

Rolling Back Nondiscrimination Protections

[Senate Bill 6](#) - [Sen. Dixon](#) (R-30, Springfield)

Anti-abortion politicians want to ban cities from protecting their citizens from discrimination based on their pregnancy, birth control usage, fertility treatment, or abortion.

Senate Bill 6 is an attempt to prohibit cities from protecting their citizens against discrimination based on their reproductive health decisions.

- Senate Bill 6 preempts a new St. Louis City law that bans employment and housing discrimination against individuals based on their personal reproductive health decisions. The local law prohibits, for instance, an employer from firing a woman because she gets pregnant, uses birth control, or has an abortion.
- This bill eliminates this important nondiscrimination protection and stops all other cities from enacting it, effectively allowing this type of discrimination to take place.

Nobody should worry that their job is in jeopardy because of their personal reproductive health decisions.

- Employers should not be allowed to fire or otherwise discriminate against women for their personal decisions about their own health care.
- Instead of rolling back protections for those who live and work in the City of St. Louis, lawmakers should pass them for all Missourians.

Senate Bill 6 puts so-called “pregnancy resource centers” (PRCs) above the law.

- Senate Bill 6 prohibits cities from regulating PRCs, which are on record providing false and misleading information to women, men and young people about pregnancy and sex. Currently, PRCs are not required to provide medically factual or accurate information. Senate Bill 6 would block cities from enforcing laws protecting client confidentiality or false and misleading advertising.

Senate Bill 6 politicizes enforcement of the law.

- Currently, the each county’s prosecutor is responsible for enforcing most state laws. By granting the attorney general authority to enforce this measure, Senate Bill 6 lets a Jefferson City politician supersede the judgment and authority of the local prosecutor.

Missourians are tired of legislators playing political games with our reproductive health.

- Priorities matter. Instead of allowing employers to discriminate against Missourians because of an individual’s own reproductive health decisions, lawmakers ought to focus on improving health care for all Missourians by improving maternal and infant mortality outcomes, expanding Medicaid, increasing access to birth control, and supporting working families.