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## Sen. Crowell and Rep. Brandom Meet with Sikeston Youth Advocating for Healthy Lifestyles

JEFFERSON CITY — Sen. Jason Crowell (R-Cape Girardeau) along with Rep. Ellen Brandom (R-Sikeston) met with three young ladies from Sikeston on Tuesday. This group came to the Capitol looking to enhance their communication skills and learn to become effective advocates to legislators. They are part of a group of young people from Southeast Missouri working toward starting an advocacy group against underage drinking, tobacco and drug use.

"I was happy to meet with Starkeisha Tate, Brittney Sexton and Corrie Pfefferkorn," said Sen. Crowell. "I think it's outstanding that young people are getting involved in their community like this and advocating healthy and safe lifestyles for their peers. I am sure they will organize a strong group to fight for these issues in Jefferson City and at home."

"It was great for these students to have the opportunity to come to the Capitol to see how the Legislature works," said Representative Brandom. "I'm pleased to learn that they are developing their leadership skills with the goal of establishing an advocacy group to promote issues important to young people."

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Senator Crowell meets with three young people from Sikeston on the Senate floor.

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