

# August 3, 2010 – Primary Election

## Vote **NO** on Missouri Proposition C

The so-called “Health Care Freedom Act” tricks voters into protecting insurance companies instead of people.

### Don't be fooled! Vote NO!

- This ballot issue is a **tricky way to protect insurance companies**. Today, insurance companies have rights—the right to drop us if we get sick, the right to turn us down if we have pre-existing conditions. The new health reform law will stop those insurance company abuses. **Proposition C protects insurance companies, not people.**
- People are still **playing politics with health care**. We have a new law that will protect us from insurance companies who charge us more and more every year. We need to move forward and stop making our health care a toxic political issue.
- By taking aim at the new rules for insurance companies, **Proposition C will make our insurance premiums skyrocket and boost insurance company profits.**



### YOUR **NO** VOTE MEANS

- Insurance companies will have limits on what they can charge us in premiums and copays.
- People with Medicare will get free preventive care and help paying for prescriptions.
- Our insurance costs will slow down because we won't be paying for the uninsured.
- 500,000 Missourians will gain access to affordable health insurance!

## What is Proposition C?

The Missouri Legislature placed a health insurance issue on the August 3<sup>rd</sup> primary election ballot. The language below is what will appear on the August 3rd Ballot.

*Shall the Missouri Statutes be amended to:*

- *Deny the government authority to penalize citizens for refusing to purchase private health insurance or infringe upon the right to offer or accept direct payment for lawful healthcare services?*
- *Modify laws regarding the liquidation of certain domestic insurance companies?*

*It is estimated this proposal will have no immediate costs or savings to state or local governmental entities. However, because of the uncertain interaction of the proposal with implementation of the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, future costs to state governmental entities are unknown.*

## Why is this on the ballot in Missouri?

A huge force behind these efforts and the “model legislation” is ALEC, the American Legislative Exchange Council (see [www.alec.org](http://www.alec.org)), Americans for Prosperity and Tea Party Groups. Proposition C is based on “model legislation” coming out of these corporate-funded groups.

**Proposition C is about playing constant politics with health care.** Politicians are using confusion and fear about health care to gain political advantage and power in Jefferson City and Washington DC.

People opposed to the health reform and to the Affordable Care Act want to create momentum of voters “rejecting” health reform to pave the way to scale back the insurance rules, coverage expansions, and consumer protections the new law will provide.

Because federal law trumps state law, voters are being asked to vote for a law that will have no meaningful effect on Missourians, or our health insurance status.

**The Affordable Care Act is a huge step forward towards quality, affordable health care for our families. We need to implement and improve this critical law. To protect our victory:**

- Talk to your friends, co-workers and neighbors.
- Write letters to the editor.
- Use social media (such as Facebook) to educate people
- Get informed about what’s really in the new law.
- **Vote in the primary election on Aug. 3 and VOTE NO on PROPOSITION C!**