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# Senator Blunt's Staff Hosts Mobile Office in Puxico

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## Senator Blunt's Staff Hosts Mobile Office in Puxico

**Puxico, Missouri** - U.S. Senator Roy Blunt's staff will host a Mobile Office on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm at the Puxico City Hall.

Mobile Offices are opportunities for Missourians to discuss their questions or concerns with the federal government one-on-one with members of Senator Blunt's staff.

Senator Blunt's Columbia office also extends one-on-one service to all Missourians who have an issue with a federal agency or need additional assistance.

To reach the Senator's Office of Constituent Services, please call at (573) 442-8151 or send a letter to 1001 Cherry Street, Suite 104, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

**What:** Senator Blunt's Staff Hosts Mobile Office

**When:** Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 2:30pm to 3:30pm CT

**Where:** Puxico City Hall  
281 East Owen Avenue  
Puxico, MO

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## Senator Blunt's Staff Hosts Mobile Office in Poplar Bluff

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[Senator Blunt's Staff Hosts Mobile Office in Poplar Bluff](#)

**Poplar Bluff, Missouri** - U.S. Senator Roy Blunt’s staff will host a Mobile Office on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 10:00am to 11:00am at the Poplar Bluff City Hall.

Mobile Offices are opportunities for Missourians to discuss their questions or concerns with the federal government one-on-one with members of Senator Blunt’s staff.

Senator Blunt’s Columbia office also extends one-on-one service to all Missourians who have an issue with a federal agency or need additional assistance.

To reach the Senator’s Office of Constituent Services, please call at (573) 442-8151 or send a letter to 1001 Cherry Street, Suite 104, Columbia, Missouri 65201.

What:            Senator Blunt's Staff Hosts Mobile Office

When: Wednesday, July 20, 2016 from 10:00am to 11:00am CT

Where: Poplar Bluff City Hall  
101 Oak Street  
Poplar Bluff, MO

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## Hal Brown to Speak at Republican Club Meeting

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**Dexter, Missouri** - The Stoddard County Republican Club will have their regularly scheduled meeting at Hickory Log at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, July 11, 2016. Dinner begins

at 5:30 p.m.

The guest speaker will be Dr. Hal Brown, a candidate for U.S. House of Representative in the Eight District.

You don't have to be a member to attend. To join the Republican Club contact Marjean Mayer, club president or Mark Whitehead, club vice-president. You can also follow them on Facebook by clicking **HERE**.

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## Smith Introduces Bipartisan Legislation for Kidney Failure Patients

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## **Congressman Jason Smith Introduces Bipartisan Legislation to Improve Care for Patients with Kidney Failure**

Today, Congressman Jason Smith (MO-08) introduced legislation to help increase choice & care options for patients with End Stage Renal Disease (ESRD). H.R. 5659, the Expanding Seniors Receiving Dialysis' Choice Act of 2016, or ESRD Choice Act, will remove current government rules and restrictions preventing ESRD patients from accessing more flexible and managed care plans targeted to those with chronic medical conditions.

Upon introduction, Smith remarked, "Over 11,000 individuals in Missouri are currently living with ERSD. Patients suffering from ESRD are those most in need of affordable and flexible high-quality care. For too long these patients have been told by the federal government that for no good reason they are being denied access to certain care and coverage options." Smith continued, "That's why I'm pleased to introduce the ESRD Choice Act with a group of bipartisan colleagues. The legislation helps ensure some of our most vulnerable patients can have the care options they want and they deserve, the care options of their choice. I'm especially encouraged that with this bill, low-income beneficiaries will have the option to choose a plan which helps minimize their out of pocket expenses and ensures that a serious medical condition isn't the devastating financial burden it can so often be. These are the solutions Americans deserve, and these are the solutions I will continue to deliver as we work to improve our health care system."

There are more than 640,000 Americans living with kidney failure, or ESRD. However, patients with the pre-existing condition of ESRD are currently the only group specifically denied the ability to enroll in the more flexible care plans such as Medicare Advantage. The Smith bill would allow these patients to access the coverage plan of their choice without interference from the government telling them they are denied coverage.

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## Jason Smith's Capitol Report - Facts Matter

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### Jason Smith's Capitol Report - Facts Matter

As Americans we are proud of our country and always sensitive when tragedy strikes one of our communities. We band together, believe in prayer, and are often generous with financial contributions to help rebuild. And, often when tragedies do strike we instantly ask – “how did this happen?” It’s a natural reaction when we obviously care for one another, but it also leads us to seek the truth and factual information about the situation. Unfortunately, politics often complicates these tragedies because all too often opinions are ready to be given based on ‘solutions’ to an agenda. However, those reactions often take meaning from the truth and reality of what occurred. Quite frankly, I believe this has been occurring too frequently and the tactics that are employed to achieve an agenda are sickening.

Liberals in the House of Representatives used similar tactics when they tried to use recent events in this country to limit law abiding American’s second amendment rights – they knew their sit in, use of photography on the House Floor and their actions were all against the rules of the House, but they didn’t care. I watched as they ushered themselves into the U.S. House chamber with their own cameras to voice their protest and read statements blaming firearms, not terrorists or those who illegally obtain firearms for the tragedies. Unfortunately, just like their counterparts in the Administration they have also ignored straight forward answers and facts when it comes to gun violence.

For instance, they often demonize assault weapons as the root cause of the violence, however they never mention that assault weapons are fully-automatic weapons that have been illegal to import and manufacture to the general population since 1986. They also fail to realize that the semi-automatic weapons they reference are actually the same type of firearm that hunters and sportsmen, like myself and thousands of others in Missouri and across the country own, and ironically in some cases this is the same type of semi-automatic weapon used to control wildlife populations in our national and state parks both of which liberals often support. They also never provide the honest and straightforward answer that nearly 5 times as many people are killed each year by blunt objects or beaten to death at the hands of an assailant than are killed with a rifle of any kind.

Most dishonest however, is when the Liberals blame guns for the driving force behind homicides in the country. In reality, more than 60% of homicides are suicides and these often involve mental illness, which is a serious issue that many of us are trying to work together on in a bipartisan way. In fact, just this week, I offered my support behind legislation to mitigate the shortage of psychiatric beds and child psychiatrists in this country to better address the symptoms of mental health disorders before they turn into catastrophic actions.

These are the facts and straight forward answers we aren't getting from the liberal left or the media when it comes to the truth about our second amendment rights. And the reason is simple, because they want to use recent events around this country to promote their agenda of impeding on the constitutionally protected rights guaranteed to all law abiding citizens. Offering compassion or generosity to one another in a time of need or sorrow is something we can be proud of as Americans. And, I believe we do have a great deal to be proud of, especially who we are and our unique form of government, but it shouldn't come at the cost of something so cheap as television ratings and political posturing.

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