

Targeted Restriction of Abortion Providers (TRAP) Law

[SB 101](#) - [Sen. Koenig](#) (R-15, St. Louis County)

[HB 431](#) - [Rep. Kelly](#) (R-141, Mountain Grove)

Like other anti-abortion bills, these are designed by politicians to spread misinformation, distort the truth, and shame pregnant people and doctors.

We need to respect each person's ability to make the deeply personal decision to have an abortion and allow them to make this decision in accordance with their family, faith, and doctor. It is not our place to judge what any person should do.

This restriction is another attempt by anti-abortion politicians to deceive and shame patients and end abortion in Missouri.

- This bill is part of a national effort to stigmatize abortion patients, harass health care providers, and ultimately to end access to abortion altogether.
- Politicians in Missouri have wasted taxpayers' time and money trying to restrict and ultimately ban safe, legal abortion over the past several years. These bills are more of the same, and they do nothing to improve the lives or health of Missourians.

This government mandate callously forces *all* patients to determine how fetal tissue is disposed of before they are allowed to have an abortion.

- These bills shame abortion patients by imposing a funeral ritual on them after a safe, legal medical procedure, and after the tissue has been sent to pathology. Politicians have no business imposing their beliefs on patients and interfering with their health care.

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.

- This bill will invite litigation and could cost the state thousands of dollars to defend.
- A federal district court recently 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 improving Missourians' health outcomes — not shaming patients.

- Missouri has the nation's 7th highest rate of maternal mortality, and a Black women are three to four times more likely than white women to die from pregnancy-related complications. This attack on patients and doctors will do *nothing* to improve the health of pregnant and birthing people in Missouri.