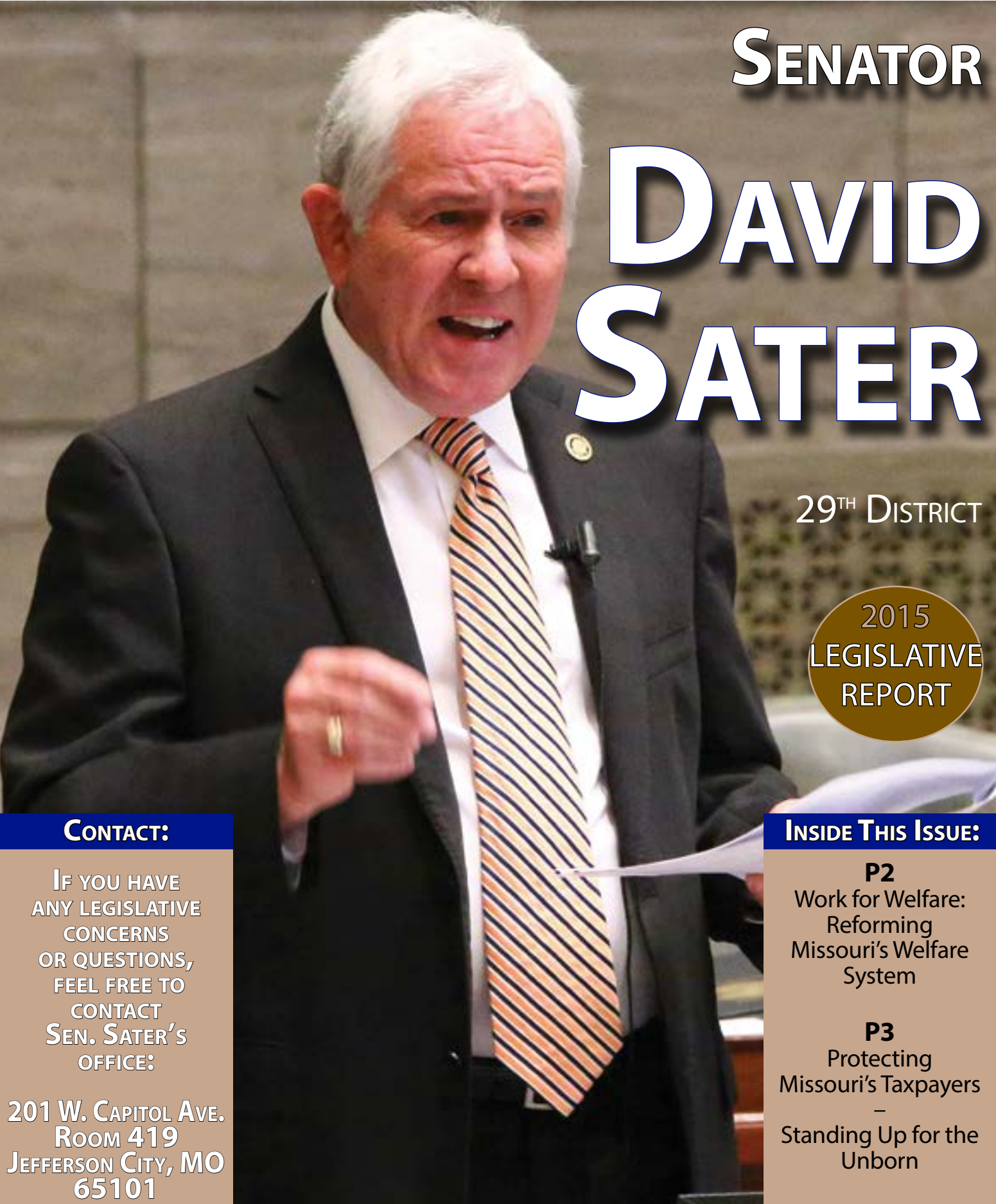


A photograph of Senator David Sater, an older man with white hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a striped tie. He is speaking and gesturing with his right hand. The background is a blurred indoor setting.

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WELCOME TO YOUR MISSOURI SENATE



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

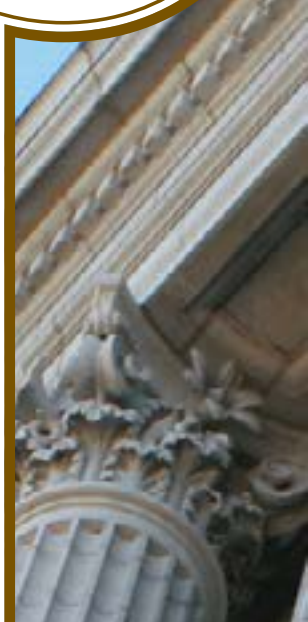
you informed of the work of your state
Legislature in 2015.

In spite of all the challenges our
state and country currently face, I am
optimistic. In southwest Missouri, we
value each other; we value life; and we
value our independence. We also value
the dignity of hard work and a spirit of
community and self-sacrifice.

I don't know about you, but I am
pretty darn proud to call southwest
Missouri my home. With complete
sincerity I can tell you it is a privilege
to live and serve in this area.

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,



WORK FOR WELFARE: REFORMING MISSOURI'S WELFARE SYSTEM

It's been more than 50 years since
the War on Poverty began, and in that
time, the U.S. has spent \$22 trillion and
created 126 different federal welfare
programs. Time and again, the response
has been to throw more money at the
problem or create a new program when
the problem is the welfare system itself.

The system too often
discourages work and
creates government
dependency. In fact,
less than 15 percent
of Missouri welfare
recipients (lowest in
the nation) participate
in a "work activity,"
which is a broad

definition that includes not only
traditional work, but also job training
and community service.

Missouri's last-in-the-nation
performance led Sen. Sater to file Senate
Bill 24 – a comprehensive reform of
the state's welfare system. Senator
Sater's solution is clear and simple:

work is the ticket out of poverty and
the path to success. The bill creates an
immediate work requirement to even
receive welfare benefits; lowers the
lifetime eligibility limit for the program
so recipients can't stay on the program
indefinitely; and creates strict penalties
for recipients not complying with work
requirements.

Missouri's current
system unnecessarily
traps people in
welfare dependency
and discourages them
from getting back to
work. Senate Bill 24
will turn the system
around by providing

the structure and tools Missouri
families need to become self-sufficient.
After passing overwhelmingly, the
governor vetoed SB 24. However, Sen.
Sater led the effort to override the
governor's veto before session ended.
The bill will go into effect on Jan. 1,
2016.

*"We should measure
welfare's success by
how many people leave
welfare, not by how many
are added."*

— Ronald Reagan





PROTECTING MISSOURI'S TAXPAYERS

Unlike the federal government, Missouri has to balance its budget every year. This requires tough decisions about how to fund small and limited government while leaving as much money as possible with the people who actually earn it, the taxpayers. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, Sen. Sater's focus is on reining in spending and limiting government by ensuring every expenditure is: A) a necessary function of government; and B) couldn't be better addressed by the private sector and the free market.

Reining in out-of-control welfare spending is one of the most important outcomes of this budget. Welfare accounts for a huge portion of the budget and, state departments

have spent uncontrollably and unsupervised for years. Year after year, almost every extra dollar goes to Medicaid or other social welfare programs. By controlling welfare spending, the state can fund education, roads and public safety while keeping taxes low.

This year's budget may be the most conservative the Legislature has ever passed. It reins-in out-of-control welfare spending and funds the core functions of government. It was even passed with a surplus to ensure there are reserve funds in case economic conditions change. Senator Sater is firmly committed to a balanced budget that funds our priorities without tax increases and without deficit spending. Our taxpayers deserve nothing less.

STANDING UP FOR THE UNBORN



The recent videos of executives and employees of Planned Parenthood describing how they sell the body parts of aborted unborn children shocked and disturbed the country. The videos highlighted just how casual and callous some are towards the life of a child. Planned Parenthood has been the most vocal advocate and active participant of the more than 40 million abortions that have occurred since *Roe v. Wade*.

These videos prompted the creation of the Senate Interim Committee on the Sanctity of Life to investigate possible Missouri Planned Parenthood involvement in the harvesting and sale of the body parts of aborted children. Senate leadership appointed Sen. Sater Vice-Chair of this committee because of his strong opposition to abortion

and record of leadership on pro-life issues. The committee's efforts led the

University of Missouri to terminate so-called "refer and follow" privileges of a local abortion doctor, which should halt abortion services at the Columbia Planned Parenthood.

Senator Sater firmly believes abortion should be illegal, but even if liberals in the White House, Congress and the Supreme Court insist on abortions taking place, the state can still do everything in its power to protect life. Senator Sater and the Missouri General Assembly's efforts have resulted in significant decreases in abortions and only one clinic in Missouri that still performs abortions.



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PROMOTING AGRICULTURE — MISSOURI'S ECONOMIC ENGINE

Agriculture drives Missouri's economy. It is the state's No. 1 industry and should be the focus of much of the Legislature's time and attention in Jefferson City.

With this in mind, Sen. Sater sponsored two pro-agriculture bills this past legislative session. The first was Senate Bill 208. This bill gives Missouri farmers more control over the Beef Checkoff Program by giving them the ability to vote on changes that were previously prohibited by law. Senator Sater believes that if Missouri wants to continue as a leader in cattle production, the state needs to promote Missouri beef, and the best way to do that is to listen to farmers.

The other agriculture bill Sen. Sater sponsored was Senate Bill 209. This bill extended liability

protection to livestock operations for the inherent risks of working with livestock. Livestock are unpredictable, and common sense tells us to be careful with these animals. However, not everyone uses their common sense. Someone should not be

able to jump a fence or wander in a pen with a bull and then sue a farmer when they get hurt. Senator Sater believes we must protect our family farmers and their businesses by applying a little common sense to our law.

Both bills were rolled into a larger agriculture bill, Senate Bill 12, which

also included the Missouri Dairy Revitalization Act and increased the pound limit for trucks carrying livestock to 85,500. Senate Bill 12 passed overwhelmingly during session and was signed into law.

