

TAX JUSTICE



No tax policy change should exacerbate the income gap, especially the racial/ethnic and gender wealth gaps.

About 252,000 childless workers in Missouri would benefit from expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit to include childless workers.¹

Roy Blunt “believes we need a fairer, flatter tax system.”² He voted for an appropriations bill that made permanent the 2009 expansions to the EITC and the Child Tax Credit.³

Jason Kander worked across party lines as a state legislator to balance the budget without raising taxes. As Secretary of State, he “took on the Wall Street firms that helped cause the 2008 financial crisis.”⁴

¹<http://apps.cbpp.org/3-5-14tax/?state=MO>
²<http://www.blunt.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/grow-jobs-and-opportunity>
³http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=114&session=1&vote=00339
⁴https://www.jasonkander.com/about_jason/

LIVING WAGES



National legislation should move from adjusting a minimum wage to creating a living wage.

The minimum wage in Missouri is \$7.65 and was last increased in 2015.¹

Roy Blunt voted against raising the federal minimum wage to \$10.10.² In response to President Obama’s executive action to increase the minimum wage to \$10.10 for federal contract workers, he commented the government has now taken ‘over how federal contractors run their businesses.’³

Jason Kander supports raising the minimum wage to \$10.10, saying: “At only \$7.65 per hour, full-time minimum wage workers in Missouri earn less than \$16,000 per year—not nearly enough for their families to make ends meet. Anyone who is willing to work hard should be able to earn enough to support themselves and their families.”⁴

¹<http://www.epi.org/minimum-wage-tracker/>
²http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=2&vote=00117
³<http://thinkprogress.org/economy/2014/01/28/3216391/blunt-contractors-wage/>
⁴<https://www.jasonkander.com/s/tell-congress-raise-the-minimum->

FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORKPLACES



The needs of women and families should be integrated into federal workplace policies.

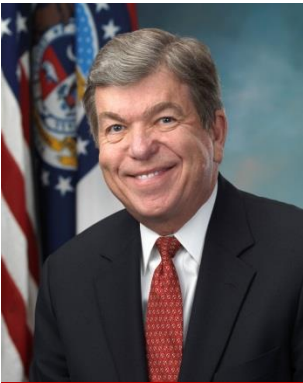
48% of working parents in Missouri are not eligible to take unpaid, job protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act.¹

Roy Blunt cosponsored the Working Families Flexibility Act, which would help parents balance the demands of work and family by allowing private-sector employers to give workers a choice between monetary compensation and comp time when they work extra hours.² He opposed a bill ensuring four weeks of paid parental leave to federal employees.³

Jason Kander has a petition on his website calling for paid sick leave. “Passing paid sick leave is a common sense idea supported by the vast majority of Americans. This is America, and working families should never have to decide between their health and paying the bills.”⁴

¹<http://www.diversitydatakids.org/data/map/>
²<http://www.blunt.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/help-missouri-families>
³http://www.ontheissues.org/Social/Roy_Blunt_Families_+_Children.htm
⁴<http://go.jasonkander.com/page/s/paid-sick-leave>

MISSOURI SENATE CANDIDATES ON MENDING THE GAPS



ROY BLUNT



JASON KANDER

Mending the Access Gap DEMOCRACY



No individual or community of color should be disenfranchised by federal policy.

Citizens in jail, on parole, or on probation are prohibited from voting in Missouri.¹

Roy Blunt voted to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act in 2006.² He has not cosponsored the bipartisan Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would restore the Voting Rights Act and require states with a history of discrimination to get federal approval before changing their voting laws.³

Jason Kander has said: "One of my top priorities is ensuring that only eligible voters vote and that every eligible Missourian has the opportunity to cast a ballot."⁴

¹<http://sentencingproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Felony-Disenfranchisement-Primer.pdf>

²<https://votesmart.org/candidate/key-votes/418/roy-blunt/13/civil-liberties-and-civil-rights#V2IYbfrK70>

³<https://www.congress.gov/bill/114th-congress/senate-bill/1659/cosponsors>

⁴ <http://governor.mo.gov/news/archive/cameron-veterans%E2%80%99-home-gov-nixon-signs-several-bills-help-or-honor-veterans-and>

Mending the Access Gap HEALTHCARE



Racial and economic disparities in healthcare should be eliminated.

Missouri has not enacted the Medicaid expansion provision of the Affordable Care Act, leaving 293,000 low-income families uninsured.¹

Roy Blunt has repeatedly cosponsored legislation to repeal the Affordable Care Act and supports replacing it with "policies that make quality health care more affordable and accessible to all Americans."²

Jason Kander "fought to expand healthcare coverage for all Missourians, especially children" while in the Missouri House of Representatives.³ He also opposed a bill that would have prohibited the implementation of the Affordable Care Act.⁴ He believes the ACA "must be fixed and improved."⁵

¹<http://familiesusa.org/product/50-state-look-medicaid-expansion>

²<http://www.blunt.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/provide-quality-healthcare>

³<https://www.jasonkander.com/issues/middle-class/>

⁴<https://votesmart.org/bill/15328/40354/104525/jason-kander-voted-nay-passage-hb-1534-prohibits-implementation-of-the-patient-protection-and-affordable-care-act#40354>

⁵http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/02/19/democrat-kander-to-challe_n_6713004.html

Mending the Access Gap CITIZENSHIP



Immigrants should be welcomed into the country.

Undocumented immigrants in Missouri already pay \$48 million in state and local taxes and, if comprehensive immigration reform is passed, they will pay \$14 million more.¹

Roy Blunt "believes we must first secure our nation's borders, then fulfill our... workforce needs, and determine how we deal with people who come to the country illegally or overstay."² He voted against comprehensive immigration reform in 2013.³ He said, "I cannot vote for this bill because it fails to prioritize border security first."⁴

Jason Kander believes that it should be Congress that reforms our nation's immigration laws. He believes Obama "made a mistake" by issuing an executive order to shield four million immigrants from deportation before a newly elected Congress could address reform.⁵

¹<http://www.itep.org/immigration/#map>

²<http://www.blunt.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/enforce-our-immigration-laws>

³http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_calls/lists/roll_call_vote_cfm_fm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00167

⁴<http://www.blunt.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/news?ID=eec7fafb-65be-4345-b06b-362d280ed2e0>

⁵http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/02/19/democrat-kander-to-challe_n_6713004.html

Mending the Access Gap HOUSING



Everyone should have access to safe, affordable housing.

Missouri has a shortage of 126,374 housing units that are affordable and available for extremely low-income renters.¹

Roy Blunt recently introduced the bipartisan Housing Opportunity Through Modernization Act in the Senate to "streamline and reform federal housing programs," noting the bill "[cuts] costs while ensuring that more Americans have a safe, affordable place to call home."²

Jason Kander criticized a 2011 bill that "cut funding for housing vouchers for 11,000 homeless veterans."³

¹<http://nlihc.org/library/SHP>

² <https://www.menendez.senate.gov/news-and-events/press/menendez-scott-coons-and-blunt-introduce-bipartisan-housing-opportunity-through-modernization-act>

³<https://www.jasonkander.com/2016/05/kander-campaign-launches-veterans-military-families-kander/>