

MISSOURI

Who Stands with Working Families?

CWA local leaders have endorsed these candidates:

- MISSOURI •**
- Governor •** Chris Koster
- Lt. Governor •** Russ Carnahan
- U.S. Senate •** Jason Kander
- U.S. House •** William Clay (MO-01) • Bill Otto (MO-02) • Emanuel Cleaver (MO-05)
- Secretary of State •** Robin Smith
- Attorney General •** Teresa Hanley
- State Treasurer •** Judy Baker



Robin Smith, a lifelong union member and Democratic candidate for Missouri Secretary of State, was endorsed by CWA Missouri leaders and the Missouri AFL-CIO. She is committed to fighting for working families and standing up for voting rights.

District 6: Getting It Done

CWAers and retirees in D6 are participating in political organizing bootcamps; holding phone banks, neighborhood walks, and worksite actions; and are concentrating on some key races, especially in Missouri and Texas.

In Missouri, we need to elect Attorney General and Democrat Chris Koster to follow current Governor Jay Nixon, who has held the line for us against “right to work” (for less) and “paycheck deception.” Also in Missouri, there is a key Senate race, with Democrat Jason Kander taking on incumbent Roy Blunt. This is rated “a race to watch.” A voter ID initiative also is on the November 8 ballot.

In Texas, CWAers are pushing to elect Pete Gallegos to the U.S. House in the 23rd district. We want to get him back in office.

**Vice President
Claude Cummings**

U.S. SENATE – MISSOURI



Missouri Secretary of State

- ▶ Rallied with public employees against the state legislature’s “paycheck deception” bill. Opposes “right to work” (for less). Former member of the United Transportation Union.
- ▶ Opposes the TPP trade deal, calling it a “bad deal for Missouri.”
- ▶ Strong advocate for equal pay for equal work and earned paid sick leave, calling it “the smart thing to do for Missouri’s working families.”
- ▶ Supports raising the minimum wage.
- ▶ A strong advocate of campaign finance and ethics reform. Worked to make state government more transparent, accessible, and accountable.

VOTE NO on Amendment 6

CWA activists are working with Jobs with Justice and the Missouri AFL-CIO to spread the word about a restrictive voting rights measure on the November ballot.

Missouri was one of the first states to require voters to present a photo ID about ten years ago. But the state Supreme Court found that law to be unconstitutional, and politicians and groups who want to limit the right to vote have been working to reinstate the law.

The measure on the November ballot calls for changes in the state constitution to allow voter ID laws. In July, Gov. Jay Nixon (D) vetoed a bill that would have required voters to show a photo ID, calling it “an affront to Missourians’ fundamental right to vote” that would make it harder for seniors, people with disabilities and people of color to vote.

The requirement would hurt 220,000 registered Missourians who don’t have a photo ID, or nearly 10 percent of the people voting in the last presidential election.

Where They Stand on the Issues



U.S. Senator, Missouri

- ▶ Voted against the Employee Free Choice Act. Threatened to withhold funding from the National Labor Relations Board. Dodges questions on whether he supports “right to work” (for less).
- ▶ Supported numerous free trade agreements since joining Congress in 1997. Voted “YES” on fast track authority for the TPP trade deal.
- ▶ Voted “NO” on the Paycheck Fairness Act. Voted “NO” on the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.
- ▶ Opposes raising the minimum wage and has voted “NO” on raising it to \$10.10.
- ▶ Skipped votes in Congress to raise money. Hired his lobbyist son to run his reelection campaign.

MISSOURI GOVERNOR

Where They Stand on the Issues



Missouri Attorney General

- ▶ Supports workers’ right to bargain. Opposes “right to work” (for less). Says, “Simply put, ‘right to work’ is about lowering wages. It’s part of a long-term effort to reduce wages generally across our economy.”
- ▶ Says pay equity is a key issue.
- ▶ Supports ballot initiative to limit donations to candidates and parties. A majority of his donations come from unions.



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- ▶ Supports so-called “right to work” (for less). Says “right to work helps Missourians.”
- ▶ No public statements on pay equity.
- ▶ More than 71 percent of his political contributions come from out of state. One super PAC – unregistered with the state Ethics Commission and with unknown donors – gave him \$1.975 million, the single largest political contribution in Missouri history, violating Missouri law.

Sources: Candidate websites, Congressional Record, The Hill, Kansas City Star, KBIA, KOMU, KWMU, Missouri Times, Springfield News Leader, St. Louis Post Dispatch, Washington Post.