b) – cited in HB 1854 – says: Nothing ... should be construed to limit a State's own authority to exclude an individual or entity from Medicaid for any reason or period authorized by State law. In 2017, the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals ruled that Planned Parenthood can be excluded from Medicaid in Arkansas. Last year, the group was excluded in Texas, after a 5th Circuit decision in 2020. Also, section 188.207 provides for "global" defunding of Planned Parenthood in all state programs. Lastly, section 188.202 in HB 1854 challenges President Biden's vow to abolish the federal Hyde Amendment that currently restricts most federal funding of abortion. Since Medicaid is a federal/state partnership, any change in federal law could be used to threaten state pro-life protections of taxpayers. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that under the 10th Amendment, the federal government cannot "commandeer" states. In NFIB v. Sebelius, 132 S. Ct. 2566 (2012), the Court voided the ACA mandate that states expand Medicaid or risk losing all Medicaid funding: "when 'pressure turns into compulsion,' ... the legislation runs contrary to our system of federalism." (at 2602). Thus, the bill authorizes state taxpayers and the attorney general to sue the federal government to "[p]rotect state sovereignty and state taxpayers", defend "religious beliefs or moral convictions" and "[p]revent the state or its political subdivisions from being coerced, compelled, or commandeered" to directly or indirectly fund abortion.



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This Bill is a Bad Bill that Sets Up Missouri for Numerous Lawsuits. The Bill's Sponsor is in Direct Violation of the State Constitution and Refuses to Reside in the District that he was Elected to, living 24 -Miles away from the Closest Boundary of the 107th State Legislative District. This State Representative is the Biggest "Con-Man" of All and has Nothing Creditable to Offer Our Missourians.



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In a state health care program with increasing, unmet need, Missourians need all of the provider options they can get. HB 1854 seeks to strip Planned Parenthood of its public dollars and ability to serve Medicaid patients. Losing even one choice of providers can have devastating consequences for the safety net and the people who depend on it. Planned Parenthood provides a wide range of critical health services to people who need them, from cancer screenings and preventive services to STI testing to family planning services like birth control. Medicaid patients across the state rely on their providers to offer low-cost, quality, timely health care. And for some, Planned Parenthood is the only provider they can reach due to transportation limitations and geographic constraints. Removing Planned Parenthood from our health safety net equation means those patients will be delayed in gaining access to essential, life-saving treatments or, at worst, permanently lose access to the health care they need. Not allowing Planned Parenthood to receive public funds is not simply attack on a provider of abortion services in Missouri. It is an attack on every single person who frequents their clinics for the wide range of services they provide. In addition, the advancement of HB 1854 would jeopardize Missouri's entire Medicaid program by failing to meet the program's federal compliance laws. Under federal law, all people with coverage under Medicaid have the right to choose their provider, and Missouri is no exception to that rule. By targeting Planned Parenthood as an eligible provider for people with Medicaid, HB 1854 endangers the entire program and the health and well-being of each MOHealth Net beneficiary. Our organization believes that all Missourians deserve access to quality, affordable, comprehensive, and holistic health care — no matter where they live or how much money they make. That vision cannot be achieved without providers like Planned Parenthood continuing to serve Medicaid patients in Missouri. Missouri Health Care for All is opposed to the advancement of this proposal. We strongly recommend members of the committee vote against HB 1854 to protect the health and well-being of Missouri's Medicaid beneficiaries.



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I was reviewing HB 1854 and it has some significant problems, namely creating a state law that supersedes federal law. As a Missouri resident, I am tired of having Missouri taxpayer money being squandered on frivolous legal cases. If passed, this would be yet another test case. Our money should be spent for the benefit of Missourians, not for someone's entertainment. Another aspect that doesn't seem to be under the jurisdiction of state legislature is religious rights. Then, another section covers contracts made that are administrative decisions, not legislative. Another intent that is concerning is limiting access to healthcare for lower income Missourians. Abortion is also healthcare and that all women, no matter how much money they have, should be able to access to the full spectrum of gynecological care no matter what type of insurance or whether they have insurance.



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I vehemently oppose this bill. Abortion is healthcare, and the unfettered right is essential to liberty.



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I oppose HB 1854 because citizens shouldn't interfere with or infringe on the right of other citizens seeking healthcare.