

August 3, 2010 – Primary Election

Confused about Proposition C?

What is Proposition C?

The Missouri Legislature placed a health insurance issue on the August 3rd primary election ballot. The language below is what will appear on the August 3rd Ballot.

Shall the Missouri Statutes be amended to:

- *Deny the government authority to penalize citizens for refusing to purchase private health insurance or infringe upon the right to offer or accept direct payment for lawful healthcare services?*
- *Modify laws regarding the liquidation of certain domestic insurance companies?*

Who is behind Proposition C?

A huge force behind these efforts and the “model legislation” is ALEC, the American Legislative Exchange Council (see www.alec.org), Americans for Prosperity and Tea Party Groups. Proposition C is based on “model legislation” coming out of these corporate-funded groups.

How can I vote against reform when I don't even understand it?

Right now, people are very confused about what's in the Affordable Care Act passed by Congress. It's important for voters to get informed before. **A few things included in the Affordable Care Act:**

This Year	In Future Years
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • People with Medicare will get help paying for prescriptions if they hit the “donut hole”. • Young adults up to age 26 can stay on their parent's insurance, even if they are not in school or are not a dependent. • Individuals with pre-existing conditions may get insurance through a new high risk pool. • Small businesses with 25 or fewer employees may be eligible for tax credits. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insurance companies will have limits on what they can charge in premiums, copays and deductibles. • Insurance companies will not be able to deny us for pre-existing medical conditions. • Insurance companies will not be able to charge higher premiums if we have health problems, or because we are women. • 500,000 Missourians will gain access to affordable health insurance!

What Does My Vote on Proposition C Mean?

A NO VOTE MEANS	A YES VOTE MEANS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Missouri voters reject playing politics with health care • Missouri will move on to the important work of implementing health reform. • There will be accountable public processes that let us influence what happens next • We can learn what the Affordable Care Act does and repair what we don't like. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Because federal law trumps state law Proposition C is likely to have no effect on Missourians, or our health insurance. • Politicians will keep playing politics with health care. • Special interests and insurance companies will use the “rejection” to attack the new law.