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To Whom It May Concern:

I support the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan because our system of justice depends on having fair and impartial judges. The Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan is an independent nominating commission responsible for selecting judicial candidates on the state Supreme Court and Court of Appeals. Changes to this model process are at risk on the November 6 ballot.

Amendment 3 would give all future governors much greater power over our current independent selection process. The Kansas City Star recently reported those seeking to diminish the Nonpartisan Court plan are giving up, but are seeking to do away with the Missouri Nonpartisan Court Plan altogether and replace it with elections of Supreme Court and Court of Appeals judges.

I am voting No on Amendment #3 because it introduces the influence of politics into our judicial system.

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