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BREAKING NEWS: Two different extremist groups have filed ballot measures to ban abortions and much more!

The [first initiative](#), filed by Missouri Roundtable for Life, attempts to ban abortions in public hospitals even when a woman's life is at risk or in cases of rape and incest. This measure is too extreme for Missouri!

The [second initiative](#), filed by Gregory Thompson and Personhood Missouri, would not only ban common forms of contraception, YES, we said CONTRACEPTION, but would also ban treatments for cancer, life-threatening pregnancies and infertility and ban ALL abortions even in cases of rape, incest or when a woman's life is in danger. Talk about government intrusion at its worst.

Missouri already has some of the most restrictive abortion laws in the country, and does not need the government coming between women and their doctors. If the supporters of these measures were serious about reducing the need for abortions they would join us in putting prevention first and focus on reducing unintended pregnancies by providing comprehensive sex education and increasing access to contraception and other family planning services.

[Click here to see out statement on the measures.](#)

Time To Deliver: Real Reform Includes Women's Health Care

While Planned Parenthood in Missouri is prepared to fight back against these dangerous ballot measures, we continue to fight forward on health care reform. Women must not be worse off after health care reform than they are now. That means we need commonsense proposals that give women access to reproductive health care and the opportunity to go to their provider of choice. Planned Parenthood activists participated in the October 20th National Day of Action to encourage Members of Congress to support health care reform. Planned Parenthood supporters have logged 19,287 (and counting) calls to Congress urging Members to protect women's health in reform.

Sex Education

As if overhauling the health care system is not complex enough, Senator Hatch (R-UT) decides to throw SEX into the mix.

Sex education that is, well, really abstinence-only sex education. After failing to add several abortion restriction amendments to the Senate Finance Committee health care reform bill, Senator Hatch managed to attach a provision to extend the Title V *abstinence-only* program. This prompted the committee Chairman, Senator Baucus (D-MT) to add an alternate amendment creating a new *comprehensive* sex education program. The Chairman acknowledged the conflicting programs and we are working to strip out Senator Hatch's abstinence-only provision before a final bill goes to the President later this year.

A New Supreme

As in a new U.S. Supreme Court Justice. We welcome Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who [pledged to defend the Constitution and administer impartial justice when she was sworn in August 8th](#). Justice Sotomayor is the first Hispanic justice and only the third woman in the court's 220-year history

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