



LEE'S SUMMIT CHAMBER
Business in Motion

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The Honorable Will Kraus
Missouri State Senate
201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 220
Jefferson City, Missouri 65101

Dear Senator Kraus,

On behalf of the Lee's Summit Chamber of Commerce, representing nearly 1,000 businesses who employ over 10,000 persons, we encourage you to protect Missouri's existing Non-Partisan Court Plan.

For several years, our board of directors has strongly voiced its support for the Non-Partisan Court Plan based on the merits of the system and the strengths the plan offers in Jackson County, and the state of Missouri.

For the business community, the non-partisan court plan means stability and predictability in the judicial system - two important components for a positive, pro-business climate. It is a proven, nonpartisan system for selecting judges that is working in more than 35 states and leads to a quality judicial system.

The non-partisan court plan is intended to eliminate partisan politics and campaign fundraising from the judicial selection process. A merit-based selection process is more likely to produce non-political, competent and qualified judges, making our court system more stable, efficient, and consistent.

While no system is perfect and the opportunity for ongoing enhancements or improvements should be sought, the nonpartisan selection method is the best approach in our experience. We encourage you to maintain this method of judicial selection in Missouri.

Respectfully,

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President