

## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COLE COUNTY STATE OF MISSOURI

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RONALD J. CALZONE	)
Plaintiff,	)
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v.	)
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MARGIE VANDEVEN, et al.	)
Defendants	)
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CASE NO. 17AC-CC00250

## **AFFIDAVIT OF JILL CARTER**

Comes the affiant, under oath, and does depose and say the following:

1. I, Jill Carter, am over the age of eighteen and the following is based upon my personal knowledge.

2. I am the mother of children who have been or are enrolled in the public school system.

3. I am a small business entrepreneur, a member of national Association of Cut Flower Growers and I also oversee our working farm.

3. In my capacity as a private citizen, I have been comprehensively involved in the state legislative process, tracking and either supporting or opposing bills that I believe will affect my family and my way of life.

4. I use the Missouri General Assembly's website to stay apprised of legislative issues that prove to be of the greatest concern to me. This has been a great resource in

staying current on the issues that will impact me.

5. I rely deeply on the adherence to the original title of bills, as they have been filed, counting on the legislature to keep bills true to the purpose stated in their original title. This greatly narrows the number of bills that must be examined for support/scrutiny and citizen oversight. I believe this is the only way for citizens to stay copiously aware and actively involved in their inherent civic responsibility and balance their other responsibilities.

6. The legislature has a proclivity of amending and/or attaching bills that have failed as stand alone bills and only fit because the title of the underlying bill has been changed. I am at times, caught off guard by the addition of what I consider amendments that threaten my family's interests to bills with original titles that describe a purpose not related to the amendment – bills that I would never have thought could evolve into a threat.

7. Through my legislative investments I have found the amendment process to be a greater threat than independent, stand-alone bills. Meetings with members of the General Assembly have demonstrated that though there may be an overwhelming majority of partiality regarding particular bills or amendments, there is always the impending threat that the same bill language rejected through due process, would be made to be amended to numerous other bills. Many of these amendments and bills were unrelated to the subject I found to be of interest to me.

Further affiant saith not.

Jill Carter

30 day of Chel A.D. 2017 Sworn to and subscribed before me this Kanna P. Guznan Nleva Notary Public KARINA P. GUZMAN NAVA Notary Public – Notary Seal Newton County – State of Missouri Commission Number 13513933 My Commission Expires Aug 13, 2021 2021 13 My Commission Expires: