



The Constitution Party of Missouri

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The Honorable Jay Ashcroft
Secretary of State – State of Missouri
600 West Main Street
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Good Morning, Jay...

I have followed [your efforts to support life in the womb](#) with the oncoming onslaught of abortion initiatives being advanced in Missouri. As the linked articles point out, these initiatives have been prevailing. [Yesterday, the Pro-Life efforts lost at the ballot due to an Ohio constitutional petition initiative.](#)

I am curious to know why no one has addressed this particular issue by applying the Constitution. Article IV, Section 4 states: ***“The United States shall guarantee to every State in this Union a Republican Form of Government...”***

State initiative petitions fail this test! To make amendments to the Constitution of the United States requires a supermajority to propose as well as to pass (see Article V). Our state initiative petition process, as is the case in many other states, circumvents the guarantee of a republican form of government by enforcing a simple majority for enactment. The enemies of Liberty have discovered this as an advantage for their agenda and, I expect, will pursue it relentlessly.

While I am aware that the current initiative process has been challenged in Missouri of late, I must ask... Has anyone taken the constitutional position on this issue by challenging it as a patent violation of the Constitution for the United States?

Jay, [you have expressed that this is such an important issue that you can neither violate your oath to support the Constitution of Missouri nor your conscience.](#) It is then incumbent on all of us to unite on the Constitution or fail to pass on to our posterity those unalienable rights which have been bequeathed to us by Providence and the blood of our patriots for Liberty. When we in Missouri lead the way – and we must – we will be the model for the rest of the Republic to follow!

It is time for We the People to unite on the Constitution and...

***ADVANCE** the Cause of Liberty!*

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