Missouri Right to Life PAC, Executive Director Susan Klein Travels the State with Missouri Dignitaries to Encourage a Vote YES on Amendment 3

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POPLAR BLUFF, Mo. — More than 350 people turned out at one or more stops on a two-day, 10-county rally tour urging Missouri voters to support Amendment 3, which concluded Tuesday in Ripley County.

The "YES on Amendment 3" tour ran Oct. 19–20 and stopped in Butler, Carter, Dunklin, Mississippi, New Madrid, Oregon, Pemiscot, Ripley, Stoddard and Wayne counties. Local Republican committees helped coordinate the events, which drew residents, elected officials, candidates and community leaders.

Supporters at the Butler County Courthouse

Rep. Hardy Billington, R-Poplar Bluff, helped organize the events and served as master of ceremonies. Missouri Right to Life PAC Director Susan Klein was the featured speaker, and Missouri State Treasurer Vivek Malek took part throughout the tour.

Tammy Gibson, of Kennett said, "We're thankful to Rep. Billington for helping pull these rallies together. He put in a lot of time so people in our part of the state could hear about Amendment 3 in person, close to home."

The first day included stops in Kennett, Caruthersville, New Madrid and Charleston before ending at the Butler County Courthouse in Poplar Bluff. The second day took the group to Dexter, Piedmont, Van Buren and Alton before concluding in Doniphan, in Ripley County.

Each program included prayer, the Pledge of Allegiance, local recognitions and remarks about the proposed constitutional amendment. Klein outlined Missouri Right to Life's PAC support for the measure and encouraged attendees to talk with other voters about it. Speakers also urged those in attendance to make a plan to vote and to check with county clerks about absentee voting.

Billington tied his support for the amendment to his own family's history, which includes an abortion before his birth. In remarks published by AltonMo.com ahead of the tour, he described that experience as a lasting influence on his views.

“Because this isn’t politics to me. It’s my family,” Billington said.

Attendees said the events were well organized and energizing.

“It was exciting to see so many people come out, pick up signs and get fired up to spread the word about Amendment 3. You could feel the energy in the room,” said Diane Garrett, of Doniphan.

Reid Forrester, chairman of the 25th Senatorial District Republican Committee, said the tour drew residents from across the region. He credited Billington’s leadership, the participation of Missouri Right to Life PAC and Malek, and the work of county committees and volunteers in coordinating the 10 stops.

“I was honored to help lead these rallies, but the credit belongs to the people who showed up and the folks who made it happen,” Billington said. “The county committees and volunteers put in the phone calls, the setup and the long hours at every stop. Susan, with Missouri Right to Life PAC, Missouri State Treasurer Vivek Malek and local Legislators gave people the facts and a reason to get involved.”

Rep. Hardy Billington introducing MRL PAC Director Susan Klein

Amendment 3 would repeal the reproductive health care amendment Missouri voters approved in 2024. According to the Missouri secretary of state’s ballot summary, the proposal would permit abortion in specified circumstances involving rape or incest before 12 weeks of pregnancy, medical emergencies and fetal anomalies. It also addresses abortion regulation, parental consent and gender transition procedures for minors.

Amendment 3 will appear on the Nov. 3 general election ballot. Missouri’s no-excuse, in-person absentee voting began Oct. 20 and continues through Nov. 2. Voters can contact their county clerk or local election authority for voting locations and hours.

More details on the amendment are available at missourilifepac.org.