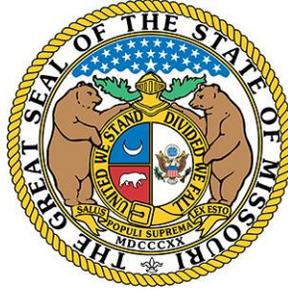


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The Honorable Mike Parson
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Governor Parson:

As you are aware, following the issuance of Attorney General Opinion No. 22-2022, medical providers and legal experts across Missouri have expressed concern and confusion regarding the legality of certain types of contraception and the definition of medical emergency as it relates to ectopic pregnancies.

The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services has confirmed the need for clarity by issuing a series of public statements and indicating that additional guidance is forthcoming. Public statements and social media posts from your office and the attorney general's office have also confirmed that the level of ambiguity around the law is at such an extreme level to warrant a response from the highest levels of state government.

Unfortunately, documents issued by DHSS and any public statements or social media posts from your office or others do not carry the force of law. Furthermore, DHSS is currently without a permanent director, undermining confidence in the longevity of its actions.

Therefore, to ensure that birth control remains legal in Missouri and to ensure that medical providers are empowered to save the lives of women with ectopic pregnancies, we formally request an extraordinary session of the Missouri General Assembly to pass narrowly tailored legislation addressing these two issues.

As you have already declared your intention to call a special legislative session for income tax cuts, expanding your call to include these two specific issues would not result in additional costs to taxpayers. Furthermore, as your office has already confirmed the need for clarity on these issues, expanding the call would be in line with your stated policy positions.

Thank you for your consideration, and we look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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