

## Freedom Principle MO Gives Senate Leadership A Failing Grade at Mid-Term

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The Freedom Principle MO is giving Senate President Caleb Rowden and Senate Majority Leader Cindy O'Laughlin an "F" for a mid-term grade. The Senate leadership adjourned a day early for their spring break instead of doing the business the voters sent them there to do. "It seems our so-called leaders in Jefferson City are more concerned with bugging out early than with protecting defenseless children," said Byron Keelin, President of the Freedom Principle MO. "Caleb Rowden tweeted he was horrified by the claims of the whistleblower who exposed children and families being bullied by doctors pushing gender transition surgeries, yet he has allowed Senate Bill (SB) 49, a bill that would ban these barbaric procedures, to be stalled."

The Senate has been debating the passage of SB 49, Missouri Save Adolescents from Experimentation (SAFE) Act, sponsored by Senator Mike Moon (Dist. 29) for two weeks. SB 49 was passed out of committee on February 21<sup>st,</sup> "This bill should have been passed immediately after learning of the horrific treatments by Washington University and St. Louis Children's hospital," said Keelin. "One must wonder why the Republican leadership would resort to cheap parliamentarian tricks to stall such an important bill. Now it's going to sit until after the March spring break. This is totally unacceptable."

The Freedom Principle MO also gives Senators Rowden and O'Laughlin an "F" grade for failing to act on passing Initiative Petition Reform and protecting our constitution from being radically changed by outside dark money groups. Furthermore, the senate leadership has been very slow to protect women's sports, protect the integrity of our elections, eliminate personal property taxes, eliminate COVID vaccine mandates, expand school choice, stand up for the police officers in St. Louis City, and stand up against the corruption of Kim Gardner in St. Louis City.

"The voters are tired of empty promises by these elected officials. Voters have been demanding action on all these issues for more than two years, and all we get at the end of the session is excuses," said Keelin. "The grassroots organizations, like the Freedom Principle MO, are keeping our eyes wide open and watching legislators closely. We are tired of being lied to about them supporting a conservative agenda but then watching them bend a knee to the WOKE mob or have their hand out begging to the medical industrial complex for campaign contributions."

The Freedom Principle MO is urging Missourians to call Senator Caleb Rowden at 573-751-3931 or e-mail him at <a href="mailto:caleb.rowden@senate.mo.gov">caleb.rowden@senate.mo.gov</a>, and Senator Cindy O'Laughlin at 573-751-7985 or e-mail her at <a href="mailto:cindy.olaughlin@senate.mo.gov">cindy.olaughlin@senate.mo.gov</a> and tell them to immediately pass SB 49 and other key legislation. "We need to get these important bills passed now so the legislature has time to get them passed," said Keelin.

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