

## Targeted Restriction of Abortion Providers (TRAP) Bills

[SB 737](#) - [Sen. Koenig](#) (R-15, St. Louis County)

[HB2012](#) - [Rep. Kelly](#) (R-141, Mountain Grove)

*TRAP bills do nothing to protect patients or improve health outcomes for Missourians. Like other anti-abortion bills, these bills are designed by politicians to spread misinformation, distort the truth, and shame pregnant people and doctors.*

**Abortion is a deeply personal decision every person should have the privacy to make with their family, faith, and doctor, not politicians. SB 737 ignores religious freedom and mandates funeral rituals on every person who chooses abortion. HB 2012 is anti-science and undermines common medical research practices.**

**SB 737 is another attempt by anti-abortion politicians to deceive and shame patients and end abortion in Missouri.**

- The bill uses inflammatory language to stigmatize abortion patients and harass health care providers.
- SB 737 goes even further and imposes a funeral ritual on all patients after an abortion procedure once the tissue has been sent to pathology. It ignores religious freedom and forces all patients to experience a ritual that may not align with their beliefs.
- The bill does not advance patient safety. Nor is there a public health benefit from the bill. Tissue removed during medical procedures, including abortion, is already treated safely and with dignity.

**Let's take a step back: These bills are written by politicians, not doctors.** These bills do nothing to help or protect patients. Instead, they would make it more difficult for doctors to provide abortion and would single out and mislead patients who are seeking that care.

- SB 737 could invite litigation and could cost the state thousands of dollars to defend.
- A federal district court permanently blocked a similar Texas law because it, "imposes intrusive and heavy burdens" upon a patient's right to choose an abortion.

**We deserve elected leaders who will focus on supporting medical advancements that improve public health outcomes.**

- Missouri has the nation's 7th highest rate of maternal mortality, and Black women are three to four times more likely than white women to die from pregnancy-related complications. In fact, the [Turnaway Study](#) showed abortion bans and restrictions only worsen health and socioeconomic outcomes for pregnant people.
- Bills like HB 2012 are anti-science and undermine medical research practices that have long used donated fetal tissue to develop [life-saving treatments](#), including vaccines and transplant therapies.