



## Freedom Principle MO Supports Resolutions by Christian and Franklin County GOP Calling for Special Session to Address Key Legislative Priorities

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The Freedom Principle MO is supporting the resolutions by Christian County Republican Central Committee and Franklin County Republican Central Committee calling for Governor Parson to convene a special legislative session to address key legislative priorities that didn't get addressed in the last legislative session. "We strongly support these resolutions," said Byron Keelin, President of the Freedom Principle MO. "There were many important legislative issues that didn't get passed because of a failure of leadership in the House and Senate. Governor Parson can help turn something bad into something good for Missourians."

The Christian and Franklin County resolutions call for Governor Parson to convene a special session under Article IV, Section 9 of the Missouri Constitution. They are asking the governor to instruct the legislature to enact Initiative Petition Reform; allow gold and silver bullion to be used as legal tender in Missouri; prohibit land ownership by foreign individuals, companies, and entities; enact real estate and personal property tax limits and/or freezes; and require labeling of any food or consumer products containing the mRNA technology.

"These are very important issues, and they must be addressed, but we believe there are a few more legislative issues that are just as important and must also be addressed," said Keelin. "These additional issues include returning control of the St. Louis Police to the state, passing a ballot initiative to prohibit rank choice and approval voting, and passing legislation to allow the governor to appoint a special prosecutor for any prosecutor or circuit attorney who fails to carry out the Constitutional duties of their respective office."

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The Freedom Principle MO worked hard this past legislative session to get bills like HJR 66 (an initiative petition to ban rank choice and approval voting, and to prohibit non-citizens from voting in our elections), HB 702 (which would return control of the St. Louis City police to the state), and HB 301 (which would allow the Governor to appoint a special prosecutor for any prosecutor refusing to do their job and prosecute criminals.) passed.

“We were close to getting these bills over the goal line, but Senate leadership fumbled the ball at the one-yard line,” said Keelin. “As reported in the St. Louis Post-Dispatch reported Senate Majority Leader Caleb Rowden negotiated a deal with the corrupt and disgraced former St. Louis City Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner to kill HB 702 and HB 301.”

St. Louis political leaders are now calling for a special session to address gun violence. “You know crime is getting out of control when the progressive leadership in St. Louis City is calling for a special session,” said Keelin. “Unfortunately, what they want the legislature to do (ban guns) will not do anything to stop the violence. We need to build up and support our law enforcement in St. Louis and let them do their job of patrolling and protecting the streets.”

The Freedom Principle MO is calling on all Republican Central Committees to pass a similar resolution and put pressure on Governor Parson to call the special session. “With the oncoming 2024 elections, it’s important we get these issues addressed now rather than wait for the 2024 legislative session where things will only be more politicized by the upcoming elections,” said Keelin. To view the resolutions, visit the Freedom Principle MO website at <https://www.freedomprinciplemo.org/pressreleases>.

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