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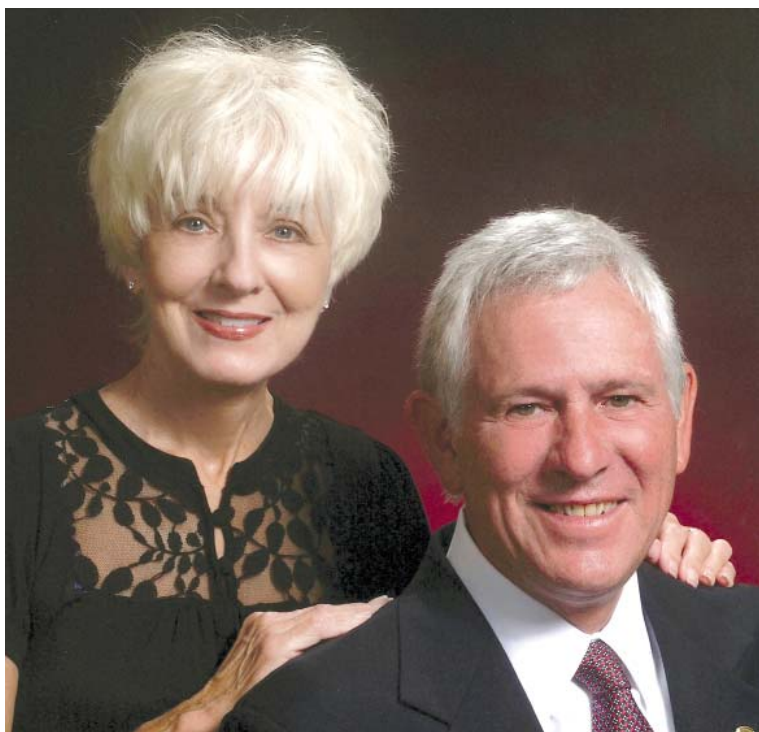
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2014 Legislative Report



Dear Friends in the 29th District,

Thank you for the opportunity to work for you in the Missouri Senate. This report was prepared to keep you informed of the work of your State Legislature in 2014.

The General Assembly tackled important and difficult issues this year, which are detailed in this report. We worked hard to find meaningful solutions that reflect Missourians' shared beliefs in personal responsibility, common-sense values and opportunities for the future. I am truly excited about the important improvements we have made to the quality of life for the people of our great state and look forward to future opportunities to represent the values, morals and beliefs of the people I have the privilege of working for in the Capitol.

Please contact my office any time you would like to share an idea, express a concern or need assistance with a problem. Most of the work we do in the Capitol starts with a good idea suggested by a constituent.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Sater".



The Wait That Could Save a Life



Since *Roe v. Wade* in 1973, more than 52 million abortions have been performed in the U.S. That is 52 million opportunities to save a life. While Missouri has decreased abortions; Sen. Sater believes there is still work to do. This led him to introduce Senate Bill 519, a common-sense, pro-life bill to extend Missouri's waiting period for an abortion from 24 to 72 hours.

The decision to abort a child is a life-changing and irreversible one. Through the informed consent process, a mother is told of the methods and risks of abortion, learns about adoption, and has the chance to view an ultrasound and hear the heartbeat of her child. An additional 48 hours gives the mother time to think about the decision and alternatives. It is not uncommon for an expectant mother to be coerced or pressured to have an abortion or make a decision before she is ready.

The bottom line is, unborn children are human beings and deserve protection under the law. This additional time could be the difference in saving a life. Most Missourians do not think three days is too much time to decide whether to bring a child into this world. In Missouri, we believe life is worth protecting and this bill shows that we intend to defend those who cannot defend themselves.

Senator Sater guided the bill through the Senate and ultimately to final passage. The governor vetoed it in early July to appease national progressives but the Senate and House mustered the necessary votes to override his veto.



Making “Welfare” Work for Missouri

There is no question that one of the most important steps someone can take to escape poverty is taking a job and participating in the workforce. Fewer than 3 percent of Americans who work full-time live in poverty. Too often, government welfare programs are a disincentive to work, trapping many in long-term poverty.

The federal government currently funds 126 different welfare programs and a recent study found that welfare pays more than an \$8-an-hour job in 33 states. The potential value of welfare benefits in Missouri is equal to that of a \$10.96-an-hour job, far exceeding today's minimum wage.

Missouri currently ranks dead last in the country with only 15 percent of Missouri welfare recipients engaged in “work activities.” This is a broad definition that includes work, but also job training, college and job searches. Senator Sater believes this is inconsistent with Missourians' shared belief in personal responsibility and a strong work ethic. In response, Sen. Sater introduced a comprehensive welfare reform bill, Senate Bill 736.

The bill would have lowered the cap on the number of years a welfare recipient is eligible for benefits; imposed immediate and strict sanctions for noncompliance with work requirements; and created a family cap provision, which removes benefits a recipient can receive for each additional child born while on welfare. The bill also would have created a new Cash Diversion Program to keep “job ready” welfare applicants from entering the system and becoming dependent on welfare long-term.

Not having these kinds of policies has the unintended consequence of awarding recipients for not working, thereby erecting a barrier to the workforce and a path to self-sufficiency. Senator Sater believes the ticket out of poverty is work. Helping people achieve the dignity and self-confidence that comes with earning a paycheck will empower families and make Missouri stronger.

Session ended before the full Senate could consider Senate Bill 736, but Sen. Sater will likely introduce similar legislation next year.



DEFENDING OUR SECOND AMENDMENT RIGHTS

The right to keep and bear arms is one of the most important constitutional rights guaranteed to us. However, our state constitution only provided the right in defense of home, person and property. This left out the right we should have to defend our families, not just ourselves. To expand this vital constitutional right in our state constitution, Missouri lawmakers approved and sent to the ballot Senate Joint Resolution 36. It guarantees that Missourians have the right to keep and bear arms and ammunition in defense of their family and that Missouri is obligated to defend these rights and can't decline to protect against their infringement.

Lawmakers have a responsibility to uphold their oath of office and protect our Constitutional rights. Proposed federal laws and activist judicial decisions are targeting law-abiding gun owners while doing nothing to protect Missouri families. SJR 36 sends a clear message that the state of Missouri values our Second Amendment rights and will fight any efforts to take that right away.

Senator Sater strongly supported SJR 36 and voters overwhelmingly approved it on the August ballot.



Above right: Sen. David Sater visiting with a constituent.

Below right: Sen. Sater enjoys a day of hunting in the 29th District.



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A Tax Cut for All Missourians

Small businesses make up more than 90 percent of employers in our state, meaning most Missourians work for a small business. It is crucial we recognize our small businesses and the people who work there for what they are — the backbone of our state economy. Senator Sater believes we have an obligation to promote a strong economy and job growth. Our state's small businesses need capital to reinvest in their companies and hire more employees.

This session, lawmakers passed the biggest tax overhaul the state has seen in nearly 100 years. Senate Bill 509 is a straight-forward and sensible tax cut for hard-working Missourians. Small business owners and taxpayers will now be able to deduct up to 25 percent of their business income and Missourians making less than \$20,000 can exempt an additional \$500 from their adjusted gross income. The bill also has a "trigger" provision that requires \$150 million in increased revenue each year, ensuring that we are protecting important obligations like public education and roads.

This tax cut will make our state one of the most competitive in the country. The people of Missouri should be trusted to use their own hard-earned dollars better than the government — so we cut taxes and put people, not government, in the driver's seat of our economy. Senator Sater was proud to support it.



This session, lawmakers came together on a health care bill that remains true to our principles of limited government and personal responsibility while offering meaningful solutions to some of the problems in our health care system. Solving the problems of our health care system does not require a large government bureaucracy or talking heads in Washington, D.C. We can make those decisions here, the Missouri way - closest to those affected by them.

Senate Bill 754, sponsored by Sen. Sater, started out as a very simple extension of Missouri Rx, a prescription assistance program for low-income seniors. Missouri Rx helps elderly Missourians that fall into the Medicare Part D donut hole with out-of-pocket prescription costs. This is a completely voluntary program with income limits and at a reasonable cost to taxpayers.

As it picked up steam, other legislators amended their health care bills to Sen. Sater's bill. These included the "Show-Me ECHO" program which is a partnership between the state and the University of Missouri to use telemedicine in underserved areas around the state. Also added was the Show-Me Healthy Babies Program which uses the state's Children's Health Insurance Program to cover unborn children. Another provision allows medical school graduates to obtain a temporary assistant physician license and practice in underserved areas.

Sen. Sater believes in empowering individuals in their health care decisions while providing incentives for innovation to improve coverage and quality of care. This can be done without putting government in control of our health care decisions. This is the Missouri way. SB 754 passed with strong bipartisan support, and was signed by the governor over the summer.