

# CRYSTAL QUADE

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# TOP HITS

## TOO LIBERAL FOR MISSOURI

### *Liberal Organizer Turned Career Politician*

- Before she started running for elected office in 2012, Quade worked for ex-President Barack Obama's Organizing for America group. (*Springfield News-Leader*, 4/18/10)

### *"I'm A Very Liberal Democrat..."*

- VIDEO: At Quade's gubernatorial campaign kickoff event, she said, "I'm a very liberal Democrat, and I know that." (Fox 2, [Crystal Quade Interview](#), 7/10/23; 2:01 Mark)

### *"Feeling The Bern"*

- In a 2016 survey, Quade stated that she voted for socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders over Hillary Clinton for president. She praised both Sanders and Clinton as "great candidates." (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16; *Springfield News-Leader*, 3/14/16)
- In 2020, Quade remained neutral in the presidential primary between Sanders and Joe Biden. (*Kansas City Star*, 3/5/20)

### *Socialist Ex-Rep. Cori Bush*

- VIDEO: During a 2024 debate, Quade shrugged and said it was "up to the voters" when she was asked if Bush had earned reelection to Congress. (PBS, [Democrat Gubernatorial Debate](#), 7/29/24; 10:15 Mark)

### *Support For President Joe Biden & VP Kamala Harris*

- Following Biden's 2020 presidential victory, Quade thanked him and Harris for "bringing us back to a space of safety." (Crystal Quade, [Twitter](#), 11/7/20)
- In 2021, Quade posted a photo of her and Biden wearing masks. (Crystal Quade, [Twitter](#), 12/8/21)
- In 2021, Quade posted a picture of her personal Harris coffee mug, and, in 2023, she said Harris' appearance in St. Louis energized Democrats. (Crystal Quade, [Twitter](#), 2/13/21; *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 10/7/23)
- In 2023, Quade touted Biden's economic record and said she would be "proudly voting" for him. (KYTV, 8/1/23)
- VIDEO: In July 2024, Quade did not join other Democrats in calling on Biden to end his reelection campaign over concerns about his fitness to serve, and she praised him for "the many amazing things" he had accomplished and for having "done so much for our country and state." (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 7/20/24; [Fox 4 KC](#), 7/14/24; 3:30 Mark)
- Shortly after Biden ended his reelection bid, Quade said she was "very grateful" for him, but she touted the energy and excitement Harris brought to the ticket. (*The Sedalia Democrat*, 7/26/24)

### *Support For Biden-Harris' Inflation-Worsening Agenda*

- In 2021, Quade praised Biden's \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan and called his \$2.2 trillion Build Back Better plan "a much needed investment." Economists warned both Quade-backed

plans would worsen inflation. (Crystal Quade, [Twitter](#), 10/28/21; [Twitter](#), 8/19/21; [Vox](#), 5/12/22; [The New York Times](#), 11/18/21; [The New York Times](#), 11/16/21)

- In 2021, Quade touted Biden's \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan, which proposed \$800 billion in tax hikes on American families, as an "investment in our communities." (Committee For A Responsible Budget, 4/28/21; President Joe Biden, Press Release, 6/11/21)
- In 2023, Quade tweeted, "President Biden's economic plan is working" – even as his policies contributed to record high inflation and a cost-of-living crisis. (Crystal Quade, [Twitter](#), 3/10/23)

## Higher Taxes On Missouri Families & Businesses

### Federal Taxes

- In 2017, Quade criticized Trump's tax cuts as "a bad deal for Missouri." The House Ways & Means Committee estimated the average Missouri taxpayer would see a 26% tax hike if Trump's tax cuts are allowed to expire. (Missouri Democrat Party, Press Release, 12/14/17; U.S. House Ways & Means Committee, Press Release, November 2024)
- In 2016, Quade supported the creation of a single-payer health care system that was estimated to cost a typical American \$10,000/yr. (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16; [The Heartland Institute](#), 4/29/19)
- In 2021, Quade touted Biden's \$1.8 trillion American Families Plan, which proposed \$800 billion in tax hikes on families, as an "investment in our communities." (Committee For A Responsible Budget, 4/28/21; President Joe Biden, Press Release, 6/11/21)
- In 2016, Quade backed increasing the cap on income that is subject to Social Security taxes. (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)
- In 2016, Quade supported imposing a Bernie Sanders-style \$75 billion/yr. financial transaction tax to provide free college tuition. (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

### State Taxes

- In 2024, Quade campaigned for governor in favor of "a more fair tax code that makes the wealthy pay their fair share." ([The Beacon News](#), 10/3/24; [KSMU](#), 6/18/24)
  - In 2024, Quade sponsored a failed grocery tax relief bill that also sought to repeal income tax relief and increase taxes on businesses, airplanes and boats. (Missouri State House, HB 2401, 2024 Session, Bill Summary, Accessed 1/2/25)
- Over the years, Quade has called Republican-backed tax cuts "irresponsible," "devastating," and rooted in "fantasy." ([Kansas City Star](#), 3/28/19; [St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 9/29/22; [The Center Square](#), 9/30/22)
- In 2020, Quade called for repealing the remaining triggers of a historic 2014 tax relief law, which was estimated to cut income taxes on Missouri families and businesses by \$620 million/yr. ([Springfield News-Leader](#), 8/25/20)
- In 2018 and 2022, Quade voted against historic tax relief bills that slashed income and corporate tax rates for Missouri families and businesses. (SB 884, 5/18/18, Overall Vote: 96-42, Quade Voted No; SB 3, 9/29/22, Overall Vote: 98-32, Quade Voted No)
- In 2018, Quade sponsored failed legislation to impose a \$358 million/yr. online sales tax. ([Springfield News-Leader](#), 12/11/17)

- In 2020, Quade, who has been penalized four times for making delinquent property tax payments, voted against a bill to cap skyrocketing property tax hikes. In 2024, she voted “present” on a property tax freeze bill. (Missouri State House Journal, HB 1710, 5/6/20, Overall Vote: 111-29, Quade Voted No; Greene County Collector’s Office, Property Tax Database, Accessed 10/13/24; KZRG, 4/2/24; Missouri State House Journal, HJR 78, 3/28/24, Overall Vote: 104-19, Quade Voted Present)
- In the State House, Quade voted three times to increase the gas tax, including the Parson-signed 74% gas tax hike of 2021. (*Quincy Herald-Whig*, 4/13/17; Missouri State House Journal, HA 1 to HB 694, 4/12/17, Overall Vote: 51-103, Quade Voted Yes; Missouri Times, 7/13/18; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1460, 5/18/18, Overall Vote: 88-60, Quade Voted Yes; The Center Square, 5/14/21; Missouri State House Journal, SB 262, 5/11/21, Overall Vote: 104-52, Quade Voted Yes)

## *Bad For Missouri Businesses & Farmers*

### Not A Friend Of Missouri Businesses

- During the COVID-19 pandemic, Quade opposed reining in government overreach and shielding businesses from frivolous lawsuits. (Missouri State House Journal, HB 1403, 5/7/20, Overall Vote: 114-33, Quade Voted No; HB 682, 5/3/21, Overall Vote: 102-50, Quade Voted No; SB 51, 5/14/21, Overall Vote: 97-57, Quade Voted No; *The Associated Press*, 12/1/20)
  - Quade also voted against a bill to restrict the ability of local governments to shut down businesses, churches and schools. (Missouri State House Journal, HB 75, 3/11/21, Overall Vote: 113-44, Quade Voted No)
- In the State House, Quade repeatedly voted against legislation to rein in frivolous lawsuits that drive up healthcare and business costs. (Insurance Journal, 7/13/17; Missouri State House Journal, 4/26/17, HBs 339 & 714, Overall Vote: 103-47, Quade Voted No; SB 31, 5/11/17, Overall Vote: 98-53, Quade Voted No; HB 452, 5/12/17, Overall Vote: 98-45, Quade Voted No; HB 153, 2/2/17, Overall Vote: 106-50, Quade Voted No; ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/5/25; Missouri State House Journal, SB 608, 5/17/18, Overall Vote: 106-28, Quade Voted No; ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/5/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2049, 3/5/20, Overall Vote: 90-57, Quade Voted No)
- In the State House, Quade voted against measures to block a state agency from imposing 140% fee hikes on small businesses and direct another state agency to help small businesses navigate its web of regulations. (Missouri State House Journal, HB 1158, 5/8/19, Overall Vote: 126-24, Quade Voted No; Missouri State House Journal, SCR 38, 3/4/20, Overall Vote: 101-42, Quade Voted No)

### Outspoken Advocate For Big Labor

- In the State House, Quade, an outspoken advocate for Big Labor, voted against right to work and paycheck protection and anti-prevailing wage and -PLA legislation. (Missouri AFL-CIO, [Quade Interview](#), 2024; Missouri Times, 2/6/17; Missouri State House Journal, SB 19, 2/2/17, Overall Vote: 100-59, Quade Voted No; *Springfield News-Leader*, 3/26/17; Missouri State House Journal, HB 251, 2/9/17, Overall Vote: 95-60, Quade Voted No)

### At Odds With Missouri Farmers

- In the State House, Quade voted against bills to protect the property rights of farmers from animal rights groups and ban local governments from imposing excessive regulations on farm operations. (Missouri State House Journal, HB 574, 5/4/21, Overall Vote: 102-46, Quade Voted No; Missouri State House Journal, SB 391, 5/14/19, Overall Vote: 103-44, Quade Voted No; Missouri Times, 1/31/18; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1614, 3/13/18, Overall Vote: 109-39, Quade Voted No)
- AUDIO: While Quade sponsored legislation to halt future purchases of Missouri farmland by foreign countries, she suggested she would oppose efforts to confiscate farmland already owned by Communist China. (Missouri State House, HB 2138, 2024 Legislative Session; KSMU, [Quade Interview](#), 6/18/24; 15:10 Mark)

## *More Government, More Spending*

### Single-Payer Health Care

- In 2016, Quade stated her support for a Bernie Sanders-style \$60.7 trillion single-payer health care system that was even too radical Joe Biden. (*Mobilize Missouri*, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

### ObamaCare's Medicaid Expansion

- Quade has been an outspoken supporter of ObamaCare's Medicaid expansion. While she has denied expansion would require a tax hike, she said it could be funded by scaling back a \$114 million/yr. business tax break. (*Springfield News-Leader*, 10/31/16 and 11/4/16; *The Associated Press*, 1/15/20)
  - Despite Quade's support for Medicaid expansion, she voted "present" in 2022 on a bill to approve \$4.6 billion to expand the program. (*Springfield News-Leader*, 2/11/22)

### Burning Through The State's \$6 Billion Surplus

- In 2023, Quade criticized the Republican-led legislature for saving up a nearly \$6 billion surplus, and she proposed spending as much as \$5 billion of it. (*Mexico Ledger*, 10/25/23)

### State Budget Issues

- In 2022, Quade tried to suspend a state budget rule that required increased spending to be offset by cuts elsewhere. (*Kansas City Star*, 4/6/22)
- In the State House, Quade repeatedly voted against public safety, education and transportation budgets, while pushing to secure wasteful earmarks for her district. (Missouri State House Journals, 2017-2024, Accessed 1/2/25)
  - Quade was "proud" of her work to secure earmarks, including one for an \$8 million "bridge to nowhere" – a 562-foot footbridge in Springfield that had been closed since 2016. (Missouri Independent, 6/27/24; KYTV, 5/10/23)
- In the State House, Quade voted for legislation to give up to \$70 million to pro sports teams for stadium repairs, and she backed giving tax breaks to Hollywood liberals and wealthy developers. (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/8/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 677, 5/15/19, Overall Vote: 89-58, Quade Voted Yes; ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, SB 94, 5/4/23, Overall Vote: 113-45, Quade Voted Yes; [St. Louis Public Radio](#), 5/20/19)

### Welfare Programs

- AUDIO: In 2018, Quade criticized and voted against two bills to ban welfare recipients from buying alcohol, cigarettes and pornography, and to require them to comply with work requirements. She believed work requirements were an "extra burden" on welfare recipients. (*Missourian*, 3/15/18; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1443, 3/15/18, Overall Vote: 100-46, Quade Voted No; HB 1486, 4/3/18, Overall Vote: 107-43, Quade Voted No; [St. Louis Public Radio](#), 5/8/20; 31:45 Mark)

### COVID-19 Response

- Early in the COVID-19 pandemic, Quade said, "In my opinion, it's better to overreact." In the months that followed, she called on the Parson administration to take heavy-handed actions that included shutting down businesses, imposing a statewide mask mandate, restricting indoor gatherings, spending over \$100 million, mandating that employers pay sick leave, expanding welfare programs, building hospitals, forbidding evictions, and furloughing non-violent prisoners. (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 3/13/20 and 3/19/20; *Springfield News-Leader*, 3/13/20 and 3/18/20; *Kansas City Star*, 4/4/20; KTVI, 12/9/20)
- In 2021 and 2022, Quade blasted a Parson executive order to block President Joe Biden's COVID-19 vaccine mandate, and she voted against two bills to shield Missourians from such

mandates. (*The Associated Press*, 10/28/21; KJFM, 2/20/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1686, 110-41, Quade Voted No; HB 2358, 2/22/22, Overall Vote: 105-46, Quade Voted No)

## Bad For Police

- As House Minority Leader, Quade appointed a pro-defund the police legislator to a public safety committee. (Missouri State House, Committee Assignments, 2021-2023; Missouri Times, 10/5/20)
- In 2022, Quade voted against a voter-approved measure to prevent liberal politicians in Kansas City from defunding the police. (Center Square, 5/25/22; Missouri State House Journal, SJR 38, 5/13/22, Overall Vote: 103-44, Quade Voted No)
- In 2021, Quade voted against a bill to allow Missourians to sue local officials who slashed police budgets by more than 12%. (*The Associated Press*, 7/1/21; Missouri State House Journal, SB 26, 5/14/21, Overall Vote: 108-47, Quade Voted No)
- In 2020, Quade called for providing funding so social workers could tag along with police. (*Springfield News-Leader*, 8/25/20)
- In 2017, Quade against bills to protect police and first responders under hate crime statutes and to create a Blue Alert system to notify the public when a police officer was injured or killed. (Missouri Times, 2/14/17; Missouri State House Journal, HB 57, 2/16/17, Overall Vote: 120-35, Quade Voted No; Missouri Times, 7/6/17; Missouri State House Journal, SB 34, 5/12/17, Overall Vote: 117-29, Quade Voted No)
- VIDEO: In 2024, Quade refused to answer if she would consider pardoning or commuting the sentence of former Kansas City police officer Eric DeValkenaere, who was controversially convicted for the shooting of a black man. (Fox 4 KC, 10/24/24; 7:45 Mark)

## Soft On Crime

### Going Easy On Criminals

- In 2019, Quade voiced support for a liberal criminal justice plan that sought to relax cash bail requirements for criminals and restore voting rights to convicted felons. (*Rolla Daily News*, 2/12/19)
- In 2022, Quade, who opposes the death penalty, called on Gov. Parson to halt the execution of a double murderer. (*Mirror*, 5/4/22)
- In the State House, Quade voted against legislation to crack down on fentanyl traffickers, drunk drivers, carjackers, ATM smash-and-grabs, endangering the welfare of children, and selling guns to children. (*Farmington Press*, 3/5/20; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1873, 2/24/20, Overall Vote: 123-33, Quade Voted No; *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 5/13/20; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1450, 5/12/20, Overall Vote: 99-52, Quade Voted No; Missouri Times, 8/24/20; Missouri State House Journal, HB 11, 8/25/20, Overall Vote: 117-33, Quade Voted No; HB 16, 8/25/20, Overall Vote: 103-45, Quade Voted No; Missouri State House, HB 2127, 2022 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2127, 4/4/22, Overall Vote: 112-27, Quade Voted No; Fox 4 KC, 3/18/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1954, 4/6/22, Overall Vote: 107-18, Quade Voted No)
- In 2020, Quade co-sponsored failed bills to create needle exchanges and to ensure the state resumed taxpayer-funded health care for criminals once they were released from prison. (Missouri State House, HB 1486, 2020 Legislative Session; Missouri State House, HB 1837, 2020 Legislative Session)

### Rampant Crime In St. Louis

- In 2019, Quade attacked Gov. Parson's decision to send state troopers to St. Louis to help combat a violent crime wave that included the murders of over a dozen children. (*The Associated Press*, 9/19/19)

- In 2020, Quade said a special session to address violent crime was “a waste” after the House passed bills to crack down on endangering the welfare of children and selling guns to them. (KYTV, 8/25/20)
- In 2020, Quade attacked Republicans for pushing legislation, which she called a “vendetta,” to bypass disgraced St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner, who had failed to prosecute several murder cases during a spike in violent crime. (*St. Louis American*, August 2020)
- In 2023, Quade accused Republicans of “push[ing] a political agenda” to remove Gardner after a 17-year-old girl lost her legs in a car accident caused by a man already facing robbery charges. (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 2/24/23)

### Mandatory Sentences & Cracking Down On Street Gangs

- In 2020, Quade criticized Gov. Parson’s call for a crackdown on violent crime as “a lot of lip service,” and she said her caucus generally opposed tougher sentencing laws. (*The Associated Press*, 1/15/20; *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 1/22/20)
- In a 2020 letter to Gov. Parson, Quade decried “systemic” issues with the criminal justice system and called on him to impose new regulations on police and veto a bill to create mandatory sentences for violent crimes and crack down on violent street gangs and gun-toting criminals. (Rep. Crystal Quade, *St. Louis American*, June 2020)

### Riots

- In 2018, Quade voted against a bill to protect Missourians who defended their businesses from rioters from frivolous lawsuits. (Missouri State House Journal, SB 608, 5/17/18, Overall Vote: 106-28, Quade Voted No)
- In 2020, Quade responded to a fellow legislator’s statement that looters in Minneapolis should be shot by calling him unfit for office. (*Springfield News-Leader*, 5/31/20)

### Sex Offenders

- In 2023, Quade voted “present” on a Parson-vetoed bill that sought to allow convicted sex offenders to expunge their records. (KMBC, 7/6/23; Missouri State House Journal, SB 189, 5/10/23, Overall Vote: 109-11, Quade Voted Present)

### Illegal Immigration

- In 2024, Quade criticized Gov. Parson for proposing to send National Guard troops to the border, and she signaled her support for a failed Biden-Harris immigration deal that was slammed as a “disaster for border security” that would lead to “more mass illegal immigration.” (*Kansas City Star*, 2/5/24 and 7/11/24; Fox News, 2/6/24)
- In the State House, Quade repeatedly voted against banning public universities from providing in-state tuition to illegal immigrants. (Missouri State House Journal, HB 3, 5/9/19, Overall Vote: 115-32, Quade Voted No; Amendment to HB 2003, 4/27/20, Overall Vote 38-102, Quade Voted Yes; *Springfield News-Leader*, 5/12/19; Institute For Legislative Analysis, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/6/25; Missouri State House Journal, HA 5 to HB 3, 3/28/23, Overall Vote: 44-95, Quade Voted Yes)
- In 2017, Quade voted against a Greitens-signed bill that included provisions to criminalize when deported illegal immigrants reenter Missouri. (*Missouri Times*, 7/6/17; Missouri State House Journal, SB 34, 5/12/17, Overall Vote: 117-29, Quade Voted No)
- In 2022, Quade voted against a proposed constitutional amendment to ban illegal immigrants from voting in Missouri elections, and, in 2023, she attacked a separate piece of legislation as “deceptive.” (Missouri State House Journal, HJR 131, 4/6/22, Overall Vote: 97-45, Quade Voted No; *Missouri Independent*, 2/3/23)



## Curbing Gun Rights

- In 2016, Quade supported a Nixon-era veto of a bill to strengthen “Stand Your Ground” and allow law-abiding Missourians to carry concealed firearms without a permit. (Twitter, Crystal Quade, 9/14/16; *Springfield News-Leader*, 10/31/16)
- In 2020, Quade, who has received a 0% NRA rating, voted against an amendment to invalidate federal laws that infringe on the gun rights of law-abiding Missourians. In 2021, she voted against a separate bill to make Missouri a gun rights sanctuary state, calling it “radical” and “dangerous.” (Missouri State House Journal, SB 600, 5/5/20, Overall Vote: 103-44, Quade Voted No; HB 85, 5/14/21, Overall Vote: 110-42, Quade Voted No; *The Daily Caller*, 6/11/21)
- In the State House, Quade called for giving liberal cities the ability to impose their own gun control policies, opposed expanding concealed carry privileges, and she backed expanding background checks. (*Springfield News-Leader*, 11/30/17; *Kansas City Star*, 2/19/24; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1462, 3/9/22, Overall Vote: 101-40, Quade Voted No)
- In 2023, Quade voted “present” on a proposed constitutional amendment to preserve the right of Missourians to hunt and fish. (Missouri State House, HJR 20, 2023 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HJR 20, 4/17/23, Overall Vote: 108-28, Quade Voted Present)

## Extreme On Abortion

*NOTE: During abortion debates, Quade has said she was sexually abused by her biological father.*

- In 2023, Quade sponsored a failed bill to give voters the chance to strike down Missouri’s abortion ban with no abortion limits. She later endorsed Amendment 3. (Missouri Independent, 12/13/23; [Fox 4 KC](#), 10/31/24)
- In 2022, Quade sponsored a failed bill that a female Republican legislator said was “so extreme that it would give permission to doctors to abort unborn children because of their race or sex, or because they might have Down syndrome.” (*Kansas City Star*, 9/20/22)
- In the State House, Quade, who has repeatedly been endorsed by Planned Parenthood, voted to allow taxpayer-funded abortions, and she criticized efforts to cut tax dollars for abortions. (Missouri State House Journal, Amendment to HB 10, 3/26/19, Overall Vote 40-101, Quade Voted Yes; Amendment to HB 2010, 4/27/20, Overall Vote: 36-102, Quade Voted Yes; HB 10, 3/30/21, Overall Vote 44-105, Quade Voted Yes)
- In 2022, Quade voted against a bill to require that children born alive after a failed abortion be provided with proper care and granted the rights of a person. (CNN, 4/9/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2012, 4/6/22, Overall Vote: 91-37, Quade Voted No)
- In 2018, Quade voted against a bill to strengthen Missouri’s parental consent laws. (Missouri State House Journal, HB 1383, 2/26/18, Overall Vote: 113-37, Quade Voted No)
- In 2019, Quade voted against an 8-week abortion ban, which she said would reduce women to “fetal incubators.” (*Springfield News-Leader*, 5/18/19; *The Associated Press*, 5/24/19)
- In 2019, Quade voted for an amendment to impose burdensome regulations on crisis pregnancy centers that provide alternatives to abortion. (Missouri State House Journal, Amendment to HB 10, 3/26/19, Overall Vote: 42-93, Quade Voted Yes)

## Election Integrity

- In the State House, Quade repeatedly voted against bills to restore photo ID requirements to vote, calling such measures “disastrous,” a “farce,” and an “attack on voting rights.” (Missouri State House Journal, HB 1600, 3/2/20, Overall Vote: 109-45, Quade Voted No; HB 738, 3/25/21, Overall Vote: 109-48, Quade Voted No; *Springfield News-Leader*, 1/23/20; *Missourian*, 5/13/22; Crystal Quade, Column for the *Springfield News-Leader*, 9/4/16)
- In the State House, Quade co-sponsored a failed automatic voter registration bill, and she advocated for ranked choice voting. (Missouri State House, HB 184, 2017 Legislative Session; Reddit, [Quade AMA](#), 2020)
- In 2021, Quade called on national Democrats to pass the “For The People Act” and the “John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act,” both of which would effectively federalize elections and allow for automatic and same-day voter registration. (*Springfield News-Leader*, 7/21/21)

## The Culture War

### LGBTQ+

- In 2024, the *Springfield News-Leader* reported “LGBTQ+ issues weren’t a big part of her [Quade] life until college, when she was able to identify as part of the community.” (*Springfield News-Leader*, 2/2/24)
- In the State House, Quade repeatedly voted against legislation to ban transgender females from participating in female sports, calling it traumatic for the transgendered community. (Missouri State House Journal, Amendment to HB 1141, Overall Vote: 100-51, Quade Voted No; SB 39, 5/10/23, Overall Vote: 110-49, Quade Voted No; *Springfield News-Leader*, 2/20/20)
- In 2023, Quade voted against a bill to ban gender reassignment surgeries conducted on minors. (Missouri State House Journal, SB 49, 5/10/23, Overall Vote: 108-50, Quade Voted No)
- In 2023, Quade sponsored failed legislation to allow parents to not identify their gender on a birth certificate. (Missouri State House, HB 376, 2023)

### Critical Race Theory, DEI & ESG

- In the State House, Quade voted against several amendments to ban tax dollars for CRT, DEI and ESG programs. (Institute For Legislative Analysis, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/12/25; Missouri State House Journal, HA 11 to HB 2, 3/28/23, Overall Vote: 97-48, Quade Voted No; ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 863, 3/27/23, Overall Vote: 105-45, Quade Voted No; Missouri State House, HB 2619, 2024 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2619, 5/8/24, Overall Vote: 102-47, Quade Voted No)

### Medical-Assisted Suicide

- In 2017, Quade co-sponsored a failed medical-assisted suicide bill. (Missouri State House, HB 524, 2017 Legislative Session)

### Legalizing Marijuana

- In 2022, Quade supported legalizing marijuana and endorsed Amendment 3. (Missouri Independent, 8/25/22; *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 11/9/22)

### Religious Discrimination On College Campuses

- In 2022 and 2023, Quade voted against bills to ban public universities from discriminating against religious student groups. (Missouri State House Journal, HB 1724, 3/10/22, Overall Vote: 95-36, Quade Voted No; HB 136, 4/11/23, Overall Vote: 108-42, Quade Voted No)

### Anti-Israel

- In the State House, Quade voted twice against bills to ban the state from contracting with businesses involved in the anti-Israel BDS movement. (*Missourian*, 5/2/19; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1006,

## Education

- In 2024, Quade blasted a bill to increase minimum teacher pay by \$15,000 and expand a school choice scholarship program as “nothing but empty promises.” (*Kansas City Star*, 4/18/24; *The Center Square*, 4/18/24; Missouri State House Journal, SB 727, 4/18/24, Overall Vote: 82-69, Quade Voted No)
- In the State House, Quade voted against expanding charter school options; supported cutting millions of dollars for charter schools; and she sponsored failed legislation to make it harder for charter schools to expand. (*Springfield News-Leader*, 3/19/17 and 12/9/19; Missouri State House Journal, Amendment to HB 2, 3/30/21, Overall Vote: 47-104, Quade Voted Yes)
- In 2021, Quade voted against bills to expand school choice via open enrollment and the creation of the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Account Program. (Missouri State House Journal, HB 543, 3/25/21, Overall Vote: 82-68, Quade Voted No; HB 349, 2/25/21, Overall Vote: 82-71, Quade Voted No)

## BEHAVING LIKE A TYPICAL CAREER POLITICIAN

### Bad At Her Job

- During Quade’s time in the State House, she sponsored 67 bills and resolutions, none of which passed. Despite this, Quade has taken credit for getting Republicans to insert key provisions of her bills into their legislation. (Missouri State House, [Quade Sponsorships](#), 2017-2024)

### Overseeing A “Toxic Culture”

- In 2021, aides who worked for the Quade-led House Democrats accused her and other officials of promoting a “toxic culture” and turning a blind eye in their response to an investigation that accused Rep. Wiley Price of threatening an aide to cover up his sexual encounter with an intern. (Missouri Independent, 1/22/21)

### Jumping To The Front Of The COVID-19 Vaccine Line

- In 2021, Quade alerted fellow legislators and staff to get COVID-19 vaccines that were intended for elderly and frontline state employees. (*Kansas City Star*, 1/27/21)

### 5% Pay Hike

- In 2021, Quade voted “present” on a measure to reject a 5% pay hike for herself. (*Springfield News-Leader*, 1/30/21)

### Criticism Of Term Limits

- In the State House, Quade voted against term limits, criticizing them as “extremely detrimental.” (Missouri Times, 9/29/20; Missouri State House Journal, SJR 14, 5/17/19, Overall Vote: 114-32, Quade Voted No; Reddit, [Quade AMA](#), 2020)

### Opposition To A Voter-Approved Plan To Ban Lobbyist Gifts

- In 2020, Quade criticized and voted against a voter-approved amendment (SJR 38/Amendment 3) to ban lobbyist gifts. (Missouri News Network, 5/13/20; Missouri State House Journal, SJR 38, 5/13/20, 98-56, Quade Voted No)

## PERSONAL ISSUES

- In 2018, Quade’s husband, Kevin Waterland, was charged with a DWI shortly after he drove out of the parking lot of a Nixa strip club. Waterland, who failed field sobriety tests and refused to take a breathalyzer test, pleaded down the charge to careless driving. (Christian County Circuit Court, Case 18CT-CR00609, Misdemeanor Info And Supporting Probable Cause Statement, Filed 2/14/18)
- According to the Springfield Police Department, Quade’s 13-year-old stepson, who has a developmental disorder, ran away from home in 2017 after taking a steak knife to school. Later in 2017, police responded to a “past child abuse” incident at Quade’s residence, but the report appears to be redacted. In 2021, police responded to a “sex offense, all except rape” incident at Quade’s residence, but the report also appears to be redacted. (Springfield Police Department, Incident SPD170216007032, Reported 2/16/17; Springfield Police Department, Incident SPD170616026244, Reported 6/16/17; Springfield Police Department, Incident SPD210503014933, Reported 5/3/21)

# PERSONAL BACKGROUND

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

|                    |  |
|--------------------|--|
| Full Name          | Crystal Marie Quade Waterland  |
| Date of Birth      | 8/16/1985  |
| Residence          | 1335 E. University Street, Springfield, MO 65804   |
| Spouse             | Husband, Kevin; 3 Children   |
| Education          | Graduate, Logan-Rogersville High School, 2003<br><br>Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, Missouri State University, 2008 |
| Religion           | N/A  |
| Current Employment | Founder, CQ Strategies LLC   |



### Social Media

|                     |                                  |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|
| Facebook (Campaign) | <a href="#">QuadeForMissouri</a> |
| Facebook (Personal) | <a href="#">crystal.quade.33</a> |
| Twitter             | <a href="#">@crystal_quade</a>   |
| Instagram           | <a href="#">crystalquade</a>     |
| LinkedIn            | N/A                              |
| TikTok              | <a href="#">@crystalquademmo</a> |
| Venmo               | N/A                              |

## TIMELINE

August 16, 1985 – Born And Raised In Fordland, MO. (ABC 17, 7/30/24)

2003 – Graduated From Logan-Rogersville High School (MO); Claims She Was The First Member Of Her Family To Graduate From High School. (Logan-Rogersville High School, Alumni List, Accessed 8/24/24; KTVI, 7/10/23)

2008 – Received A Bachelor's Degree In Social Work From Missouri State University. (Springfield Business Journal, 10/7/19)

2008-2010 – Staff Assistant To Then-Sen. Claire McCaskill (D). (U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, Press Release, 8/21/09)

2010-2011 – Regional Field Director For Organizing For America. (Springfield News-Leader, 4/18/10)

2011-2012 – Field Representative For The Community Blood Center Of The Ozarks. (Springfield Business Journal, 10/7/19)

2012 – Failed Bid For Springfield City Council. (*Springfield Business Journal*, 2/14/12)

2012-2016 – Chapter Services Director For Care To Learn. (*Springfield Business Journal*, 10/7/19)

2012-2024 – Married To Kevin Waterland, An Executive At The Pitt Technology Group; The Couple Has 3 Children. (Greene County Recorder's Office, Marriage License Database, Accessed 8/28/24)

2017-2024 – Democrat Member Of The Missouri State House-132<sup>nd</sup> District; Served As Minority Leader From 2019-2024. (Ballotpedia, Crystal Quade, Accessed 8/22/24)

2023-2024 – Failed Campaign As The Democrat Candidate For Missouri Governor. (*Kansas City Star*, 7/9/23)

2024 – Founded CQ Strategies LLC. (Missouri Secretary of State's Office, [Articles of Organization-CQ Strategies LLC](#), Filed 11/27/24)

## UPBRINGING

Quade Grew Up In Webster County, Where Her Mother Worked As A Waitress And Her Stepfather Had A Factory Job. She Was The First Member Of Her Family To Graduate From High School.

"Quade, 37, said at her formal announcement at a Springfield coffee shop on Monday that she had grown up in similar cafés as her mother worked double and triple shifts as a waitress. She said that after her mom met her stepfather, they moved to Webster County and that his factory job offered stability that allowed her to become the first in the family to graduate high school. Quade, who was first elected to the Missouri House in 2016, described working as a server across Springfield to pay her way through Missouri State University." (*Kansas City Star*, 7/13/23)

- In 2024, Quade Said She Was The Only Democrat In Her Family. Quade is the only Democrat in her family, she said, where her mother was a waitress and her father worked in a factory. 'I'm actually the first in my family to graduate high school,' she said. 'We didn't get the paper and talk about politics at all. It wasn't until I was studying to become a social worker at Missouri State University that I realized how much government impacted the day-to-day lives of people.'" (*St. Louis Business Journal*, 7/9/24)
- **NOTE: During Legislative Debates On Abortion-Related Bills, Quade Has Stated That She Was Sexually Abused By Her Biological Father.** (*Northwest Missouri*, 3/6/19)

# PUBLIC RECORDS

## PROPERTY RECORDS

1335 E. University St., Springfield, MO 65804



(Zillow.com, [1335 E. University St. Profile](#), Accessed 8/25/24)

Quade Lives At The Residence At 1335 E. University Street In Springfield, Which Is Owned By Her Husband, Kevin. He Bought The Residence In 2024 For \$220,400 After The Couple Sold Their Former Residence At 1612 N. Jefferson Avenue In Springfield. (Lexis-Nexis, Greene County Property Database,

Accessed 8/24/24)

### Deed Record For GREENE County

#### Buyer Information

**Original Name:** WATERLAND , KEVIN(SINGLE OR UNMARRIED MAN)  
**Standardized Name:** WATERLAND, KEVIN  
**Original Address:** 1335 EAST UNIVERSITY STREET  
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804  
**Standardized Address:** 1335 E UNIVERSITY ST  
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804-1139  
GREENE COUNTY

#### Seller Information

**Original Name:** MILLER , SHELBY J(SINGLE PERSON)  
**Standardized Name:** MILLER, SHELBY J

#### Property Information

**Original Property Address:** 1335 E UNIVERSITY ST  
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804  
**Standardized Property Address:** 1335 E UNIVERSITY ST  
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65804-1139  
GREENE COUNTY  
**Property Use:** SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCE  
**Data Source:** B

#### Lender Information

**Name:** GREAT SOUTHERN BANK  
**Address:** 65801  
**Type:** BANK

#### Legal Information

**Assessor's Parcel Number:** 88-12-30-307-046  
**Recording Date:** 04/03/2024  
**Contract Date:** 04/01/2024  
**Document Number:** 9589-24  
**Deed Type:** WARRANTY DEED  
**Book/Page:** 2024/9589-24  
**Legal Description:** LOT NUMBER: 120; SUBDIVISION: SAGAMORE  
SUBDIVISION; CITY/MUNI/TWNSP: SPRINGFIELD;

#### Mortgage Information

**Loan Amount:** \$220,400  
**Loan Type:** NEW CONVENTIONAL  
**Due Date:** 05/01/2054  
**Title Company:** NONE AVAILABLE

- **NOTE: A Review Of Greene County Records Found The Couple Have Paid The Property Taxes On Their Current And Prior Residences In A Timely Manner.** (Greene County Collector's Office, Property Tax Records-1335 E. University and 1612 N. Jefferson, Accessed 8/24/24)

## Delinquent Personal Property Tax Payments

### Quade Has Been Penalized Four Times For Delinquent Personal Property Tax Payments

A 2016 Quade Research Report Found That She Was Penalized For Delinquent Personal Property Tax Payments In 2012 And 2016. (Greene County Collector's Office, Property Tax Database, Accessed 9/24/16)

#### 2012 Delinquent Payment Details:

Account #: 12335204

Name: QUADE-WATERLAND, CRYSTAL M

Address: 3200 W LYNN ST SPRINGFIELD MO 65802

| Date     | Type        | Transaction | Receipt | Assessed Value | Debit  | Credit |
|----------|-------------|-------------|---------|----------------|--------|--------|
| 10-01-11 | Base Record |             |         | 4510.00        |        | 225.81 |
| 01-20-12 | Interest    | 11766254    | 770923  | 4510.00        | 4.52   | 4.52   |
| 01-20-12 | Penalty     | 11766254    | 770923  | 4510.00        | 16.12  | 16.12  |
| 01-20-12 | Web Payment | 11766254    | 770923  | 4510.00        |        | 225.81 |
| Totals   |             |             |         |                | 246.45 | 246.45 |

#### 2016 Delinquent Payment Details:

Account #: 12303810

Name: WATERLAND, KEVIN W & QUADE-WATERLAND, CRYSTAL M

Address: 1612 N JEFFERSON AVE SPRINGFIELD MO 65803-2819

| Date     | Type                 | Transaction | Receipt | Assessed Value | Debit  | Credit         |
|----------|----------------------|-------------|---------|----------------|--------|----------------|
| 10-01-15 | Base Record          |             |         | 10760.00       | 584.35 |                |
| 01-19-16 | Interest             | 15781381    | 789549  | 10760.00       | 11.69  | 11.69          |
| 01-19-16 | Penalty              | 15781381    | 789549  | 10760.00       | 41.72  | 41.72          |
| 01-19-16 | Web Payment          | 15781381    | 789549  | 10760.00       | 584.35 |                |
| 01-25-16 | Returned Check Fee   |             |         | 10760.00       | 25.00  |                |
| 02-01-16 | Interest             | 15782499    | 790724  | 10760.00       | 11.69  | 11.69          |
| 02-01-16 | Penalty              | 15782499    | 790724  | 10760.00       | 41.72  | 41.72          |
| 02-01-16 | Repay Returned Check |             |         |                |        |                |
| Totals   |                      |             |         |                | 609.35 | 716.17 1300.52 |

More Recently, Quade Was Penalized For Paying Her 2020 And 2021 Personal Property Taxes In 2022. (Greene County Collector's Office, Property Tax Database, Accessed 10/13/24)

### Greene County Personal Property Receipt

**Property Description**  
2014 CHEV TRAV 1GNKVHKD6EJ280962  
2008 JEEP WRAN 1J4GA69138L556446



WATERLAND, KEVIN W; QUADE-WATERLAND,  
1612 N JEFFERSON AVE  
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65803-2819

### Tax Year 2020

**Date Paid** 07/06/2022  
**Receipt Number** 141553  
**Transaction** 21175099  
**This Payment** \$721.43  
**Account Number** 12-303-810  
09/06/2024

**Where Your Taxes Go**

|            |          |         |          |
|------------|----------|---------|----------|
| INTEREST   | \$160.45 | COUNTY  | \$10.96  |
| SPR CITY   | \$54.40  | STATE   | \$2.63   |
| PENALTY    | \$59.57  | OTC     | \$17.52  |
| LIBRARY    | \$21.37  | ROAD    | \$10.96  |
| SENIOR SRV | \$4.33   | SPR R12 | \$375.14 |
| DISABLED   | \$4.10   |         |          |



## Greene County Personal Property Receipt

Property Description  
2008 JEEP WRAN 1J4GA69138L556446

Tax Year 2021

Date Paid 07/06/2022  
Receipt Number 131616  
Transaction 21175099  
This Payment \$300.60  
Account Number 12-303-810  
09/06/2024

Where Your Taxes Go

|          |          |            |         |
|----------|----------|------------|---------|
| INTEREST | \$33.87  | SPR CITY   | \$27.45 |
| COUNTY   | \$4.76   | STATE      | \$1.33  |
| PENALTY  | \$24.82  | OTC        | \$8.31  |
| DISABLED | \$2.04   | LIBRARY    | \$10.63 |
| ROAD     | \$4.76   | SENIOR SRV | \$2.15  |
| SPR R12  | \$180.48 |            |         |



WATERLAND, KEVIN W; QUADE-WATERLAND,  
1612 N JEFFERSON AVE  
SPRINGFIELD, MO 65803-2819

## HUSBAND'S LEGAL ISSUES

### Divorce & Custody Disputes

From 2006 To 2008, Quade's Husband, Kevin Waterland, Was Involved In A Contentious Divorce Case With His Ex-Wife, Tara

From 2006 To 2008, Waterland Was Involved In A Contentious Divorce Case With His Ex-Wife, Tara. He Married Quade In 2012. (Missouri Case Net, Court Database-Waterland Divorce, Accessed 8/22/24)

| 31106DR4402 - KEVIN WATERLAND V TARA WATERLAND |                             |                |                                |                     |                             |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Case Header                                    | Parties & Attorneys         | Docket Entries | Charges, Judgments & Sentences | Service Information | Scheduled Hearings & Trials |
| Garnishments/Execution                         |                             |                |                                |                     |                             |
| Judge/Commissioner Assigned                    | CHRISMAN, SUE               |                |                                |                     |                             |
| Date Filed                                     | 10/23/2006                  |                |                                |                     |                             |
| Location                                       | Greene                      |                |                                |                     |                             |
| Case Type                                      | FC Dissolution- w/ Children |                |                                |                     |                             |
| Disposition                                    | Tried by Court-Civil        |                |                                |                     |                             |
| Date of Disposition                            | 08/07/2008                  |                |                                |                     |                             |
| Judge/Commissioner At Disposition              | CHRISMAN, SUE               |                |                                |                     |                             |
| Financial Information                          |                             |                |                                |                     |                             |

In The Couple's 2008 Divorce Decree, The Judge Detailed Their "Tumultuous Relationship," Which Was Marked By Tara's Violent Outbursts And Accusations That Kevin Viewed Pornography And Assaulted Her. (Greene County Circuit Court, Case 31106-DR-4402, Judgment & Decree of Dissolution of Marriage, Filed 8/7/08)

and of all whatsoever.

18. Mother and Father first met in Harrison, Arkansas, and began dating when they were only sixteen. After six months, Mother became pregnant. The couple had many fights and subsequently stopped dating after Mother's pregnancy. Father moved to Springfield, Missouri, for about six months. After the birth of their first child, the couple reunited and married in June of 2004. The couple then moved to Springfield. The fighting continued and the couple separated in October of 2006. Mother took the children and returned to Arkansas. Father remained in Springfield.

19. Father and Mother had a tumultuous relationship during their marriage. Mother had anger problems after the birth of Aydin because she felt insecure about her body image. Mother resented Father's relationship with someone else during the time they had been separated prior to Aydin's birth. Mother resented Father viewing what she termed as pornography. Father testified that due to Mother's religious upbringing, Mother's interpretation of what was actually pornography had a very low threshold. In September of 2004, Father and Mother began arguing. The fight escalated into Mother throwing objects at Father. Father attempted to restrain Mother and she bit him. Father left with Aydin. Mother traveled to Father's mother's home and confronted his mother about keeping Aydin. During a physical altercation, Mother bit Father's mother. In late November of 2004, Mother saw Father's ex-girlfriend while she was shopping, went home and punched one hundred and fifty holes in the wall. The holes in the wall spelled "I HATE YOU." It was during this fight that Mother had a knife, which she pointed at herself. At the time, Mother was pregnant with Naomi. The altercation calmed for a period of time, then began again. Mother began hitting Father. Father picked up Aydin and headed out the door. Mother started screaming at him and ran out into a busy intersection. There were more fights, but the couple entered into a somewhat calmer period after they moved to Springfield. The final fight occurred in October of 2006. Mother became upset with Father when she thought he looked at another woman. When they returned home, Mother bit Father. Father tried to leave with Naomi, but when Mother hit him, he put Naomi down. Father called police. Father was arrested on third degree assault, but was found not guilty. It was after this incident that the couple separated for good.

The Judge Awarded Kevin And Tara Joint Legal Custody Of Their Two Children, But Kevin's Residence Was Designated The Primary Residence For The Children. (Greene County Circuit Court, Case 31106-DR-4402, Judgment & Decree of Dissolution of Marriage, Filed 8/7/08)

26. Pursuant to the public policy of this State, the Court does find that frequent, continuing and meaningful contact by the children with both parents is in the best

interests of the minor children. The Court finds, therefore that Mother and Father should have joint legal and physical custody of the minor children. The Court finds that the parties do have the ability to communicate and that joint legal custody is, therefore, appropriate.

27. The Court has considered all of the factors set forth in §452.375.2, but finds that factors two, four, and six are the ones most relied upon by the Court to fashion a Parenting Plan that will be in the best interests of Aydin and Naomi. The Court finds that Father's address should be used for the address of the minor children.

Post-Divorce Custody Disputes

From 2010 To 2017, Waterland Sued His Ex-Wife, Tara, Three Times Over Custody Issues. Court Records Indicate He Prevailed In Each Case Due, In Part, To Tara’s Second Marriage To An Abusive Man. (Missouri Case Net, Court Database-Waterland Divorce, Accessed 8/22/24)

|   |   |   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Case Type:</b> FC Motion to Modify<br><b>Party Type:</b> Plaintiff<br><b>County:</b> Greene County     | <b>Circuit:</b> Circuit 31<br><b>Address On File:</b> SPRINGFIELD MO<br><b>Style of Case:</b> KEVIN WATERLAND V TARA WATERLAND            | <b>Case Number:</b> 31106DR4402-01<br><b>Filing Date:</b> 10/12/2010<br><b>Location:</b> Circuit Division |
| <b>Case Type:</b> FC Motion to Modify<br><b>Party Type:</b> Plaintiff<br><b>County:</b> Greene County     | <b>Circuit:</b> Circuit 31<br><b>Address On File:</b> SPRINGFIELD MO<br><b>Style of Case:</b> KEVIN WATERLAND V TARA WATERLAND            | <b>Case Number:</b> 31106DR4402-02<br><b>Filing Date:</b> 05/27/2015<br><b>Location:</b> Circuit Division |
| <b>Case Type:</b> FC Family Access Motion<br><b>Party Type:</b> Plaintiff<br><b>County:</b> Greene County | <b>Circuit:</b> Circuit 31<br><b>Address On File:</b> SPRINGFIELD MO<br><b>Style of Case:</b> KEVIN W WATERLAND V TARA LACKEY (WATERLAND) | <b>Case Number:</b> 31106DR4402-03<br><b>Filing Date:</b> 06/19/2017<br><b>Location:</b> Circuit Division |

## Drunk Driving Incident

In February 2018, Waterland Was Charged With A DWI Stemming From A September 2017 Incident In Christian County Where He Was Pulled Over For Erratic Driving After Leaving The Parking Lot Of Illusions – A Nixa Strip Club. During The Traffic Stop, Waterland, Who Claimed To Have Drank 3 Beers, Failed Field Sobriety Tests And Refused To Take A Breathalyzer Test. (Christian County Circuit Court, Case 18CT-CR00609, Misdemeanor Info And Supporting Probable Cause Statement, Filed 2/14/18)

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STATE V. KEVIN WAYNE WATERLAND  
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
Division IV

STATE OF MISSOURI, Plaintiff  
v. KEVIN WAYNE WATERLAND Defendant.

State of Missouri )  
County of Christian ) ss.

Case No. 18CT-CR00609  
OCN:  
PA File No. 043053605

**MISDEMEANOR INFORMATION**  
COUNT 1  
Charge Code: 577.010-032Y20175404.0

The Prosecuting Attorney of the County of Christian, State of Missouri, upon information and belief, charges that the defendant, in violation of Section 577.010, committed the class B misdemeanor of driving while intoxicated, punishable upon conviction under Sections 558.002, 558.011 and 577.010 RSMo, in that on or about September 30, 2017, Guin Rd. in the County of Christian, State of Missouri, the defendant operated a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol.

The facts that form the basis for this information and belief are contained in the attached statement(s) of facts, made a part hereof and submitted as a basis upon which this court may find the existence of probable cause.

WHEREFORE, the Prosecuting Attorney prays that a summons be issued as provided by law.

AMY J. FITE  
Prosecuting Attorney of the County of  
Christian, State of Missouri, by  
/s/ Amy Fite for Patrick Springer  
R. PATRICK SPRINGER  
Assistant Prosecuting Attorney  
County of Christian, State of Missouri  
Missouri Bar #68416

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI  
ASSOCIATE DIVISION

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Kevin W. Waterland  
612 N. Jefferson Ave  
Springfield, MO 65803

Defendant,

Case No. \_\_\_\_\_

DOB: 08-28-86  
SSN: 430-61-6618

OCN #:  
Local Case #: SO-17-02524

PROBABLE CAUSE STATEMENT

DATE: October, 5th, 2017

I, Corporal D.J. Outhouse, a law enforcement officer, knowing that false statements made herein are punishable by law, state that I have probable cause to believe that, Kevin W. Waterland, D.O.B: 08-28-86, [REDACTED] committed one or more criminal offenses on the 30th of September, 2017 while at or near the intersection of Guin Road and Hwy-160 Nixa, Christian County, Missouri:

The facts supporting this belief which are true based upon the information gained by my investigation are

On 09-30-17 I observed a gray Jeep Wrangler pulling through the parking lot of Illusions with it's headlights out. I noticed that same vehicle turn south onto Fox Hollow Road and then east onto Guin Road without using a turn signal. I observed the Jeep swerving from centerline to fog line several times as it traveled east on Guin Road. I conducted a traffic stop on the Jeep at the intersection of Guin Road and Hwy-160, where I made contact with the driver and sole occupant, Kevin W. Waterland. I noticed Kevin's eyes were blood shot. I noticed Kevin had a moderate odor of an alcoholic beverage on his breath and that he smacked his tongue on the roof of his mouth as if his mouth was dry. Kevin told me he drank 3 beers about 1 1/2 hours prior to the stop. It was necessary for me to repeat instructions to Kevin before he seemed to understand. Kevin failed the following field sobriety tests: HGN: Kevin had 6 out of 6 indicators for intoxication. WAT: Kevin had 4 out of 8 indicators for intoxication. PBT: Kevin provided a valid sample of his breath on the PBT which indicated he had a BAC above the legal

limit of .08 percent. Kevin refused to submit to a breath test on the breathalyzer. I obtained a search warrant to collect a sample of his blood. A sample of Kevin's blood was sent to the MSHP Laboratory for testing.

  
COMPLAINANT  
Corporal D.J. Outhouse  
Christian County Sheriff's Office

In March 2019, Waterland Withdrew His Not Guilty Plea To The DWI Charge And Pleaded Guilty To Careless And Imprudent Driving. He Was Fined \$150 And Placed On 2 Years Of Probation. (Christian County Circuit Court, Case 18CT-CR00609, Judgment, Filed 3/1/19)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI**  
DIVISION 4

STATE OF MISSOURI, Plaintiff )  
v. ) Case No: 18CT-CR00609  
KEVIN WAYNE WATERLAND )  
Defendant. )

**JUDGMENT**

**APPEARANCES:**  
 State appears by APA John Peacock.  
 Defendant appears Stacie Hilven.  
 Court waives personal appearance of defendant by agreement.  
 Defendant appears and executes Waiver of Counsel under RSMo §600.051.

**THE PARTIES ANNOUNCE THE FOLLOWING PLEA AGREEMENT:**  
 State amends charge to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Defendant withdraws plea of Not Guilty, and enters a plea of Guilty to the following charges: Ct 1 – Careless and Imprudent Driving – M/B  
 The State dismisses the following charges: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Court accepts the plea of guilty and finds that it was made knowingly, voluntary and with an understanding of defendant's rights.

**THE COURT SENTENCES THE DEFENDANT AS FOLLOWS:**  
 To serve 60 days in the Christian County Jail on count (s) Ct 1.  
 To pay a fine of \$150 on count(s) Ct 1.  
 Court suspends imposition of sentence (SIS) on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

**THE COURT SUSPENDS EXECUTION OF:**  
 The jail sentence on count(s) Ct 1.  
 \$ \_\_\_\_\_ of the fine on count(s) \_\_\_\_\_.

Defendant placed on unsupervised probation for 2 years subject to the conditions in the Order of Probation.  
 Defendant ordered to perform 20 hours of community service under the supervision of CASP by 5/1/19.  
 Defendant ordered to serve \_\_\_\_\_ days shock time as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.  
 Other: Not to possess or consume alcohol or illegal substances; Not to be on the premises where alcohol is the primary item for sale.

\$10 Crime Victim Compensation Fund (CVCF) Judgment assessed against the defendant.  
 County Law Enforcement Restitution Fund Judgment assessed against the defendant for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Law Enforcement Recoupment Fee to the \_\_\_\_\_ assessed against defendant for: \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lab Fee assessed against defendant for: \$ 150  
 Court costs of: \$ 16.50

**TOTAL FINES AND COSTS:**  
 This judgment is an agreement by the State and defendant to dispose of only those cases and charges specifically mentioned herein.  
 Defendant granted stay of execution of fine and costs to: \_\_\_\_\_ as per agreed upon payment plan.  
 Defendant to be released on this case.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 APA's Signature  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Defendant's Signature  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Defendant's Attorney

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 1st day of March 2019.

Dore Bacon  
 JUDGE, ASSOCIATE DIVISION

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY, MISSOURI**  
DIVISION 4

STATE OF MISSOURI, Plaintiff )  
v. ) Case No: 18CT-CR00609  
KEVIN WAYNE WATERLAND )  
Defendant. )

**ORDER OF PROBATION**

Court places the defendant on unsupervised probation for 2 years subject to the following conditions:

1. Defendant shall obey all federal and state laws, and municipal and county ordinances.
2. Defendant shall not associate with any person who has been convicted of a felony.
3. Defendant shall not possess or use any controlled substance except as prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner.
4. Defendant shall submit to a drug or alcohol test when requested by any Judge or law enforcement officer.
5. Defendant shall pay fines, court costs, and all other assessed fees by the date provided in the Judgment.
6. Defendant to pay any supervision fees as directed by the probation officer.
7. Defendant shall comply with all directives given by the probation officer.
8. Furthermore, defendant shall obey the following special conditions:
  - Enter the Program by \_\_\_\_\_ and satisfactorily participate in and complete the program by \_\_\_\_\_ and participate in such after care and treatment as directed by the program or the probation officer.
  - Defendant ordered to perform 20 hours of community service through CASP by 5/1/19.
  - Defendant ordered to serve \_\_\_\_\_ shock detention in the Jail as follows: \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Defendant to pay restitution in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ at a rate of not less than \$ \_\_\_\_\_ a month with the first payment due \_\_\_\_\_ and each payment due on the \_\_\_\_\_ thereafter.

Pursuant to §559.100.3, RSMo, the Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office shall additionally collect an Administrative Handling Fee in the amount of:  
 \$25 (<\$100)  \$50 (≥ \$100 but < \$250)  \$75 (≥ \$250)  
 The entire balance of \_\_\_\_\_ shall be paid off through the Christian County Prosecuting Attorney's Office by \_\_\_\_\_.

Other: Not to possess or consume alcohol or illegal substances; Not to be on the premises where alcohol is the primary item for sale.

Defendant is placed on probation for the period of time ordered by the Court, or until defendant has proven by his or her conduct to the satisfaction of the Court, that defendant is entitled to discharge. If there is a violation of the conditions of probation, the defendant is subject to arrest upon order of this Court at any time within the period of defendant's probation. The Court may impose or order execution of sentence for the offense charged if a violation occurs.

I certify that I have read or have had read to me the conditions of this Order of Probation.  
 I agree to comply with such conditions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Probationer  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 Attorney for Probationer

IT IS SO ORDERED this 1st day of March

Dore Bacon  
 JUDGE, ASSOCIATE DIVISION

- In A Separate Lawsuit Related To The 2017 Traffic Stop, Waterland Sued The State Over His Refusal To Submit To A Breathalyzer Test. In 2019, A Judge Ruled Waterland Did Not Knowingly Refuse To Submit To The Breathalyzer Test And Reinstated His Driver's License. (Christian County Circuit Court, Case 17CT-CC010069, Judgment & Order, Filed 6/7/19)

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CHRISTIAN COUNTY  
STATE OF MISSOURI**

Kevin W. Waterland,  
License Number: T181227029  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
Director of Revenue,  
State of Missouri  
Respondent.

Case No. 17CT-CC01069

**JUDGMENT AND ORDER**

**NOW** on this 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2019 this matter comes on for hearing; Petitioner, Kevin W. Waterland, appears by his attorney Stacie Calhoun Bilyeu; Respondent, Director of Revenue, State of Missouri, appears by Attorney Joseph Cox, and the Court finds as follows:

1. The parties stipulated to the facts in this matter.
2. The Court finds that Petitioner did not knowingly refuse to submit to a chemical test of his blood/alcohol content in this cause.

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** by the Court that Judgment in this cause is entered for Petitioner, Kevin W. Waterland, and that Respondent, Director of Revenue, State of Missouri, is hereby ordered to immediately reinstate Petitioner's full and complete driving privileges.

  
 Honorable Douglas P. Bacon

## VOTING RECORDS

According To Greene County Records, Quade Has Consistently Voted In Statewide And Local Elections In Missouri. (Greene County Clerk's Office, Voter Profile Report-Crystal Quade, Accessed 11/25/24)

| County: Greene                   |   | Voter Profile Report |             |        |               | Date: 11/25/2024 |
|----------------------------------|---|----------------------|-------------|--------|---------------|------------------|
| User Name: Mann, Chlelsea        |   | Voter ID: 49595756   |             |        |               |                  |
| <b>Voter Information</b>         |   |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| Voter ID                         | Last Name                                       | First Name           | Middle Name | Suffix | Year of Birth |                  |
| 49595756                         | QUADE   | CRYSTAL              | MARIE       |        | 1985          |                  |
| <b>Registration Information</b>  |   |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| <b>Last Voted Date</b>           | 08/06/2024                                      |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| <b>Status</b>                    | Active  | <b>Reg. Date</b>     | 06/12/2008  |        |               |                  |
| <b>Miscellaneous Information</b> |   |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| <b>Party Affiliation</b>         | Democratic                                      |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| <b>Residence Address</b>         | 210 W COMMERCIAL ST APT C SPRINGFIELD, MO 65803 |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| <b>Mailing Address</b>           |   |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| <b>Voting History</b>            |   |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| Election Date                    | Election Description                            |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 08/06/2024                       | August 6, 2024 General Primary                  |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 04/02/2024                       | April 2, 2024 Municipal Election                |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 08/08/2023                       | August 8, 2023 Special Election                 |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 04/04/2023                       | April 4, 2023 Municipal Election                |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 11/08/2022                       | November 8, 2022 General Election               |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 08/02/2022                       | August 2, 2022 General Primary Election         |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 04/05/2022                       | April 5, 2022 Municipal Election                |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 04/06/2021                       | April 6, 2021 Municipal Election                |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 11/03/2020                       | November 3, 2020 General Election               |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 08/04/2020                       | August 4, 2020 General Primary                  |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 03/10/2020                       | Presidential Preference Primary                 |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 11/05/2019                       | November 5, 2019 Special Election               |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 04/02/2019                       | April 2, 2019 Municipal Election                |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 11/06/2018                       | November 6, 2018 General Election               |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 08/07/2018                       | General Primary                                 |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 04/03/2018                       | April Municipal Election                        |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 11/07/2017                       | Special Election                                |                      |             |        |               |                  |
| 04/04/2017                       | April Municipal Election                        |                      |             |        |               |                  |

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|------------|---|
| 11/08/2016 | General Election                            |
| 08/02/2016 | General Primary                             |
| 04/05/2016 | General Municipal                           |
| 03/15/2016 | Presidential Preference Primary             |
| 04/07/2015 | General Municipal Election                  |
| 11/04/2014 | November 4, 2014 General Election           |
| 08/05/2014 | August 5, 2014 Primary                      |
| 04/08/2014 | Municipal General Election                  |
| 11/05/2013 | Special Election Greene County              |
| 04/02/2013 | Municipal General Election                  |
| 11/06/2012 | Presidential Election                       |
| 06/05/2012 | Special Election                            |
| 04/03/2012 | Municipal General Election                  |
| 02/07/2012 | Presidential Preference Primary             |
| 04/05/2011 | City, School & Fire Districts               |
| 11/02/2010 | General Election                            |
| 08/03/2010 | August Primary Election                     |
| 06/08/2010 | Special Election--Springfield & Willard FPD |
| 11/03/2009 | Special Election                            |
| 11/04/2008 | Presidential Election                       |
| 08/05/2008 | August 5, 2008 Primary Election             |
| 02/05/2008 | Cole County Presidential Preference Primary |
| 11/07/2006 | General Election                            |
| 11/02/2004 | NOVEMBER GENERAL ELECTION                   |

## CRIMINAL RECORDS

### *Criminal Background Checks*

- *NOTE: Criminal Background Checks Produced Nothing Of Note On Quade.*

### *Police Reports*

#### 2017 Runaway Incident

In February 2017, Springfield Police Tracked Down Quade’s 13-Year Old Stepson, Aydin, After He Ran Away From Home Following An Argument With His Sister Over His Decision To Take A Steak Knife To School. Aydin Has Asperger’s Syndrome – A Developmental Disorder. (Springfield Police Department, Incident SPD170216007032, Reported 2/16/17)



# Springfield Police Department

Incident: SPD170216007032



### Incident details:

**Incident Type:** Missing Person, Juvenile  
**Incident time:** 02/16/2017 15:30 - 02/16/2017 20:50  
**Reported time:** 02/16/2017 19:57  
**Incident location:** 1612 N JEFFERSON AVE, SPRINGFIELD, GREENE MO USA 65803 (RD: 190, Beat: SP24) 65803  
**Incident status:** Cleared Exceptional - referred to Juvenile  
**Summary:** Runaway Juvenile which was located

### Involved Persons:

|                        |                       |                |        |
|------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|--------|
| <b>Name:</b>           | REAR, JACOB           | <b>Gender:</b> | Male   |
| <b>Classification:</b> | Cooperating agency    |                |        |
| <b>Name:</b>           | WATERLAND, TARA L     | <b>Gender:</b> | Female |
| <b>Classification:</b> | Parent/guardian       |                |        |
| <b>Name:</b>           | WATERLAND, NAOMI      | <b>Gender:</b> | Female |
| <b>Classification:</b> | Other                 |                |        |
| <b>Name:</b>           | QUADE, CRYSTAL M      | <b>Gender:</b> | Female |
| <b>Classification:</b> | Parent/guardian       |                |        |
| <b>Name:</b>           | WATERLAND, KEVIN W    | <b>Gender:</b> | Male   |
| <b>Classification:</b> | Parent/guardian       |                |        |
| <b>Name:</b>           | WATERLAND, AYDIN JOHN | <b>Gender:</b> | Male   |
| <b>Classification:</b> | Located; Runaway      |                |        |

### Involved Officers:

- Reporting officer / THIEMAN, N. / #1781 / SPD / Sworn / CYBER CRIMES UNIT / #1051 BURNETT, J. / 02/16/2017 / 20170216

### Reports:

#### General report:

**Author:** #1781 THIEMAN, N. **Report time:** 02/16/2017 22:19

### Narrative:

On 02/16/2017 I was dispatched to 1612 N. Jefferson in reference to a missing juvenile. Call notes stated a 13 year old male named Aydin Waterland with Asperger's syndrome had left his home on foot after a fight with his sister.

Upon arriving I contacted Aydin's father, Kevin Waterland and Aydin's step-mother, Crystal Quade-Waterland. Kevin stated his son, Aydin had run away from home at 1530 HRS. Kevin explained three days prior (02/13/17) he had gotten onto Aydin for not doing his share of work around the house. Since the argument they had, Aydin had avoided talking to Kevin. Aydin's behavior was not normal for him and Aydin was having trouble at school with some other juveniles. Kevin's phone rang; it was Tara Lackey, Aydin's mother. According to Kevin, he and Tara have shared custody of Aydin. Tara lives in Jasper, Arkansas and the relationship between Tara and Aydin is not great. Kevin updated Tara on the search of Aydin and my arrival/involvement.

Crystal stated Aydin has Asperger's and is high functioning. Aydin's Asperger's is present in social settings and personal interaction with others. Crystal explained today she and Kevin were at work. Aydin walks home from Pipkin with his sister to their house where his grandmother watches him and his sisters until Kevin and her are home. Their grandmother lives at 1612 N Jefferson as well. Aydin does not leave the house alone. Today Aydin, Aydin's sister, Naomi Waterland; and a friend of Naomi's were walking home to 1612 N Jefferson. Naomi's friend saw a knife in Aydin's pocket and told Naomi. Naomi saw the knife as well. Once they made it home Naomi confronted Aydin taking the steak knife to school in front of their grandmother. Aydin got mad at Naomi and shoved her. Their grandmother told Aydin to stop. Aydin got mad and stormed out of the house without his phone, wallet, or coat. In the past when Aydin would become upset he isolates himself in the house and eventually returns. Aydin had never left the house before when he was upset. Aydin is also afraid of the dark. When Kevin and Crystal arrived home they checked the house, areas the family frequences, and areas Aydin was familiar with: Washington Park, Grant Beach Park, Pipkin Middle School, Central High School, Bissett Elementary, Cox North ER, Big Mamma's on Commercial Street, and their former house at 3200 W Lynn. They contacted Aydin's friends to see if they had seen or heard from Aydin. No one had. They were unable to locate Aydin. Once it got dark and he did not return they called 911 to report him missing at 1955 HRS.

I contacted SGT Ramey at 2016 HRS to make him aware of the missing juvenile.

At 2010 HRS, a call from came the Boy's and Girl's Club Henderson Unit (835 W. Calhoun in Grant Beach Park) to the phone Aydin uses. As Crystal attempted to contact the Henderson Unit, Kevin drove to the location to see if Aydin was trying to contact them. Kevin contacted staff and no one had seen Aydin.

Crystal stated they had searched the house and an adult had been home since Aydin left at 1530 HRS. She gave consent to search the house again for him. I conducted a thorough search of first, second, and third stories. Officer McKinsey conducted a search of the basement. Other officers arrived and started to search the garage and yard. As they started, dispatch informed SGT Ramey a Greene County Deputy had located Aydin. Officers completed the search of the garage and yard but waited to continue searching beyond the house until the juvenile Greene County had located was verified as



Aydin.

Greene County Deputy Rear, (DSN 987) located Aydin at 2050 HRS, walking in the area of State Highway WW and farm road 145. He brought Aydin to 1612 N Jefferson. Deputy Rear said he had seen Aydin before walking along the road however, when he went to contact Aydin, Aydin had taken off running. When Deputy Rear arrived Crystal and Kevin confirmed the juvenile was Aydin.

Aydin had dirt on his knees and some light scratches on his arms. Aydin was hard to follow in his explanation of what had happened. Aydin stated he had gotten upset and walked out. He went toward the railroad tracks, through the woods, to the gas station, down the road, through a field, and then he followed the road. He thought he was in trouble so he wanted away from Springfield. Aydin stated he was having problems at school with another juvenile by the name of Ethan. Aydin said some sixth graders had told Ethan he had said things about Ethan. So now Ethan was following Aydin around school and Aydin felt he needed the knife to protect himself. Kevin and Crystal were going to contact Aydin's counselor and develop some avenues for Aydin to express himself when he is stressed.

Later I hotlined this information and spoke with operator 29370 about the incident as well as the alleged bullying that led up to Aydin running away.

## 2017 Child Abuse Incident

In June 2017, Springfield Police Responded To A Child Abuse Incident At Quade's Springfield Residence. The 1-Page Incident Report Was Summarized As "Past Child Abuse," And The Name Of The Victim Was Redacted. (Springfield Police Department, Incident SPD170616026244, Reported 6/16/17)

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|---|--|---|
|  | <b>Springfield Police Department</b>   |  |
| <b>Incident: SPD170616026244</b>  |  |   |
| <b>Incident details:</b>  |  |   |
| <b>Incident Type:</b>   | Child Abuse, Endangering   |   |
| <b>Incident time:</b>   | 06/16/2017 17:48 - 06/16/2017 17:48  |   |
| <b>Reported time:</b>   | 06/16/2017 17:48   |   |
| <b>Incident location:</b>   | 1612 N JEFFERSON AVE, SPRINGFIELD, GREENE MO USA 65803 (RD: 190, Beat: SP24) 65803 |   |
| <b>Summary:</b>   | Past Child Abuse.  |   |
| <b>Involved Victim:</b>   |  |   |
| <b>Name:</b>  | [REDACTED]   |   |

## 2021 Sexual Abuse Incident

In May 2021, Springfield Police Responded To A "Sex Offense, All Except Rape" Incident At Quade's Springfield Residence That Occurred From April 2 To April 6. The 1-Page Incident Report Was Summarized As A "Sex Offense," And The Name Of The Victim Was Redacted. (Springfield Police Department, Incident SPD210503014933, Reported 5/3/21)



# Springfield Police Department

Incident: SPD210503014933



## Incident details:

**Incident Type:** Sex Offense, All Except Rape  
**Incident time:** 04/02/2021 12:00 - 04/06/2021 12:00  
**Reported time:** 05/03/2021 13:44  
**Incident location:** 1612 N JEFFERSON AVE, SPRINGFIELD, GREENE MO USA 65803 (RD: 190, Beat: SP24) 65803  
**Summary:** Sex Offense

## Involved Victim:

Name: [REDACTED]

## BUSINESS RECORDS

Three Weeks After Quade Lost Her 2024 Gubernatorial Campaign, She Founded CQ Strategies LLC. It Is Unclear If The LLC Will Serve As A Campaign Consulting Or Lobbying Operation. (Missouri Secretary of State's Office, [Articles of Organization-CQ Strategies LLC](#), Filed 11/27/24)



**State of Missouri**  
 John R. Ashcroft, Secretary of State  
 Corporations Division  
 PO Box 778 / 600 W. Main St., Rm. 322  
 Jefferson City, MO 65102

**LC014592676**  
**Date Filed: 11/27/2024**  
**Effective: 11/29/2024**  
**John R. Ashcroft**  
**Missouri Secretary of State**

## Articles of Organization

(Submit with filing fee of \$105.00)

- The name of the limited liability company is CQ STRATEGIES, LLC  
*(Must include "Limited Liability Company," "Limited Company," "LC," "L.C.," "L.L.C.," or "LLC")*
- The purpose(s) for which the limited liability company is organized:  
any legal business purpose
- The name and address of the limited liability company's registered agent in Missouri is:  
crystal quade      210 W Commercial St # C      Springfield, MO 65803-2648  
*Name      Street Address: May not use PO Box unless street address also provided      City/State/Zip*
- The management of the limited liability company is vested in:     managers     members    *(check one)*
- The events, if any, on which the limited liability company is to dissolve or the number of years the limited liability company is to continue, which may be any number or perpetual: Perpetual  
*(The answer to this question could cause possible tax consequences, you may wish to consult with your attorney or accountant)*
- The name(s) and street address(es) of each organizer *(PO box may only be used in addition to a physical street address):*  
*(Organizer(s) are not required to be member(s), manager(s) or owner(s))*  

| <i>Name</i>           | <i>Address</i>                 | <i>City/State/Zip</i>            |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| <u>Quade, Crystal</u> | <u>210 W Commercial St # C</u> | <u>Springfield MO 65803-2648</u> |

# POLITICAL & IDEOLOGICAL ISSUES

## "I'M A VERY LIBERAL DEMOCRAT"

During Quade's Failed 2024 Gubernatorial Campaign, She Ran As A "Very Liberal Democrat"

VIDEO: During Quade's Kickoff For Her 2024 Gubernatorial Campaign, She Told A KTVI Reporter, "I'm A Very Liberal Democrat, And I Know That." Quade: "I'm a very liberal Democrat, and I know that." (KTVI, [Crystal Quade Interview](#), 7/10/23; 2:01 Mark)

- In KTVI's Print Story, Quade Was Quoted As Saying, "I'm A Very Liberal Democrat, But I Also Know My Job Is To Represent The People Who Send Me To Jefferson City, Not Necessarily What I Stand For, But To Hear Them And To Listen And To Do My Best To Represent." "'I'm a very liberal Democrat, but I also know my job is to represent the people who send me to Jefferson City, not necessarily what I stand for, but to hear them and to listen and to do my best to represent,' Quade said." ([KTVI](#), 7/10/23)

### Interest Group Ratings

A Review Of Missouri-Specific Interest Group Ratings Found That Quade Received High Marks From Liberal Groups And Lower Marks From Conservative And Pro-Business Groups During Her Time In The State House. (Multiple Interest Group Scorecards, Accessed 12/20/24)

- ACU: 17% Lifetime Rating
- Club For Growth: 24% Lifetime Rating
- The Freedom Index: 18% Lifetime Rating
- Inst. For Leg. Analysis: 6%
- NFIB: 50%
- Missouri Chamber: 39%
- Associated Industries: 64%
- NRA: 0%
- Sierra Club: 100%
- LEAP Forward: 100%
- Marijuana Policy Proj.: A Grade
- NORML: 92%
- Planned Parenthood: 100%
- Pro-Choice Missouri: 75%

## CAMPAIGN ENDORSEMENTS & DONORS

### Campaign Endorsements

During Quade's Legislative And Gubernatorial Campaigns, She Received Endorsements From Liberal Advocacy Groups (Bernie Sanders' Our Revolution, Indivisible), Pro-Abortion Groups (Planned Parenthood, NARAL, Missouri NOW), A Gun Control Group (Moms Demand Action), Liberal Labor Unions (SEIU, MNEA, CWA), And An LGBTQ+ Group (PROMO). (Crystal Quade Campaign Website, "Endorsements" Page, Accessed 9/21/16; Blue Voter Guide, Crystal Quade, Endorsements, Accessed 1/2/25)

### Top Campaign Donors

According To The National Institute On Money In Politics, Quade’s Top Campaign Donors During Her Time In The State House (2017-2024) Were General Trade Unions (\$56,288), Lawyers/Lobbyists (\$48,299), Transportation Unions (\$29,955), Health Professionals (\$20,530) And Retirees (\$18,190). (The National Institute On Money In Politics, [Quade-Legislative Profile](#), Accessed 1/2/25)

According To The National Institute On Money In Politics, Quade’s Top Campaign Donors During Her Failed 2024 Gubernatorial Campaign Were General Trade Unions (\$106,420), Lawyers/Lobbyists (\$91,400), Educators (\$63,767), Retirees (\$51,451) And Health Professionals (\$24,390). (The National Institute On Money In Politics, [Quade-Gubernatorial Profile](#), Accessed 1/2/25)

## PUBLIC FIGURES

### *President Joe Biden*

#### Biden’s 2020 Presidential Election

In November 2020, Quade Touted Biden’s Victory Over Trump And Thanked him “For Bringing Us Back To A Space Of Safety.” (Twitter, Crystal Quade, 11/7/20)



#### 2021 Photo With Biden

In December 2021, Quade Posed For A Picture With Biden While Both Of Them Were Masked. (Twitter, Crystal Quade, 12/8/21)



#### Proud Biden Supporter In 2023

In August 2023, Quade Said, "...I'll Be Proudly Voting For President Biden In 2024." "...Nixon is diving back into the political arena, joining a national campaign working to field a third-party candidate for president in 2024. The political organization 'No Labels' announced Nixon will serve as its ballot integrity director as it works to gain ballot access for the 2024 election cycle. ... One of the goals of No Labels in 2024 is to provide voters with an alternative candidate to a possible rematch between President Joe Biden and former President Donald Trump. 'I'm sure Governor Nixon is doing what he thinks is best for Missourians of all parties, but I'll be proudly voting for President Biden in 2024,' said Missouri House Minority Leader Rep. Crystal Quade, who is running for Governor as a Democrat. 'His administration's historic investments in infrastructure, the fact that more folks are working than ever before, and investments in making more products in America are just a few of the reasons why.'" ([KFVS](#), 8/1/23)

## 2024 Reelection Questions

VIDEO: In July 2024, Quade Dodged A Question About Whether Biden Should Continue To Run For Reelection Following A Disastrous Debate Performance, And She Praised The "Many Amazing Things" He Had Accomplished As President. Q: "What say you about Joe Biden? Should he be on the ticket in November?" Quade: "You know, one of the things that is difficult about this conversation I know for a lot of folks is that when we look at the administration, there are so many things that we can champion and that we know have been great for the state and for the country. We can point to the dollars that came down that are going to help us with I-70 and I-44, and so many amazing things." ([Fox 4 KC](#), 7/14/24; 3:30 Mark)

Later In July 2024, Quade Did Not Call On Biden To Reconsider His Reelection Campaign, Calling Him "A Good Man And A Good American." "A leading Democratic candidate for governor in Missouri is not calling on President Joe Biden to rethink his election bid amid calls by top congressional officials for him to step aside. ... Quade ... praised the 81-year-old president and said he will make the right decision about his political future. 'The Biden administration has done so much for our country and state, such as the billions of dollars of much-needed investment in Missouri's infrastructure. He is a good man and a good American, and I trust him to do what he believes is best for our country,' Quade said in a statement to *Post-Dispatch*. ... While Biden campaign officials have said the president is committed to staying in the race, high-level Democrats want him to rethink his bid as he isolates at his Delaware home after contracting COVID." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 7/20/24)

- Quade Was "Thankful" For Biden. "Missouri's Republican senators called on President Joe Biden to resign immediately after Biden announced Sunday that he would not be running for reelection, while local and state Democrats thanked Biden for his service. ...Quade of Springfield, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for governor, in a statement thanked Biden for his years of service. 'I'm thankful for President Biden's decades of dedication and service to our country, the expansion of benefits and services for our veterans, and for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that brought back billions of federal tax dollars to invest in Missouri's infrastructure,' Quade said." ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 7/22/24)
- Quade: "So Very Grateful For President Biden And All He's Been Able To Get Done, Most Notably Here In Missouri." "The Pettis County Democrat Club held an ice cream social on Thursday, July 25. ... Quade hopes to bring balance back to Missouri governance and praised President Biden for his efforts. 'So very grateful for President Biden and all he's been able to get done, most notably here in Missouri,' Quade said. 'The infrastructure money and the changes we're getting to do; the I-70 and I-44 among so many other things.'" ([The Sedalia Democrat](#), 7/26/24)

VIDEO: During A Debate Later In July 2024, Quade Remained Silent And Smiled When She Was Asked If Biden Should Step Aside And Let Another Democrat Run For President. Q: "Should President Biden step aside and let another Democrat run?" Quade: [Silence and smile.] (PBS, [Democrat Gubernatorial Debate](#), 7/29/24; 10:10 Mark)

### Biden's Decision To End His 2024 Reelection Campaign

In July 2024, Quade Praised Biden's Decision To End His Reelection Campaign, And Claimed It Energized Young People. "As far as Biden dropping from the race, Quade said the move has energized her party. 'This was the right move and what was best for the country,' Quade said. 'I'm grateful for that decision and trust his judgment in that and in terms of for the state and the change up. I'm feeling a difference in energy; we're hearing from a lot of young people who are excited by the change, and I think it's going to increase turnout quite a bit for Democrats.'" ([The Sedalia Democrat](#), 7/26/24)

### *Vice President Kamala Harris*

#### Harris' 2020 Vice Presidential Victory

In November 2020, Quade Praised Harris' Vice Presidential Victory And Stated That It Set An Example For Her Daughters. (Twitter, Crystal Quade, 11/7/20)



In February 2021, Quade Gushed About Her Daughters' Decision To Give Her Coffee In A Harris Mug. (Twitter, Crystal Quade, 2/3/21)



#### Touting Harris' Appearance At A DNC Meeting In St. Louis

In October 2023, Quade Touted The "Excitement" Of A Harris-Attended DNC Meeting In St. Louis. "Kamala Harris, the Vice President of the United States of America, spoke in Downtown St. Louis on Friday during the fall DNC meeting, addressing gun control, abortion rights and other topics. Harris and second gentleman Doug Emhoff paid a visit for the fall meeting of the Democratic National

Committee. On Friday, they met supporters at the Marriott Grand Hotel on Washington Avenue and delivered remarks at a campaign reception. ... Harris spoke for nearly half an hour about what to expect heading into the 2024 election season. ... Some local Democrats hope the DNC conference will give Missouri Democrats a boost in a state where Republicans have dominated statewide elections in recent years. ... She [Quade] said, 'We're a state that Democrats can win, and we're seeing that by the excitement that we've had every day this week.'" ([KTVI](#), 10/6/23)

- Quade Also Said Harris' Appearance At The DNC Meeting Was A Big Boost for St. Louis. "...Quade, D-Springfield, who is seeking the Democratic nomination for Missouri governor in 2024, called Harris' appearance a big boost for the city. She also said the gathering has energized her bid for the state's top job, by allowing her to meet fellow Democrats who have won elections in strong Republican states. Quade said Democrats 'need to learn how to win in red-controlled states.'" ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 10/7/23)

## *Socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders*

### Prior To Missouri's 2016 Presidential Primary, Quade Said She Was Undecided On Who She Would Support, But She Called Both Sanders And Hillary Clinton "Great Candidates"

In March 2016, Quade Said She Had Not Decided If She Would Support Clinton Or Sanders, Saying Both Were "Great Candidates." "Hillary Clinton may be in the lead in the Democratic presidential race after a strong showing on Super Tuesday, but Bernie Sanders supporters in the Springfield area remain hopeful about their candidate's chances ahead of Missouri's March 15 primary. ... Quade, a candidate in the 132nd District race, said she hadn't made up her mind between Clinton and Sanders, but would approach the vote from the standpoint of who would be best for the district. 'I think both of them are great candidates,' Quade said." ([Springfield News-Leader](#), 3/6/16)

Prior To The 2016 Democrat Presidential Primary In Missouri, Quade Attended Both Sanders And Clinton Campaign Events. (Instagram – Crystal Quade, 2/16)



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crystalquade Glad I made it to both the #imwithher and the #feelthebern watch parties tonight. There's nothing better than passionate and engaged voters! #behindthescenes #SGF #2016 #democrats

### Quade Later Stated That She Supported Sanders Over Clinton

In 2016, Quade Stated In A Survey, Which Is No Longer Available, That She Supported Sanders Over Clinton. Q: "Which Presidential candidate did you support in the March 2016 primary election?" Quade: "Bernie Sanders." (Mobilize Missouri, "[Survey Responses](#)" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

## In 2020, Quade Said She Was Remaining Neutral In The Democrat Presidential Primary Between Sanders And Joe Biden

In March 2020, Quade Said She Was Remaining Neutral In The Democrat Presidential Primary Between Sanders And Biden. "...Quade, a Springfield Democrat, called the debate between Biden and Sanders supporters a microcosm of the wider conflict in the party over the best path to victory in November: maximizing turnout in progressive pockets or to appealing to more centrist voters. 'It's a constant conversation among Missouri Democrats about how we increase turnout in the progressive areas while also reaching out to rural Missouri and hearing them and making their issues a priority,' said Quade, who is remaining neutral. 'How do we do both at the same time?'" ([Kansas City Star](#), 3/5/20)

## *Socialist Ex-Rep. Cori Bush*

VIDEO: During A July 2024 Debate, Quade Shrugged And Said It Was "Up To The Voters" When She Was Asked If Bush Had Earned Reelection To Congress. Q: "Has Congresswoman Cori Bush earned a third term in Congress?" Quade: [Shrugs] "Up to the voters." (PBS, [Democrat Gubernatorial Debate](#), 7/29/24; 10:15 Mark)

## *Former Sen. Claire McCaskill*

### Former McCaskill Staffer

From 2008 To 2010, Quade Worked As A Staff Assistant In McCaskill's Springfield Office, Where She Helped Organize Pro-ObamaCare Events. "As more and more Americans and businesses struggle to afford health care coverage, U.S. Senator Claire McCaskill has been hearing from Missourians who are concerned about health care reform efforts in Washington. During the August homework period, McCaskill will be traveling across the state hosting a series of town hall events and roundtables to gather input and listen to concerns. On Monday, August 31st, McCaskill will be traveling across the state to host health care forums in West Plains and Springfield. ... Individuals with disabilities who require auxiliary aids or services to participate in these events should contact Crystal Quade at 417-868-8745, no later than Friday, August 28, 2009." (U.S. Sen. Claire McCaskill, Press Release, 8/21/09; Legistorm, [Crystal Quade Staff Bio](#), Accessed 8/22/24)

### McCaskill Campaign Donation

In 2018, Quade Donated \$50 To McCaskill's Failed Reelection Campaign. (FEC, [Campaign Donation Database-Quade Donations](#), Accessed 1/4/25)

- *NOTE: According To State And Federal Records, Quade Has Also Made Several Small Donations To Democrat Committees And Legislative Candidates.* (FEC and MEC, Campaign Donation Databases, Accessed 1/4/25)

## *Former President Barack Obama's Organizing For America*

After Quade Left Then-Sen. Claire McCaskill's Office In 2010, She Went To Work As A Field Director For Obama's Organizing For America Group. "Local Democrats gathered this weekend to celebrate their party's legislative victory of getting health insurance reform passed through Congress this year and strategize for selling it to voters this fall. ... Organizing for America is holding meetings across the state to educate campaign volunteers on the benefits of the bill, McCann said. OFA also is planning door-to-door educating and speaking to voters at the Battlefield Farmers Market, said Crystal Quade, the Springfield field director for OFA. Educating voters on the health care law has been an emphasis this spring. But come summer, OFA will change gears to focus on getting



Democrat Robin Carnahan elected to the U.S. Senate in November, McCann said." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 4/18/10)

## *President-Elect Donald Trump*

### Confidential Records Dispute

In 2022, Quade Blasted Then-Attorney General Eric Schmitt For Filing A Brief In Support Of Trump In His Dispute With The FBI Over Confidential Records. She Claimed Trump "Apparently Stole Classified Documents And Endangered Our Nation's Security." "...Schmitt on Tuesday signed onto a brief that backs former President Donald Trump in his ongoing legal dispute with the Department of Justice over classified documents seized by the FBI at Trump's Mar-a-Lago resort in Florida. ... Quade, a Springfield Democrat, said in a statement that the brief illustrated a new low for the Republican attorney general. 'Eric Schmitt has a well-established record for wasting Missouri taxpayer dollars on politically motivated lawsuits he hopes will benefit his Senate campaign,' the statement said. 'But using his office to defend a man who apparently stole classified documents and endangered our nation's security is low even for him.'" (*Kansas City Star*, 9/20/22)

### Hush Money Trial

In 2024, Quade Responded To Trump's Guilty Verdict In A New York Hush Money Trial By Saying She Was Focused On Helping Struggling Missourians. "...Trump was found guilty on all 34 counts in his New York hush money trial Thursday afternoon. The former president was convicted of falsifying business records to hide a hush money payment to porn star Stormy Daniels ahead of the 2016 presidential election. ... Quade, who represents Missouri's 132nd District and serves as the state's minority leader, wants to change the narrative altogether. 'I believe in our legal system, but I'm more focused on how we can help Missourians struggling between paying their utilities or putting food on the table, not D.C. or New York,' Quade told the *News-Leader* in an email statement." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 5/31/24)

### 2020 Election Challenges

In December 2020, Quade Called Republican-Backed Challenges To Biden's Electoral Victory Over Trump "Insanity On A Fast Track To Dystopian Nightmare." "At least 66 Republican state lawmakers from Missouri on Thursday signed a letter calling on Congress to reject presidential electoral votes from swing states that went for President-elect Joe Biden. ... Quade in a statement called actions by Schmitt and the state House 'insanity on a fast track to dystopian nightmare.' 'By seeking to invalidate the lawful votes of other states in a ludicrous attempt to steal the presidential election for Donald Trump, the attorney general and House Republicans have abandoned all pretense of support for and belief in democracy,' she said 'Their actions cannot be dismissed as mere partisan scheming and are dangerous to the integrity of our entire system of government.'" (*The Associated Press*, 12/10/20)

### January 6, 2021

In January 2021, Quade Said The Events Of Jan. 6 Were An "Affront To Democracy And Everything America Represents." "...Quade said it's 'an affront to democracy and everything America represents.' Both Quade and Rizzo had called on Missouri Republican leaders to condemn the violence." (*The Associated Press*, 1/6/21)

- "Armed Insurrection" And "Violent Coup." "In a press conference, Quade described the mob at the U.S. Capitol as an 'armed insurrection' and 'violent coup attempt.' Objections to the presidential election results aren't just delusional but dangerous, Quade, a Democrat from

Springfield, said. ... 'Refusing to accept the outcome of an election you lose isn't an American value. It isn't a conservative value,' Quade said. 'It's what totalitarian regimes do, and embracing that mindset will destroy our country.'" (Missouri Independent, 1/7/21)

- "The Biggest Threat To Our Democracy Since The Civil War." "House Democrats also brought up elections during their post-session media briefing. 'Just before the session began, 54 House Republicans, including the current speaker, signed a letter promoting the 'Big Lie' about the 2020 presidential election,' Quade said. 'The letter's organizer skipped the first day of the session to attend the Jan. 6 insurrection at which thousands of people stormed our nation's capital. That day marked the biggest threat to our democracy since the Civil War.'" (The Center Square, 5/14/21)

### Sen. Josh Hawley

In January 2021, Quade-Led House Democrats Filed A Resolution (HCR 10) To Urge Hawley To Resign Following The Events Of January 6, 2021. "Missouri House Democrats have filed Concurrent Resolution 10 to urge U.S. Senator Josh Hawley to resign. They say that he played a leading role to incite last week's riot at the U.S. Capitol in Washington D.C. ... 'Josh Hawley's disdain for democracy created the conditions that resulted in the deaths of a Capitol police officer and at least four others,' writes Democratic House Minority Leader Crystal Quade of Springfield. 'Nearly a week later, Hawley has spent more time complaining about the cancellation of his book deal than he has lamenting this needless loss of life. A person such as this has no business serving in the U.S. Senate.'" (WDAF, 1/12/21)

## BEHAVING LIKE A TYPICAL CAREER POLITICIAN

### Bad At Her Job

#### State Legislative Failures

During Quade's Time In The State House (2017-2024), She Sponsored 67 Bills And Resolutions, None Of Which Passed. (Missouri State House, [Quade Sponsorships](#), 2017-2024)

| Year          | Total Quade-Sponsored Bills & Resolutions | Bills & Resolutions That Passed The House | Bills That Were Signed Into Law |
|---------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| 2017          | 4   | 0   | 0                               |
| 2018          | 5   | 0   | 0                               |
| 2019          | 8   | 0   | 0                               |
| 2020          | 10  | 0   | 0                               |
| 2021          | 5   | 0   | 0                               |
| 2022          | 10  | 0   | 0                               |
| 2023          | 13  | 0   | 0                               |
| 2024          | 12  | 0   | 0                               |
| <b>Totals</b> | <b>67</b>                                 | <b>0</b>                                  | <b>0</b>                        |

#### While None Of Quade's Sponsored Legislation Passed The State House, She Claimed Credit For Inserting Language Into Republican-Sponsored Legislation

In 2021, Quade Was Credited With Inserting Child Care Subsidy Language Into A Republican-Sponsored Bill. "...Quade, who managed to get language regarding state child care subsidies into a widely praised bill that GOP Rep. Hannah Kelly sponsored, said legislative success showed that 'our caucus is getting stronger and stronger every single day.' 'And it doesn't take a supermajority to pass good legislation,' said Quade, D-Springfield." (St. Louis Public Radio, 5/17/21)

- Additional Background: "After a yearslong campaign, legislation supported by Rep. Crystal Quade, D-Springfield, was signed into law this week by Gov. Mike Parson. House Bill 432

includes a provision addressing the 'cliff effect,' a term referring to a disproportionate loss in government assistance when a person receives a pay raise at work. The provision creates a pilot program in Greene and Christian counties to taper public benefits so that recipients will not lose them when they reach certain income levels. 'Too many parents are caught in the trap of needing help to pay for child care so that they can go to work,' Quade said in a July 14 Facebook post. 'To add to that, our system is structured so that if you take a small pay raise it can put you over the threshold and you can no longer get assistance. You are then forced to choose between a better-paying job or a job promotion and literally being able to go to work at all.' The bill was sponsored by Rep. Hannah Kelly, R-Mountain Grove. The legislation for the 'protection of vulnerable persons' includes provisions related to restraint policies in schools, sheltered workshop wages and government assistance, according to [House.Mo.gov](http://House.Mo.gov). Quade said in the Facebook post she has worked on the legislation since 2016, the year she was first elected." ([Springfield Business Journal](#), 7/16/21)

In 2024, Quade Claimed "Several Pieces Of My Legislation Passed, They Just Didn't Happen To Have My Name On It..." "She [Quade] said being in the super minority in the House would serve as an advantage in the governor's office because she's learned to find common ground with Republicans. 'I've had several pieces of my legislation passed, they just didn't happen to have my name on it, because I have built relationships with folks on the other side,' Quade said." ([KBIA](#), 8/1/24)

### Failure To Break The GOP's Supermajority And A Lopsided Gubernatorial Defeat

In Addition To Quade's Lopsided 2024 Gubernatorial Defeat To Republican Michael Kehoe, KSMU Reported Her Confidence That Democrats Would Break The GOP's Supermajority "Turned Out To Be Misplaced." "At the end of the 2024 legislative session, Missouri Democrats were in an unusual position of feeling confident about the upcoming election. Democratic gubernatorial candidate Crystal Quade told reporters at one of her final press conferences as minority leader that her caucus would break the GOP supermajority thanks to backlash over abortion and other issues. That confidence turned out to be misplaced. Not only were Democrats completely demolished in statewide office races, but the party failed to gain any seats in the House or Senate. Even the long-awaited return of a Boone County-based Senate seat to the Democratic fold got canceled when the GOP captured a Kansas City-area seat encompassing Independence." ([KSMU](#), 12/31/24)

- Additional Info: "'Folks are excited about Missouri being back on the map,' said Quade, a Springfield Democrat and state House minority leader, about the conference attendees. 'As we all know, we used to be considered quite a swing state, but in the last couple cycles, Missouri has definitely gone more to the right in the election results.' ... The game changer this year, both Hamra and Quade agreed, could be a ballot measure to enshrine abortion rights in Missouri's constitution that will likely come before voters in November." ([St. Louis Business Journal](#), 7/9/24)

### *Jumping To The Front Of The COVID-19 Vaccine Line*

In January 2021, Quade Alerted Fellow Legislators And Staff To Get COVID-19 Vaccine Shots That Were Intended For Elderly And Frontline State Employees. "A slew of Missouri lawmakers swarmed the Capitol Plaza Hotel Wednesday to get their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine alongside other state workers. There was just one problem: it wasn't their turn. The hotel clinic was supposed to be vaccinating critical workers in the state's public safety and transportation departments as well as other employees currently eligible for shots based on their age or risk factors. Lawmakers, for their part, aren't scheduled to become eligible until the next tier of the rollout. But on Wednesday

morning, House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield, and her staff started hearing that the clinic was accepting all comers. Quade went over, confirmed the rumors and quickly sent an email to her caucus and their staffers letting them know about the availability. 'All staff, including us, capitol plaza hotel,' she wrote in a clarifying text message. 'No appointments needed. Must have ID. The line is decently long but it's moving fast.' ... In an interview later in the afternoon, Quade conceded she had made a mistake, saying she did not intend to break any rules. She said she asked vaccinators at the clinic whether or not she was eligible to be immunized and they said she was. Many other lawmakers and state employees appeared to be in the same boat, she said. 'It was amazing how many people were there that weren't from (eligible groups),' she said. 'There were so many people in line.' Quade said her efforts to spread the word also came from a basic desire to protect her caucus and staff working in a building that attracts hundreds of people from all over the state each week, many of whom do not wear masks or observe other precautions. ... 'We're in this place where so many people still refuse to wear masks with staff who are some of the lowest-paid in the country,' Quade said. 'It's a chaotic mess.'" ([Springfield News-Leader](#), 2/3/21)

- **Quade, Who Received A Shot, Claimed She Was Confused By The Vaccine Rollout Efforts.**  
"Rumors the state had made doses of the COVID-19 vaccine available to lawmakers and their employees set off a scramble on Wednesday that resulted in numerous lawmakers receiving shots not intended for them. ... Quade, D-Springfield, said Wednesday she heard from a senator that shots would be available, and said she alerted other Democrats via email and group text message. 'As soon as I learned that it was accessible for legislators and staff, I let my caucus know that that was happening because I, of course, didn't want that information to not be shared with them,' Quade said, adding that she also received a shot. ... Quade said she asked the people administering the vaccine questions about the process. 'We hadn't heard anything, of course, other than just word of mouth and then when we went there they were of course like - yes, everyone,' she said. 'Later to find out that that wasn't for us. And that's, you know, a frustrating thing.' ... Quade said Wednesday's confusion was emblematic of problems with vaccine rollout efforts. 'Even folks in Jefferson City don't know what's going on,' she said. 'The rollout has been ridiculous and it's messy and we need some clear direction on how Missouri's going to get out of this.'" ([St. Louis Post-Dispatch](#), 1/28/21)

## *Overseeing A "Toxic Culture"*

In 2021, Staffers Who Worked For The Quade-Led House Democrats Accused Her And Other Officials Of Promoting A "Toxic Culture" And Turning A Blind Eye In Their Response To An Investigation That Accused Then-State Rep. Wiley Price Of Threatening An Aide To Cover Up His Sexual Encounter With An Intern. "In a rare sign of rebellion, legislative aides who work for Missouri House Democrats are accusing their party's leaders of doing more to protect a fellow lawmaker than employees. The group of staffers, who requested that their identities be withheld for fear of retribution, are upset with how Democrats handled a House Ethics Committee report accusing state Rep. Wiley Price of harassment and retaliation against an aide who reported an alleged violation of House rules barring sexual relations between lawmakers and interns. The House voted 140-3 last week to censure Price, D-St. Louis, after a Republican-led effort to expel him failed to receive the necessary 2/3 majority. Only one Democrat voted in favor of expelling Price. The staffers, who work for Democrats from across the state as well as the demographic and ideological spectrum, detailed their concerns in an article submitted to *The Independent* this week. They say they were compelled to make their feelings public because of a 'toxic culture' in the Capitol that 'turns a blind eye to abuses of power when it's politically expedient.' Subsequent interviews with House Democratic staff

not involved with the op-ed mirrored its sentiment. 'We work tirelessly in an already toxic environment to support the Democratic Caucus when it needs us,' the legislative staff wrote. 'But when we most needed them, where was their support? Strategically absent.' ... The House Ethics Committee, made up of five Republicans and five Democrats, voted unanimously last month to recommend censuring Price. The committee concluded that he lied during a legislative investigation of an alleged sexual encounter with an intern and threatened the legislative assistant who reported the encounter." ([Missouri Independent](#), 1/22/21)

- **The Staffers Singled Out Quade For Criticism.** "When the ethics committee released its report, Republican leadership quickly issued a statement declaring that they stood behind the findings and that Price would face punishment. Quade responded to the findings with a statement saying that 'the next step will be for the full House to evaluate the evidence and determine appropriate action.' The staff called Quade's statement 'milquetoast.' When the House took up the committee's report for debate last week, Democrats ended up defending Price from an attempt by Republican lawmakers to go beyond the ethics committee's recommended punishment of censure and instead to expel him from the House. Ultimately, the GOP couldn't muster the two-thirds majority needed for expulsion, and Price was censured 140-3, with eight Democratic members voting 'present.' The Democratic staffers who reached out to The Independent said watching the debate unfold last week 'was like watching an episode of the Twilight Zone.' They wrote: 'People who we admire actively let us down, and people for whom we have no warm feelings rushed to our defense. It is shameful that the Democratic Caucus, a group that consistently claims the mantle of championing dignity for working people, should be so complicit in worsening an already toxic environment for their own employees.' Quade said last week's debate 'certainly didn't go in any way how we expected it to go.' Democrats didn't know that the GOP were going to push to expel Price until an hour before the debate began, Quade said. 'As you can guess we were all very blindsided by it,' she said. 'We had folks prepared to talk about the need for censure, and it was going to be a very different conversation. We didn't say the things that we wanted to say that day.' Instead, Quade says Democrats were forced to defend the recommendation of the committee. 'It was about the future of that committee,' she said. 'It was about ensuring that folks have a place to go that is respected and trusted when they have concerns, and respecting the work that those individuals on the committee did for nearly a year.' When the committee unanimously voted to censure but not expel Price, she said, 'I had to trust that they did their due diligence.' In their submission to The Independent, the staff called Democrats' defense of the process 'empty platitudes,' especially when compared to the public statements made that day by Republicans. 'In fact,' they wrote, 'if the thesis of the Democrats was 'we need to respect the process,' that of the Republicans was 'we need to respect staff.'"  
([Missouri Independent](#), 1/22/21)
- **Quade Said The Concerns Expressed By The Aides Made Her Sad.** "...Quade, D-Springfield, said in an interview that she has certainly heard from lots of people who were not happy with how the process played out, including Democratic staff. 'It makes me sad that folks feel betrayed,' Quade said when asked about the reaction of Democratic staff. 'That is the first feeling that I have. It makes me feel sad.'"  
([Missouri Independent](#), 1/22/21)

Three Days After Quade Was Criticized By The Aides, Her Caucus Kicked Out Price. "Missouri House Democrats on Sunday kicked out a member of their caucus as punishment for threatening a staffer and lying during an ethics investigation. House Minority Leader Crystal Quade in a statement said the caucus voted out Rep. Wiley Price, of St. Louis. Price was accused of having sex with an

intern in January 2020, which he denied. A House Ethics Committee investigation found he retaliated against his staffer after she reported the allegation. The committee also found that Price lied while under investigation." ([The Associated Press](#), 1/25/21)

## 5% Pay Hike

In January 2021, Quade Voted "Present" On A Measure To Reject A 5% Pay Hike For Herself. "Top state officials are getting a raise this year. For the first time since 2007, state legislators did not pass a resolution blocking the pay hikes recommended by an independent commission, clearing the way for a 5% bump for lawmakers and statewide officials over the next two years. By July 2022, the governor will make \$140,596, up nearly \$6,800 from the current rate and good for 29th-highest among his peers in other states. Missouri state senators and representatives will move to \$37,711 per year, an increase of roughly \$1,800. The increases will cost around \$420,000 through the next two fiscal years. ... McDaniel, R-Deering, urged his colleagues to pass his negating resolution, arguing that it would be wrong to spend more money on themselves when people are hurting back home. ... Ultimately, the resolution to reject the raises fell 11 votes short of the two-thirds majority required. ... Fishel and Democrat Crystal Quade voted 'present,' meaning they did not take a side." ([Springfield News-Leader](#), 1/30/21)

## Criticism Of Term Limits

### Quade Has Voted Against Term Limits, And She Criticized Them As "Extremely Detrimental"

In May 2019, Quade Voted Against A Resolution (SJR 14) To Impose Term Limits On All Statewide Elected Officials In Missouri. "Amendment 1 would impose two-term limits on all of Missouri's statewide elected officials. Only the governor and treasurer are term-limited in statewide office in Missouri. ... The amendment that began as SJR 14, sponsored by Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer, was approved by the Senate in 2019 on the final day of session. Luetkemeyer said the amendment would 'ensure there is always a fresh perspective in government.' 'Amendment 1 brings consistency to our state's term limits by ensuring that all statewide elected officials are subject to the same limitations imposed on the governor, treasurer, and legislature,' Luetkemeyer told the Missouri Times." (Missouri Times, 9/29/20; Missouri State House Journal, SJR 14, 5/17/19, Overall Vote: 114-32, Quade Voted No)

During A 2020 Reddit AMA, Quade Stated That Term Limits Were "Extremely Detrimental." (Reddit, [Quade AMA](#), 2020)



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Money and special interests! Until Citizens United is overturned, I do not believe we will ever completely beat this. A sometime unpopular opinion- I believe term limits as we have them in MO are extremely detrimental. Legislators can serve 8 years in the house, it is constant campaign season. This is a multi fold issue. When it comes to policy- the institutional knowledge rests with the lobbyists. We have Reps who max are here for 8 years and staff that are vastly underpaid so turn over is high. Whenever you need to know any history about legislation- the lobbyists are the ones. With that their influence on policy is huge. On the campaign side, it costs so much to run for office. When elections are every two years, and you have legislators always looking to their next office because of limits, money is prevalent.

How do we stop it? Help elect people who believe it is a problem. Elect people who are there to their job and not constantly working on the next office. Support policy changes that impact campaign finance reforms. Pay attention to the money- who pays for the lobbyists, which bills move, and how much those Reps are receiving in contributions. Then work to change who you send here.

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In May 2022, Quade Voted Against A Resolution (SCR 25) To Call A Convention Of The States To Propose A Federal Constitutional Amendment To Impose Term Limits On Members Of Congress. "SCR 25 - This concurrent resolution applies to the United States Congress, under the provisions of Article V of the United States Constitution, for the calling of a convention of the states for the limited purpose of proposing an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that limits the number of terms that a person may be elected to the United States House of Representatives and the United States Senate." (Missouri State Senate, SCR 25, 2022 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, SCR 25, 5/10/22, Overall Vote: 82-66, Quade Voted No)

In March 2023, Quade Claimed Term Limits Gave Lobbyists Too Much Power In Jefferson City. "...Quade, a Springfield Democrat, said Clean Missouri did not result in significant changes in the way business is conducted in Jefferson City. While the measure banned lobbyist gifts, there are still workarounds, she said. And term limits mean that lobbyists still hold remarkable sway in the Capitol. 'I don't feel like there's any difference in terms of how much influence a lobbyist has on a member,' she said. 'The reality of term limits makes it so that all institutional knowledge and, quite frankly, influence that comes with expertise lies with lobbyists, because they're the only ones who've been here for 20 or 30 years.'" ([Kansas City Star](#), 3/12/23)

## *Opposition To A Voter-Approved Plan To Ban Lobbyist Gifts*

In May 2020, Quade Criticized And Voted Against A Proposed Constitutional Amendment (SJR 38) To Ask Voters To Overhaul "Clean Missouri" By Banning Lobbyist Gifts And Overhauling The Redistricting Process. Voters Later Approved Amendment 3. "A new version of 'Clean Missouri' is steps away from reappearing on November's ballot following a committee vote in favor of the issue last Thursday. The proposal, Senate Joint Resolution 38, sponsored by State Sen. Dan Hegeman, R-Cosby, would alter changes made to the state constitution by voters during the November 2018 election, including revisions to the redistricting process in Missouri. The original Clean Missouri constitutional amendment passed by 62% statewide and empowered a non-partisan state demographer to oversee redistricting. It also put in strict limits on lobbyist gifts and lowered some campaign contributions for state lawmakers, among other things. The proposed changes would remove the state demographer from that role and put redistricting power back in the hands of Missouri House of Representatives and Missouri Senate commissions. Additionally, it would eliminate lobbyist gifts entirely (the current Clean Missouri cap is \$5) and change the limit on Missouri Senate campaign contributions from \$2,500 to \$2,400. ... Quade, who is not on the House General Laws Committee, spoke in opposition, criticizing the attempt to undo the changes before they were actually put into practice. The committee voted 9-4 for the resolution immediately after testimony concluded. 'It is disappointing, but not surprising, that Republican leadership has chosen to prioritize blatantly partisan legislation to overturn voter-approved redistricting reforms instead of focusing on the public health threat and economic devastation from COVID-19,' Quade said in a statement." (Missouri News Network, 5/13/20; Missouri State House Journal, SJR 38, 5/13/20, 98-56, Quade Voted No)

- In April 2019, Quade Voted Against A Predecessor To SJR 38 That Also Included Language To Ban All Lobbyist Gifts. "Legislation walking back voter-approved redistricting alterations gained initial approval from the Missouri House. The Republican-led effort was criticized as a move to 'overturn the will of the voters' and referred to as 'childish.' Yet, supporters stood their ground, arguing it's an 'improvement' on the so-called Clean Missouri amendment and is 'better, more comprehensive' ethics reform. On Monday, the chamber pass HJR 48, sponsored by Rep. Dean Plocher, with a 104-49 vote. The legislation, which heads to the Senate, would ban all gifts from



lobbyists to elected officials and repeals the new redistricting provisions, replacing them with the previous method.” (Missouri Times, 4/29/19; Missouri State House Journal, HJR 48, 4/29/19, Overall Vote: 104-49, Quade Voted No)



# ON THE ISSUES

## FEDERAL-LEVEL TAX ISSUES

### Trump Tax Cuts – “A Bad Deal For Missouri”

In 2017, Quade Criticized The Trump Tax Cuts As “A Bad Deal For Missouri.” “...Quade, Greg Razer, Peter Merideth, and Doug Beck sent a letter to Governor Greitens asking how he plans to fill the massive budget hole estimated at up to \$1 billion that will result from the Congressional tax plan. ‘You have previously expressed your support for this federal legislation, but have not outlined how you plan to make up the hole this legislation will blow in our state’s budget,’ wrote the Representatives. ‘Will you further cut healthcare for the elderly and disabled? Will you cut public education funding? Will you raise state taxes to cover the shortfall cancelling out the little, if any, benefit middle class Missourians may see from this federal tax legislation?’ ... ‘We write to you today to express our deep concern with the impact that the Congressional tax legislation will have on our state budget and consequently, hard-working Missourians. This legislation, which is expected to be signed into law this month, is a bad deal for Missouri. It will result in higher taxes for many Missouri families in order to finance a huge tax giveaway to the wealthy, while doing nothing to close loopholes for big corporations or simplify the tax code.’” (Missouri Democrat Party, Press Release, 12/14/17)

- In 2025, Congress Will Debate Extending The Quade-Opposed Trump Tax Cuts. According To The Republican-Led House Ways & Means Committee, The Average Missouri Taxpayer Would See A 26% Tax Hike If Trump’s Tax Cuts Are Allowed To Expire. (U.S. House Ways & Means Committee, Press Release, November 2024)

#### Key Individual Tax Policies from the Trump Tax Cuts Set to Expire for Missouri Constituents

##### Tax Hikes Looming for Missouri Residents on December 31, 2025:

- Missouri is home to 3,832,520 taxpayers.
- The average taxpayer in Missouri would see a 26% tax hike if the Trump Tax Cuts expire.
- A family of 4 making \$68,545, the median income in Missouri, would see a \$1,333 tax increase if the Trump Tax Cuts expire.
  - This is worth about 7 weeks of groceries to a typical family of 4 in the region.



| Impact on Missouri Residents by the Numbers |   |
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| 692,430                                     | Missouri families would see their household’s Child Tax Credit cut in half.                                   |
| 93%   | of Missouri taxpayers would see their Guaranteed Deduction slashed in half.                                   |
| 396,040                                     | Small Businesses in Missouri would be hit with a 43.4% tax rate if the 199A Small Business Deduction expires. |
| 85,267                                      | Missouri taxpayers would be impacted by the return of the Alternative Minimum Tax.                            |
| 84,372                                      | Family-Owned Farms in Missouri would have their Death Tax Exemption slashed in half next year.                |

## Single-Payer Health Care System

In 2016, Quade Supported The Creation Of A Single-Payer Health Care System. Q: "Do you support a single payer healthcare system?" Quade: "Yes." (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

- In 2019, The Mercatus Center Estimated A Single-Payer Health Care System In The U.S. Would Cost Up To \$60.7 Trillion And Cost A Typical American \$10,000 Per Year. "A new report estimates a single-payer health care system in the United States would cost between \$54.6 and \$60.7 trillion over the first 10 years. Implementation of Medicare for All would require enormous tax increases, report author Charles E. Blahous of the Mercatus Center concludes. Blahous states 'the initial federal obligations would be in the ballpark of \$10,000 annually per person. Even if M4A fully liberated Americans from all their current health care expenses, ... a family of four might still strongly object to having to send an additional \$40,000 to Washington each year on top of their current tax burdens.'" ([The Heartland Institute](#), 4/29/19)

## President Joe Biden's Failed American Families Plan

In June 2021, Quade Praised Biden's Failed American Families Plan As "An Investment In Our Communities." "Yesterday, dozens of state and local leaders and organizations across the country praised President Joe Biden's proposed investments in the American Families Plan to create a national comprehensive paid family and medical leave program. Governors, mayors, state lawmakers from across the country highlighted the urgent need to support workers and families by making this critical investment to promote equity - and in turn, strength - of our economy. Here is what they are saying: ... Quade: 'The #AmericanFamiliesPlan is an investment in our communities. By expanding access to parental and medical #PaidLeave we're backing the middle class and creating jobs.'" (President Joe Biden, [Press Release](#), 6/11/21)

- The Committee For A Responsible Budget Estimated The American Families Plan Would Increase Taxes By \$800 Billion On High-Earning American Families. (Committee For A Responsible Budget, "[What's In President Biden's American Families Plan?](#)" 4/28/21)

| Increase Taxes on High-Income Households   | -\$800 billion              |
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| Increase capital gains and dividends taxes (tax as ordinary income above \$1m, eliminate step-up basis above \$1m, close carried interest and real estate loopholes) | -\$400 billion <sup>^</sup> |
| Apply 3.8 percent Medicare tax to all income above \$400,000   | -\$200 billion <sup>^</sup> |
| Increase top individual tax rate from 37% to 39.6%   | -\$100 billion <sup>^</sup> |
| Permanently extend the current limitation in place that restricts large, excess business losses  | -\$100 billion <sup>^</sup> |

## Financial Transaction Tax

In 2016, Quade Voiced Support For Imposing A Financial Transaction Tax To Fund Free College. Q: "Do you support a transaction tax that would ensure free public college tuition?" Quade: "Yes. As a graduate with nearly \$30,000 debt for my undergraduate degree, I fully support helping everyone achieve their goals of higher education." (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

- Earlier In 2016, Socialist Sen. Bernie Sanders Proposed A \$75 Billion/Yr. Financial Transaction Tax To Fund Free College. Such A Tax Would Have Imposed A Fee On Every Stock And Bond

Transaction. "One of the core parts of the Sanders campaign platform, the Wall Street speculation tax - otherwise known as a 'financial transaction tax' - aims to raise billions of dollars in revenue by placing a small levy on every stock, bond and derivative bought and sold in the United States. He says such a measure would cover the entirety of his \$75-billion-a-year plan to make free college a reality in America." ([TheStreet.com](https://www.thestreet.com), 2/21/16)

## *Increasing The Income Cap For Social Security Taxes*

In 2016, Quade Backed Increasing The Cap On Income That Is Subject To Social Security Taxes. Q: "Do you support a social security cap increase?" Quade: "Yes." (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

## STATE-LEVEL TAX ISSUES

### *Campaigning For Governor In Support Of Tax Hikes*

#### "A More Fair Tax Code That Makes The Wealthy Pay Their Fair Share"

During Quade's Failed 2024 Gubernatorial Campaign, She Favored A "More Fair Tax Code That Makes The Wealthy Pay Their Fair Share." Quade: "Too often over the last few years, the tax cuts in Missouri have been focused on the large corporations and the richest amongst us while regular folks struggle. I would make sure we have a more fair tax code that makes the wealthy pay their fair share and puts more money back in your wallet. That means cutting taxes on things like groceries and diapers." ([The Beacon News](https://www.thebeaconnews.com), 10/3/24)

#### Eliminating The Grocery Sales Tax While Increasing Taxes On Boats And Foreign-Owned Farms

In 2024, Quade Campaigned To Eliminate The Sales Tax On Groceries And Replace The Lost Revenue With Tax Hikes On Boats And Foreign-Owned Farms. "One of the key proposals Quade is putting forward is to eliminate the state's tax on groceries, something she said could be helpful to working-class Missourians who are struggling with higher food prices. Quade said her plan would include creating a fund to make sure that municipalities don't lose critical revenue. And she's floated taxes on things like yachts and foreign-owned farms as a way to eventually make the loss of the tax sustainable in the long term." ([KSMU](https://www.ksmu.com), 6/18/24)

- AUDIO: During A June 2024 Interview, Quade Suggested She Would Impose Tax Hikes On Several Items To Offset The Lost Revenue From Her Grocery Tax Relief Plan. Q: "It doesn't seem like there's enough [tax hikes] to recoup potentially hundreds of millions of dollars [in losses from cutting the grocery tax]." Quade: "And that's just, yes, the list could go on, right. Boats." ([KSMU, Quade Interview](https://www.ksmu.com), 6/18/24; 13:20 Mark)

### *Gas Tax Hikes*

#### Quade Repeatedly Voted In Favor Of Increasing The Gas Tax

In April 2017, Quade Voted For A Rejected Amendment To Ask Missouri Voters To Increase The Gas Tax By 34%. "The Missouri House of Representatives on Wednesday rejected a proposal to let voters decide whether to raise the state's gasoline tax by nearly 6 cents a gallon in 2018. The measure failed 51-103. Voting against the issue were three Northeast Missouri legislators -- Craig Redmon, R-Canton; Jim Hansen, R-Frankford; and Lindell Shumake, R-Hannibal. The proposed tax hike was introduced as an amendment to Redmon's House Bill 694, which won initial approval Wednesday

allowing the state to tax propane-fueled vehicles. The amendment called for raising the fourth-lowest fuel tax in the country from 17 cents - set in 1996 - to 22.9 cents per gallon, which would have put the rate above the national average of 21.09 cents per gallon, according to the American Petroleum Institute." (*Quincy Herald-Whig*, 4/13/17; Missouri State House Journal, HA 1 to HB 694, 4/12/17, Overall Vote: 51-103, Quade Voted Yes)

In May 2018, Quade Voted For A Voter-Rejected Measure (HB 1460) To Increase The Gas Tax By 59%. "SaferMO.com is a campaign committee dedicated to the passage of Proposition D — which was sent to the voters by the General Assembly through HB 1460. The measure is asking Missourians to approve a 10 cent fuel tax increase, the creation of an 'Emergency State Freight Bottleneck Fund,' and exempting Olympic winnings from state income taxes." (*Missouri Times*, 7/13/18; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1460, 5/18/18, Overall Vote: 88-60, Quade Voted Yes)

In May 2021, Quade Voted For A Parson-Signed 74% Gas Tax Hike (SB 262). "Quade praised Democrats for playing decisive roles in passing a prescription drug monitoring program and establishing a state sales tax for online retailers. No one took credit for the gasoline tax, led by Senator Dave Schatz, R-Sullivan. However, Quade said it was an example of poor policy decisions by the Republicans. 'We have to go to things like regressive taxes and increasing the (gasoline) tax to repair roads and bridges,' Quade said. 'We have to do that because the Republican majority refuses to fix it through policy. The gas tax increase was not the solution, it was a band-aid. We supported it because it absolutely had to get done. People are begging for infrastructure help and we don't want to be liable when bridges collapse.'" (*The Center Square*, 5/14/21; Missouri State House Journal, SB 262, 5/11/21, Overall Vote: 104-52, Quade Voted Yes)

## *Failed Tobacco Tax Hike*

In October 2016, Quade Called A Voter-Rejected Ballot Measure (Amendment 3) To Increase The State's Tobacco Tax A "Scapegoat" For Legislators Who Underfunded Education. "Even among those who support raising tobacco taxes, Amendment 3 was roundly criticized at the candidate forum Tuesday. ... Quade, a Democrat running in the 132nd District, called the amendment a 'scapegoat' for legislators who hadn't properly funded early childhood education." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 10/6/16)

## *Online Sales Tax*

### Quade Repeatedly Stated Her Support For Imposing An Online Sales Tax, And, In 2021, She Voted For A Parson-Signed Bill To Impose Such A Tax

In December 2017, Quade Estimated Her Failed Bill (HB 1699) To Impose An Online Sales Tax Would Generate \$358 Million/Yr. "Missouri would also take a step toward collecting sales tax on online transactions under Eigel's bill, which calls for the Department of Revenue to join the Streamlined Sales & Use Tax Agreement. Previous estimates for similar legislation put additional revenue just from taxing e-commerce at between \$108 million and \$210 million. Rep. Crystal Quade, a Springfield Democrat who has pre-filed similar legislation, says total additional revenue for her bill is estimated to be about \$358 million." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 12/11/17)

In November 2019, Quade Called For Imposing An Online Sales Tax. "She [Quade] then added that she thinks the state should be looking for new funding sources for education, like a sales tax on online purchases the state doesn't currently enforce." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 11/10/19)

In August 2020, Quade Reiterated Her Support For Imposing An Online Sales Tax. Q: "What will you do as a legislator to minimize the impact of any economic downturn on the state budget?" ... Quade: "We need to create new revenue, not only to help with this downturn, but so that when we are hit with unexpected budget impacts we are able to endure them. We need to pass an online sales tax to ensure our brick-and-mortar stores are on the same playing field as online retailers and create \$180 million in both state and local revenues." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 8/25/20)

In May 2021, Quade Voted For A Parson-Signed Bill (SBs 153 & 97) To Impose An Online Sales Tax. "In legislative jargon, it's called the Wayfair fix. What it means is a change in state law that makes online retailers liable to the state for sales tax on purchases delivered into Missouri. And Thursday, House and Senate negotiators agreed on a compromise bill based on the Supreme Court's 2018 ruling upholding South Dakota's tax law. The Senate voted 25-4 at 2:15 a.m. Friday to approve the bill. The House followed suit early Friday afternoon, sending it to Gov. Mike Parson on a vote of 145-6. If signed by Parson, Missouri would be the last state with a sales tax to adopt a law capturing revenue from out of state sales. ... The major differences between the House and Senate were over provisions intended to offset the estimated \$80 million to \$120 million collecting the tax will add annually to the general revenue fund." ([Missouri Independent](#), 5/14/21; Missouri State House Journal, SBs 153 & 6, 5/14/21, Overall Vote: 145-6, Quade Voted Yes)

## *Targeting A Sales Tax Discount Program For Businesses*

### Pro-Elimination In 2016

In November 2016, Quade Said ObamaCare's Medicaid Expansion Could Be Funded By Eliminating A Sales Tax Discount Program For Businesses. "Quade cited the Missouri Budget Project's analysis when she said she thinks Medicaid expansion would create jobs, which would bolster the Missouri's economy. She said she believes paying for the state's share of expanded Medicaid could be accomplished by eliminating an existing discount for companies that repay their sales and use taxes to the state in a timely manner." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 11/4/16)

### Pro-Scaling Back In 2020

In August 2020, Quade Called For Scaling Back The \$114 Million/Yr. Sales Tax Discount Program. Quade: "Another source of revenue is adjusting the 'timely filing discount,' which allows retailers to retain a portion of taxes they collect from customers if they remit taxes in a timely manner. This is the second-most generous in the country and cost \$114 million in 2016. Bringing this discount in line with other states would allow us to make much-needed investments in Missouri." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 8/25/20)

## *Grocery Sales Tax Relief...With Strings Attached*

### Failed Bills In 2022 And 2023

In 2022 And 2023, Quade Sponsored Failed Bills (HB 2249, HB 377) To Eliminate The Grocery Sales Tax And Offset The Lost Revenue By Imposing A 1% Income Tax Hike On Foreign-Owned Businesses. (Missouri State House, HB 2249, 2022 Session, Bill Summary, Accessed 1/2/25; HB 377, 2023 Session, Bill Summary, Accessed 1/2/25)

HB 2249 -- TAXATION

SPONSOR: Quade

This bill imposes an additional income tax of 1% on Missouri taxable income of foreign businesses or foreign corporations that own agricultural land and are transacting, operating, or conducting business in the state of Missouri. The revenue derived from the tax shall be deposited by the State Treasurer into the School District Trust Fund (Section 143.075, RSMo).

As specified in this bill, there shall be no tax levied and imposed on any retail sales of food (Section 144.104).

HB 377 -- SALES TAX

SPONSOR: Quade

This bill imposes an additional income tax of 1% on Missouri taxable income of foreign businesses or foreign corporations that own agricultural land and are transacting, operating, or conducting business in the state. The revenue derived from the tax shall be deposited by the State Treasurer into the School District Trust Fund (Section 143.075, RSMo).

As specified in this bill, there shall be no tax levied and imposed on any retail sales of food (Section 144.104).

This bill is similar to HB 2249 (2022).

In 2024, Quade Sponsored A Failed Bill (HB 2401) To Eliminate The Grocery Sales Tax, Repeal Income Tax Relief And Increase Taxes On Businesses, Airplanes And Boats. (Missouri State House, HB 2401, 2024 Session, Bill Summary, Accessed 1/2/25)

HB 2401 -- TAXATION

SPONSOR: Quade

This bill includes several provisions relating to taxation.

Beginning January 1, 2026, aircraft at least 25 years old and used for noncommercial purposes shall be assessed at 33.3% of its true value in money.

Beginning January 1, 2025, taxpayers shall use the personal income tax table described in the bill to identify the amount of tax owed.

Beginning with the 2026 calendar year, the income tax brackets in such table shall be adjusted annually by the percent increase in inflation, according to the Consumer Price Index. In addition, this bill removes all future income tax rate reductions based on future triggering events, as described in the bill.

Beginning January 1, 2025, the corporate income tax shall increase from 4% to 4.5%.

Beginning January 1, 2026, the purchase of retail food shall be exempt from sales and use tax. Also beginning January 1, 2026, any local sales or use tax currently imposed on retail food shall be annually reduced in equal increments of 1.5% over a period of years until it reaches zero, at which point there shall be no further local sales or use tax imposed on retail food.

Beginning January 1, 2026, a sales tax exemption shall no longer be granted on the purchase of either:

(1) All materials, replacement parts, and equipment purchased for use directly upon, and for the modification, replacement, repair, and maintenance of aircraft, aircraft power plants, and aircraft accessories; or

(2) Any new or used aircraft sold or delivered in this State to a person who is not a resident of this State or a corporation that is not incorporated in this State, and such aircraft is not to be based in this State and shall not remain in this state more than 10 business days.

Additionally, this bill sets an expiration of December 31, 2025, for all current in-lieu watercraft taxes on a boat or vessel documented by the United States Coast Guard.

The provisions of this bill shall be submitted to the voters of this state for approval or rejection in November 2024.

## Capping Property Tax Hikes

In March 2024, Quade Voted "Present" On A Resolution (HJR 78) To Freeze The Assessed Values Of Homes To Curb Rising Property Taxes. "The Missouri House of Representatives has taken a significant step towards addressing concerns over rising property taxes with the passage of HJR 78. The bill, sponsored by State Representative Jeff Coleman, proposes a Constitutional amendment aimed at providing relief to homeowners burdened by escalating property tax rates. HJR 78, which received strong support in the House, seeks to freeze the assessed value of residential properties maintained as primary residences at their most recent assessment value, starting January 1, 2025. This measure aims to alleviate the financial strain on homeowners, particularly seniors, who face the risk of losing their homes due to soaring property taxes. The passage of HJR 78 comes in response to the escalating issue of soaring property assessments in Jackson County, which has sparked widespread discontent among citizens grappling with unexpectedly high property valuations. Recent

data highlights that property assessments in Jackson County have resulted in increased assessed valuations for approximately 238,000 residential parcels, totaling over \$2.6 billion. Consequently, thousands of residents have lodged appeals seeking adjustments to their property valuations.” (KZRG, 4/2/24; Missouri State House Journal, HJR 78, 3/28/24, Overall Vote: 104-19, Quade Voted Present)

## *Greene County Sales Tax Hike For Early Childhood Education*

During Quade’s Time In The State House, She Repeatedly Sponsored Failed Legislation To Allow Greene County Residents To Vote On Increasing A Local Sales Tax To Pay For Early Childhood Education. “Another [Quade] bill would allow Greene County residents to vote on raising the local sales tax to pay for early childhood education, a longtime local priority.” (*Springfield News-Leader*, 12/9/19; Missouri State House, Quade Bill Sponsorships, Accessed 1/2/25)

## *Opposition To Republican-Backed State Tax Cuts*

### Repealing State Income Tax Relief

In August 2020, Quade Called For Repealing The Remaining Triggers Of A 2014 Law (SB 509) That Was Estimated To Cut Income Taxes On Missouri Families And Businesses By \$620 Million/Yr. Quade: “State revenues are going to continue to be impacted by the ongoing implementation of state tax reductions that were approved in Senate Bill 509 in 2014. When fully implemented, the bill will reduce revenue by \$620 million annually. The legislature needs to stop the further triggers.” (*Springfield News-Leader*, 8/25/20)

### “Irresponsible,” “Fantasy,” “Short-Sighted”

In March 2019, Quade Decried “Years Of Irresponsible” State Tax Cuts And Claimed They Were Rooted In “Fantasy.” “House Democrats already have an idea of why the state isn’t seeing more revenue growth: ‘years of irresponsible Republican’ tax cuts, according to House Minority Leader Crystal Quade. ‘The trickle-down theory that cutting taxes produces more tax revenue has always been a fantasy and reality is about to smack us in the face,’ Quade, D-Springfield, said.” (*Kansas City Star*, 3/28/19)

In August 2020, Quade Called Years Of Republican-Backed State Tax Cuts “Short-Sighted.” “Parson also had to withhold money from the 2020 budget, which stretched from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, because Missouri, like most states, must have a balanced budget every year. And voters in Missouri do not have an appetite for tax increases. Some Democratic lawmakers pointed out that this all came several years after the GOP-controlled Legislature cut taxes - which they warned at the time could lead to longer-term consequences. ‘Every time Republicans chipped away at Missouri’s revenue base, Democrats warned these short-sighted decisions would pay a terrible dividend when the next economic downturn hit, and there always is a next one,’ said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, a Democrat from Springfield.” ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 8/4/20)

### Key State Tax Relief Votes

In May 2018, Quade Voted Against A Greitens-Signed Bill (HB 2540) To Slash The Top State Income Tax Rate By 7%. “Missouri Republicans hoping to cut taxes got a bill across the finish line Thursday night, less than 24 hours before the end of the state’s legislative session. The Missouri House voted 101-40 Thursday night to again cut individual income taxes. ... With a signature from Gov. Eric Greitens, it will become law. Missouri’s top individual income tax rate is set to gradually drop from 6 percent to 5.5 percent under current law if state revenue meets targets. The bill lawmakers passed Thursday would knock another 0.4 percent off the tax rate, bringing it eventually down to 5.1

percent. ... Quade, D-Springfield, asked that the bill be sent back for a new fiscal note, arguing it had not been updated since the Missouri Senate removed an earned income tax credit for working families. That motion, which Haahr called a 'stall tactic,' failed." (*Kansas City Star*, 5/17/18; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2540, 5/17/18, Overall Vote: 101-40, Quade Voted No)

In May 2018, Quade Voted Against A Greitens-Signed Bill (SB 884) To Slash The State Business Tax Rate By 36%. "The House worked late Thursday night to finalize the individual income tax reduction, while the business tax rate reduction was passed Friday. ... The corporate tax rate bill, Senate Bill 884, will lower the corporate tax rate from 6.25% to 4%." (*Columbia Missourian*, 5/18/18; Missouri State House Journal, SB 884, 5/18/18, Overall Vote: 96-42, Quade Voted No)

In September 2019, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 1) To Provide Missourians With Trade-In Credits For Vehicles Toward The Sales Tax Of A New Car. "With a 126 to 21 vote, a bill that would allow Missourians to get the trade-in credits of multiple vehicles toward the sales tax of a new car passed the state House of Representatives. ... Quade, D-Springfield, said she wasn't surprised half of her party voted in favor of the bill. 'Frankly, since the Governor has called the special session, our issue hasn't been with the specific bill itself. It's been the fact that we're spending tens of thousands of dollars on an issue that's not an emergency, and we have true emergencies we should be talking about,' Quade said." (*KYTV*, 9/11/19; Missouri House Journal, HB 1, 9/11/19, Overall Vote: 126-21, Quade Voted No)

- Parson Criticized Quade For Accusing Him Of Prioritizing The Vehicle Tax Relief Over People Dying From Gun Violence. "Parson also hit back against comments from House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield, who said Wednesday he was prioritizing tax breaks over people dying from gun violence. 'I think those are more political talking points, to be right honest about it,' he said. 'And I'll be frank with the Minority Leader that made that comment ... she should have had a press conference a month ago when children were dying in the street, but unfortunately she came to Jefferson City when it was convenient for her to start talking about this issue.' Quade did not immediately respond to a request for comment Friday afternoon." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 9/14/19)

In May 2020, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1710) To Provide Sales Tax Relief To PPE And Medicine Manufacturers That Created Missouri Jobs During The COVID-19 Pandemic. "Rep. Steve Helms' 'Mighty Missouri Medical Manufacturing Act' would let manufacturers of medicines or medical supplies creating 10 or more jobs and investing at least \$100,000 in facilities here keep their withholding taxes and avoid sales taxes on what they buy for new or expanded facilities for 10 years. ... Helms, a Republican, called those measures 'common sense, fiscally responsible incentives' that will lure manufacturers and their jobs from China, which currently dominates the industry. ... Helms' plan was tacked on to a separate bill on the House floor May 4 by a vote of 98-38. All Greene County lawmakers present voted in favor except for House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, the lone Democrat from Springfield. She said she voted no because the idea hadn't been properly vetted. 'It sounds like a good idea in theory, but when you're making policy, it's important to do your research,' she said. ...The legislation is House Bill 1710." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 5/11/20)

- The Quade-Opposed Bill (HB 1710) Also Included Provisions To Shield Property Owners From Property Tax Hikes. "HB 1710 — Protecting Property Owners from Excessive Taxation by Implementing a Cap on Increases ... This bill would help protect property owners from skyrocketing taxes by instituting a 10% cap on property tax increases for commercial properties in certain counties. Additionally, the bill would place the burden of proof of any appeal of an assessment on the assessor. Furthermore, the bill would require county assessors to be elected rather than appointed. While the bill does contain a negative provision that expands cronyism



through tax exemptions to select companies, ACU supported the bill due to the other strong provisions. ACU supports safeguarding individuals from losing their properties due to excessive taxation and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 6, 2020 by a vote of 111-29.” (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1710, 5/6/20, Overall Vote: 111-29, Quade Voted No)

In April 2022, Quade Opposed An Income Tax Rebate Bill (HB 3021), Calling It A “Rushed And Poorly Conceived Giveaway For the Rich.” “The Missouri House gave initial approval Wednesday to an election-year plan to send tax rebates to millions of Missouri residents. The proposal ... needs one more vote in the House before it heads to an uncertain fate in the Senate. Under the plan, the amount of the rebate would be based on a tax filer’s total annual income tax bill for 2021. If someone has paid the state \$500 or more, they would receive the full credit. If someone has paid \$15, they would receive a \$15 check. Married couples who file jointly could receive as much as \$1,000. The overall cost of the plan is \$1 billion, plus \$2.5 million for the Missouri Department of Revenue to process the checks. ... ‘House Bill 3021 is a rushed and poorly conceived giveaway for the rich that deserves the death that awaits it in the Senate,’ said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield.” (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 4/21/22)

In September 2022, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 3) To Slash The State’s Income Tax Rate By 15%. Parson Called The Bill The “Largest Cut In Missouri History.” “...Parson signed an income tax cut into law Wednesday, touting the ‘largest cut in Missouri history’ while defending the measure against criticism that it favors the wealthy and puts the state’s finances at risk. ... Under the plan, Missouri’s top individual income tax rate will fall from its current 5.3% to 4.95% in 2023. It builds in a series of gradual cuts triggered by state economic growth that over the course of years can bring that rate down to 4.5%. It also eliminates the bottom income tax bracket, making the first \$1,000 of earned income tax-free. Republicans, who control both chambers of the legislature, made slight adjustments to Parson’s original proposal but maintained the core of his tax cut plan, hailing it as well-timed relief for taxpayers as rising prices and inflation take a toll on their pocketbooks. ... ‘Republicans are going to back to their districts and talk about how they’re putting more money back in Missourians’ pockets,’ House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, a Springfield Democrat, said this week. ‘They won’t tell you that most folks will get just a few bucks back a year.’” (Springfield News-Leader, 10/6/22; Missouri State House Journal, SB 3, 9/29/22, Overall Vote: 98-32, Quade Voted No)

- **Quade Feared The Bill Would Cost The State Nearly \$2 Billion.** “...Quade, a Springfield Democrat, said in a statement that the cut would cost the state roughly \$2 billion once fully implemented. ... ‘The state’s temporary revenue surplus masks years of budgetary neglect that’s resulted in a state government that’s barely functional in some respects and outright failing in others,’ the statement said. ‘This irresponsible legislation will have devastating long-term consequences for Missouri government.’” (Kansas City Star, 9/21/22)
- **“A Gross Act Of Fiscal Irresponsibility.”** “Quade, D-Springfield, said the tax cut would have negative long-term effects. ‘Today we witnessed a gross act of fiscal irresponsibility that will blow a \$2 billion hole in the state budget once fully implemented,’ Quade told reporters Thursday afternoon. ‘And we know the special session only started because Republicans were feeling the election-season backlash for their extreme ban on abortion, even in cases of rape and incest. This will have a devastating impact on the state treasury that will take the state years to recover from. And all to give an unnecessary election-year tax cut to the wealthy.’” (The Center Square, 9/30/22)
- **“A Textbook Example Of Fiscal Irresponsibility.”** “‘The governor’s special session is an election season ploy to change the subject after suddenly discovering that eliminating Missourians’ reproductive rights isn’t the winning issue Republicans thought it would be,’ House Minority

Leader Crystal Quade, a Springfield Democrat, said in an emailed statement. 'It is also a textbook example of fiscal irresponsibility.' The statement continued, 'A cardinal rule of responsible budgeting is don't use temporary revenue to take on permanent expenses. Yet the governor's plan uses a temporary budget surplus as cover for a permanent loss of revenue that will put Missouri government back into the financial hole it just climbed out of. House Democrats are wary of jeopardizing the state's financial future for politically motivated tax cuts that, as usual, primarily benefit the wealthy.'" (*Kansas City Star*, 8/22/22)

In September 2022, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 3) To Extend And Create Several Tax Credit Programs For Missouri Farmers. "...Parson also signed HB 3 into law, which includes the extension and creation of several agriculture tax credit programs intended to help develop key areas of Missouri's agricultural industry, the state's top economic driver. ... HB 3 includes: Extending the expiration of the meat processing facility investment tax credit; Creating a tax credit program for Missouri retail dealers of higher ethanol blend fuels; Creating a tax credit program for Missouri retail dealers of biodiesel; Creating a tax credit program for Missouri biodiesel producers; Creating a tax credit program for establishing or improving urban farming operations; Extending the expiration of the Rolling Stock Tax Credit program; Extending the expiration of the Agricultural Product Utilization Contributor Tax Credit; Extending the expiration of the New Generation Cooperative Incentive Tax Credit; Extending the Wood Energy Tax Credit program; Exempting utility vehicles for agriculture use from state and local sales and use taxes; Creating the Specialty Agricultural Crops Act; and Amending the Family Farms Act to modify the definition of small farmer." ([Ozark Radio News](#), 10/6/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 3, 9/21/22, Overall Vote: 83-28, Quade Voted No)

In March 2023, Quade Opposed Legislation (HBs 816 & 660) To Further Slash The State's Income Tax And Business Tax Rates. She Said It "May Be The Largest, Most Irresponsible Thing" That Legislators Could Do. "The Missouri House of Representatives has passed a tax cut bill, sending it to the state Senate for consideration. House Bills 816 and 660, which were combined and amended prior to passage, would lower the top individual tax rate from 4.95% to 4.5%. It would also lower the corporate tax rate from 4% to 2%. The measure passed the House on Thursday in a 111 to 48 vote. The tax cuts were opposed by minority Democrats in the chamber. Speaking to reporters, Democratic House Minority Leader Rep. Crystal Quade said this 'may be the largest, most irresponsible thing' legislators could be doing at the moment." (*The Center Square*, 3/24/23)

- The Quade-Opposed Legislation Also Included Language To Exempt All Social Security Benefits From State Taxation. "Last month, the House passed HB 816, a \$1 billion personal and corporate income tax cut. The bill also would exempt all Social Security benefits from state taxation. ... If passed, the personal income tax rate would drop from 4.95% to 4.5% on Jan. 1. At the same time, the corporate income tax rate would decrease from 4% to 2%, Deaton said. Further cuts would only be triggered only if revenue continues to grow. When fully implemented, the corporate tax rate would lower to 0%. ... According to the bill's fiscal note, the fully implemented tax cut could have a yearly \$1.3 billion impact on the general revenue fund. ... Quade, D-Springfield, said in a March 21 news release that the tax cut for corporations fails to address the needs of working families. 'Tax cuts may make wealthy GOP donors happy, but they don't educate our kids, pay police officers or keep roads from crumbling,' Quade said." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 4/22/23)

## SPENDING ISSUES

*Support For Biden-Harris Inflationary Policies*

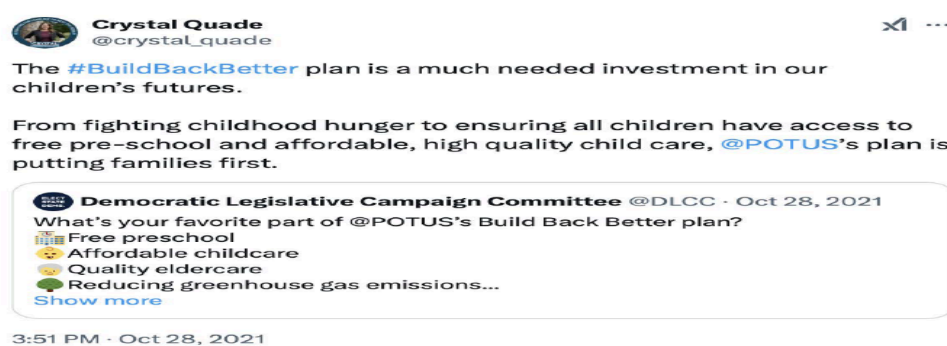
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In 2021, Quade Praised Biden’s \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan And \$1.8 Trillion American Families Plan, And She Called His \$2.2 Trillion Build Back Better Plan A “Much Need Investment”

In August 2021, Quade Touted Biden’s \$1.9 Trillion American Rescue Plan. (Twitter, Crystal Quade, 8/19/21)



In October 2021, Quade Said Biden’s Build Back Better Plan Was A “Much Needed Investment In Our Children’s Futures.” (Twitter, Crystal Quade, 10/28/21)



In 2023, Quade Claimed Biden’s Economic Plan Was Working

In March 2023, Quade Stated, “President Biden’s Economic Plan Is Working.” (Twitter, Crystal Quade, 3/10/23)



Following The Enactment Of The Quade-Backed American Rescue Plan, Inflation Worsened

*The Wall Street Journal*: “Americans Should Brace Themselves For Several Years Of Higher Inflation Than They’ve Seen In Decades, According To Economists Who Expect The Robust Post-Pandemic Economic Recovery To Fuel Brisk Price Increases For A While.” (*The Wall Street Journal*, 7/11/21)

Vox Headline: “Biden’s American Rescue Plan Worsened Inflation. The Question Is How Much.” (*Vox*, 5/12/22)

- The American Rescue Plan “Put Gasoline On The Fire” Of Inflation. “We put gasoline on the fire. That’s basically what the ARP did. It was almost written as if we didn’t just pass a trillion-dollar stimulus in December,” said Goldwein.” ([Vox](#), 5/12/22)

Economists Believed The American Rescue Plan Added Up To Three Percentage Points To Inflation. “There’s a range of opinion among economists on how much of the US’s higher inflation over 2021 (a 7 percentage point increase including energy and food prices, and a 5.5 percentage point increase excluding them) can be attributed to the American Rescue Plan. Michael Strain of the right-leaning American Enterprise Institute has estimated the law added 3 percentage points. Dean Baker of the left-leaning Center for Economic and Policy Research, though, put that number at 1-2 percentage points.” ([Vox](#), 5/12/22)

### Top Economists Agreed The Quade-Backed Build Back Better Plan Would Have Added To Short-Term Inflation

Former Obama Economic Advisor Steven Rattner Believed The Build Back Better Act Would Exacerbate Inflation. “For the Democrats, recent disappointing election results and the current legislative logjam offer a dose of cold reality. The administration wanted to claim a big policy win ahead of the 2022 midterm elections. But inflation worries are top of voters’ minds. So the administration should come clean with voters about the impact of its spending plans on inflation. Build Back Better can be deemed ‘paid for’ only if one embraces budget gimmicks, like assuming that some of the most important initiatives will be allowed to expire in just a few years. The result: a package that front-loads spending while tax revenues arrive only over a decade. The Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget estimates that the plan would likely add \$800 billion or more to the deficit over the next five years, exacerbating inflationary pressures.” (Steven Rattner, Op-Ed, [The New York Times](#), 11/16/21)

According To The Tax Foundation, Build Back Better Would “Likely Contribute To Inflation.” “In the short term, the Build Back Better Act would likely contribute to inflation, but the magnitude of that contribution is unclear.” ([The Tax Foundation](#), 11/17/21)

The Penn Wharton Budget Model Found That The Build Back Better Would Add Up To 0.2 Percentage Points To Inflation Over The Next Two Years. “PWBM projects that the spending and taxes in the Build Back Better Act (H.R. 5376), as written, would add up to 0.2 percentage points to inflation over the next two years and reduce inflation by similar amounts later in the decade. As an illustrative alternative, if temporary major spending provisions were made permanent, the bill would add up to a third of a percentage point to near-term inflation and have a negligible impact on inflation later in the decade.” ([Penn Wharton Budget Model](#), 12/17/21)

November 17, 2021 *Bloomberg* Headline: “Top Economists See Biden’s Spending Plan Adding To Inflation” ([Bloomberg](#), 11/17/21)

Economists At Moody’s Analytics, The American Action Forum, And Harvard University Agreed The Bill Would Push Inflation Up In The Short Run. “The roughly \$2 trillion tax and spending bill being championed by President Joe Biden will act to push up inflation next year if passed by Congress. That’s according to three senior economists -- Mark Zandi at Moody’s Analytics, Douglas Holtz-Eakin of the American Action Forum and Harvard University professor Doug Elmendorf -- who appeared on a virtual panel sponsored by the National Association for Business Economics on Wednesday.” ([Bloomberg](#), 11/17/21)

## State-Level Spending Issues

## State Budget Voting Record

During Quade’s Time In The State House (2017-2024), She Had A Mixed Record On State Budget Bills, Except For 2019 When She Voted Against All Of Them And 2023 When She Voted For All Of Them. During That Time, She Repeatedly Voted Against DESE, Higher Education, Transportation, Public Safety, Agriculture, Economic Development And Social Services Budgets. (Missouri State House Journals, 2017-2024, Accessed 1/2/25)

| State Agency                                   | 2017 Quade Votes<br>(5/4/17) | 2018 Quade Votes<br>(5/9/18) | 2019 Quade Votes<br>(5/9/19) | 2020 Quade Votes<br>(5/8/20) | 2021 Quade Votes<br>(5/7/21) | 2022 Quade Votes<br>(5/6/22) | 2023 Quade Votes<br>(5/5/23) | 2024 Quade Votes<br>(5/10/24) |
|--|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| DESE   | Yes (HB 2)                   | Yes (HB 2002)                | No (HB 2)                    | No (HB 2002)                 | No (HB 2)                    | Yes (HB 3002)                | Yes (HB 2)                   | Yes (HB 2002)                 |
| Dept. of Higher Ed                             | No (HB 3)                    | No (HB 2003)                 | No (HB 3)                    | No (HB 2003)                 | No (HB 3)                    | Yes (HB 3003)                | Yes (HB 3)                   | Present (HB 2003)             |
| DOR & DOT                                      | No (HB 4)                    | No (HB 2004)                 | No (HB 4)                    | No (HB 2004)                 | No (HB 4)                    | Yes (HB 3004)                | Yes (HB 4)                   | Yes (HB 2004)                 |
| Dept. of Public Safety, OA, DOT                | Yes (HB 5)                   | No (HB 2005)                 | No (HB 5)                    | Yes (HB 2005)                | No (HB 5)                    | Yes (HB 3005)                | Yes (HB 5)                   | Present (HB 2005)             |
| Dept. of Ag, DNR, DOC                          | Yes (HB 6)                   | Yes (HB 2006)                | No (HB 6)                    | No (HB 2006)                 | Yes (HB 6)                   | Yes (HB 3006)                | Yes (HB 6)                   | Present (HB 2006)             |
| EcoDevo, Insurance, DOLIR                      | No (HB 7)                    | Yes (HB 2007)                | No (HB 7)                    | Yes (HB 2007)                | Yes (HB 7)                   | Yes (HB 3007)                | Yes (HB 7)                   | Present (HB 2007)             |
| Dept. of Public Safety                         | Yes (HB 8)                   | Yes (HB 2008)                | No (HB 8)                    | Yes (HB 2008)                | Yes (HB 8)                   | Yes (HB 3008)                | Yes (HB 8)                   | Yes (HB 2008)                 |
| Dept. of Corrections                           | Yes (HB 9)                   | Yes (HB 2009)                | No (HB 9)                    | Yes (HB 2009)                | Yes (HB 9)                   | Yes (HB 3009)                | Yes (HB 9)                   | Present (HB 2009)             |
| Mental Health, DHSS, Board of Public Buildings | No (HB 10)                   | No (HB 2010)                 | No (HB 10)                   | No (HB 2010)                 | No (HB 10)                   | Present (HB 3010)            | Yes (HB 10)                  | No (HB 2010)                  |
| Dept. of Social Services                       | No (HB 11)                   | Yes (HB 2011)                | No (HB 11)                   | No (HB 2011)                 | No (HB 11)                   | Present (HB 3011)            | Yes (HB 11)                  | No (HB 2011)                  |
| Judiciary, Statewide Officials, GA             | Yes (HB 12)                  | No (HB 2012)                 | No (HB 12)                   | No (HB 2012)                 | Yes (HB 12)                  | Yes (HB 3012)                | Yes (HB 12)                  | No (HB 2012)                  |

## Failed Attempt To Suspend A Budget Balancing Rule

In April 2022, Quade Tried To Suspend A Rule That Required Increased Spending To Be Offset By Cuts In General Revenue. “The Missouri House is inching toward its final version of the state’s spending plan that will leave \$1.8 billion in general tax revenues on the table and shrink the governor’s recommended budget. The chamber’s \$46.1 billion budget, for the fiscal year that begins July 1, includes funding for infrastructure, higher education and Medicaid expansion. But the House’s proposed plan reduced Gov. Mike Parson’s recommendations for increasing teachers’ salaries and boosting the state’s retirement system. Parson had proposed a \$47.3 billion budget with a \$1.5 billion general revenue surplus, which Rep. Cody Smith, a Carthage Republican and chair of the House Budget Committee, raised to \$1.8 billion. ... Republicans blocked several Democratic attempts to increase funding, insisting that the money be saved for a rainy day. The majority of amendments proposed by Democrats were rebuffed due to a House ‘balancing rule,’ that requires cuts in general revenue to offset other increases. House Minority Leader Rep. Crystal Quade, a Springfield Democrat, tried unsuccessfully to suspend that rule at the start of debate.” (Kansas City Star, 4/6/22)

- Additional Details: “Though Rowden said the Senate will consider the House’s work on the budget, ultimately the Senate will have greater say in some of it, as the House left an estimated \$1.8 billion in unallocated general revenue funds on the table, as well as more in federal funding. This comes after a failed effort to suspend a House rule that requires any proposed new or increased funding in general revenue be accompanied by a cut somewhere else. ... Quade, D-Springfield, proposed the rule suspension early in Tuesday’s debate over the budget. ‘This rule was originally intended as a one-time restriction and an extraordinary circumstance that no longer exists,’ Quade said. House Republicans criticized the motion, including Rep. Dirk Deaton, R-Noel,

who serves as vice chair on the House Budget Committee. ‘We got to think about how to do this responsibly, which is what we will do this year and into next year,’ Deaton said.” ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 4/6/22)

## Draining The State Surplus

In January 2023, Quade Called For Using The State’s \$6 Billion Surplus To “Make Drastic Changes” To Child Care, Broadband Access And Infrastructure. Quade: “We can come together as a state and use our record \$6 billion surplus to make drastic changes that will benefit every Missourian. Increasing access to safe, quality, affordable child care not only benefits children, it creates jobs and helps parents return back to the workforce, helping our local economies and small businesses. Investing in infrastructure — like broadband access or expanding Interstate 70 — saves Missourians’ money and makes all areas of our state more accessible and attractive for businesses.” (*Springfield News-Leader*, 1/8/23)

In October 2023, Quade Said The State Should Drain Up To \$5 Billion Of Its \$6 Billion Surplus. “Quade was in Mexico last Monday, Oct. 16, for the monthly meeting of the Audrain County Democrat Club to bring her campaign to town. ... Quade also chastised the \$6 billion surplus the state is sitting on and said the state’s rainy day fund doesn’t need more than \$1 billion to \$1.5 billion. ‘We had an enormous opportunity to make serious investments in Missouri,’ Quade said. ‘Instead of doing that Jefferson City chose to leave \$6 billion unspent. Most of it we have to send back to D.C.’” (*Mexico Ledger*, 10/25/23)

## Defense Of Earmarks

In June 2024, Quade Said Lawmakers Should Be Required To Identify The Earmarks They Requested, And She Was “Proud” Of Her Work Securing 8 Earmarks Valued At \$45.8 Million. “...Quade of Springfield, a candidate for governor, said lawmakers ‘absolutely’ should have to identify the earmarks they seek. The Independent identified eight earmarks targeted to her district, totaling \$45.8 million, for items ranging from \$250,000 for the Springfield Sports Commission to \$15 million for an alliance of health care providers to expand medical training. ‘I’m proud when I’m able to bring money home to my district,’ Quade said. ‘I wouldn’t ask for something I was ashamed of that I didn’t think Missourians would be happy with that money going towards.’ The transparency of requiring earmarks to have sponsors, Quade said, would help Missourians understand the legislature.” (*Missouri Independent*, 6/27/24)

## Quade’s “Bridge To Nowhere”



(Picture: Jefferson Avenue Footbridge; KSMU, 11/21/23)

In May 2023, Quade Advocated For An \$8 Million Earmark For A 562-Foot Footbridge In Springfield That Had Been Closed Since 2016 Due To Structural Problems. She Claimed It Was A “Huge Tourist Attraction.” “The FY 2024 state budget has finally made it through the Missouri legislature and now awaits final approval by Governor Mike Parson. ‘We received around \$86.6 million for Springfield projects provided that the governor signs the budget that we sent him,’ said Missouri State Representative Crystal Quade, the House Minority Leader from Springfield. ‘We’re very excited about what we’ve been able to do.’ Missouri lawmakers approved a record \$51 billion budget for the 2024 fiscal year, which is more than a billion dollars more than Governor Parson proposed, and he still has the right to line-item veto parts of the legislature’s approvals. That’s what he did last year with funding for Springfield’s Jefferson Avenue Footbridge on Commercial Street, closed since 2016 after structural problems were discovered in the historic landmark built in 1902. But after the governor vetoed \$5 million for repairs last year, the legislature has put \$8 million back in this year’s budget, and State Rep. Quade believes it can survive. ‘That is a huge tourist attraction, and tourism dollars have a high return on investment,’ Quade said of the 562-ft. steel multi-arched cantilever bridge that was the first of its kind in Missouri. ‘When people come to Commercial Street, they shop at our stores, they stay at our Airbnbs, and they eat at our restaurants. That’s a huge thing for the north side and downtown, and I just really believe the governor recognizes the return on investment that it will have.’” (KYTV, 5/10/23)

- In May 2024, The Springfield Daily Citizen’s Steve Pokin Questioned Why The State Was Directing Millions Of Dollars To The Shuttered Footbridge. “Has the train left the station for the historic Jefferson Avenue Footbridge? The latest cost estimates for renovating and then re-opening the 562-foot footbridge ranged from \$8.5 million to \$10.8 million. It appears the City Council plans to approve the \$10.8 million renovation. It will include the removal of lead-based paint and construction of elevators at both ends of the bridge to make it accessible to all. Most of the cost will be paid by a state grant of roughly \$7.8 million. ... I’m not sold on the idea that renovating the footbridge with public funds is a wise investment. ... I moved here in 2012 and soon visited the footbridge and was surprised that there were stairs — not bicycle ramps. It was not accessible to all. Current plans call for the construction of elevators. The footbridge was ordered closed for safety reasons in 2016. City inspectors found many serious problems. ... What I’m saying is that I want my elected officials to be reasonable people who care about history but who also consider the cost-benefit of the footbridge today and in the years to come. The fact it’s been closed for over eight years now hasn’t stopped people from taking selfies there. And I don’t think it’s kept residents on the north side of the bridge from finding their way to Commercial Street.” (Steve Pokin, Springfield Daily Citizen, 5/28/24)

## COVID-19 Spending

In March 2020, Quade Responded To The Onset Of The COVID-19 Pandemic By Calling On Lawmakers To Mandate Paid Sick Leave, Cover Hospital Visits For The Uninsured, And Increase Funding For Local Health Agencies. “...Quade, D-Springfield, went first, calling for widespread emergency action to protect Missourians from a disease experts expect will infect large swaths of the American population. ‘We need to be, as a state government, taking the roles of leaders,’ Quade said. She said lawmakers could start by: Mandating paid sick leave at companies with more than 50 employees for the next six months; Covering hospital visits for people without health insurance for the next month; Increasing funding for county public health departments. Quade said the hospital coverage alone could help keep hundreds of thousands of Missourians who lack coverage from putting off treatment because they can’t afford the bill. And she said paid sick leave, long a

progressive priority, is important now to keep people from spreading the virus. 'We have a lot of folks who need to pay their bills,' she said, 'and they will continue to go to work with symptoms and spread this.'" (*Springfield News-Leader*, 3/13/20)

- Quade Also Called On Gov. Parson To Declare A State Of Emergency To Access More Funding, And She Suggested His Administration Should Authorize The Construction Of Temporary Hospitals And Ban Evictions. "She [Quade] also said Gov. Mike Parson should declare a state of emergency to open up money to help pay for the response. She then suggested state officials authorize the state health department to build temporary hospitals and quarantine centers if necessary and temporarily forbid evictions and utility service cutoffs." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 3/13/20)
- Quade: "In My Opinion, It's Better To Overreact." "...Quade, D-Springfield, also said the state isn't doing as much to combat the virus as other states and nations. For example, the state could do more to provide financial relief to people who lose their jobs. 'In my opinion, it's better to overreact,' Quade said." (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 3/19/20)

Later In March 2020, Quade Blasted A Republican-Backed Bill To Spend \$40 Million To Combat The Pandemic As A Failure Of Leadership. "The Missouri House approved \$40 million in new spending to fight the coronavirus Wednesday, marking its first legislative action to address the crisis. ... Quade, D-Springfield, blasted that as a failure of leadership. 'Since this started,' she said, 'I've heard nothing but 'We need to wait,' and 'Let's have someone else deal with it.' She noted that Republican-led states Arizona and Georgia weren't taking that approach and spending \$55 million and \$100 million of their own money to fight the virus. 'Missouri is always the last to do things,' she said. 'This is not the time to wait.' Republicans nevertheless rejected her amendment sending \$20 million in federal poverty assistance money to local health departments." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 3/18/20)

### COVID-19 Unemployment Benefits

In May 2021, Quade Criticized A Parson Administration Decision To Cut Federal COVID-19 Unemployment Benefits To Encourage Recipients To Get Back To Work. "...Parson on Tuesday announced the state is cutting off all federal pandemic unemployment benefits in an attempt to push people back to work. Parson said those extra federal benefits will end for Missourians June 12. Roughly 53,500 Missourians received extra weeks of unemployment aid thanks to federal aid in the last week of April, according to the latest available data. Another 37,000 people who otherwise wouldn't qualify for regular unemployment help also claimed aid, according to a state labor department spokeswoman. That includes independent contractors, farm workers and people who are self-employed. Missouri's unemployment rate hit 4.2% in March, down from 4.3% in February. Parson said business owners in Missouri are struggling to fill jobs as the economy continues to recover from the coronavirus pandemic. He said he hopes cutting the federal aid will push people back to work and address labor shortages. ... Quade in a Tuesday statement said the free market, 'not some federal boogeyman,' is mostly to blame for the labor shortage. She said workers will return if they're offered more money, especially for jobs where the risk of exposure to COVID-19 is higher. 'If companies provide a livable wage, applicants will respond,' she said. 'The notion that Missourians are refusing to work so they can temporarily collect \$300 a week is an offensive right-wing myth.' Missouri is the latest of several states — Arkansas, Mississippi, Montana and South Carolina — ending the \$300 federal benefit that is on top of state benefits." (*The Associated Press*, 5/11/21)

### State Welfare Reforms



In March 2018, Quade Criticized And Voted Against Two Bills (HB 1443, HB 1486) To Ban Welfare Recipients From Buying Alcohol, Cigarettes And Pornography And Require Them To Comply With Work Requirements. "House members approved new restrictions and penalties for individuals who use two welfare programs on Thursday, despite impassioned arguments the move will create unfair financial hardships for those who rely on the funding. HB 1443, sponsored by Rep. John Eggleston, R-Maysville, bars cash withdrawals at ATMs for individuals relying on Temporary Assistance for Needy Families and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program. It also sets penalties for TANF recipients who purchase prohibited items such as alcohol and cigarettes. If the bill, which still requires Senate approval, becomes law, first-time offenders would face a 3-month ban from the program, while 3-time offenders would face a 5-year ban. ... The bill, approved 100-46, also would add pornography to items prohibited for purchase. ... Much of the debate on the House floor and in a committee hearing earlier this week centered on a provision that would bar TANF recipients from making cash withdrawals at ATMs or in stores that provide cash-back services. According to Rep. Crystal Quade, D-Springfield, prohibiting TANF recipients from using ATMs would bar low-income families from some vital cash-only businesses, such as laundromats. ... Earlier this week, a House committee approved a separate bill, HB 1486, which would penalize SNAP recipients in Missouri who fail to comply with federal work requirements. ... Under federal law, able-bodied adults without disabilities or dependents are required to work 20 hours per week to qualify for SNAP. Some educational training and volunteer work also qualify for benefits. HB 1486 would bar individuals for three months the first time they knowingly violate the work requirement. The second violation would cause a six-month disqualification and the third would result in a two-year ban. 'Your bill hurts children,' Quade told Kelly, the bill's sponsor, during debate earlier this week. According to Quade, barring individuals from SNAP would hurt children in low-income families who receive breakfast and lunch at school for free through a USDA program." (*Missourian*, 3/15/18; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1443, 3/15/18, Overall Vote: 100-46, Quade Voted No; HB 1486, 4/3/18, Overall Vote: 107-43, Quade Voted No)

In February 2020, Quade Stated Her Opposition To Medicaid Work Requirements. "Despite another negative court ruling, the sponsor of a plan to require Medicaid recipients in Missouri to get jobs said he will continue pressing forward with his proposal. For the third time in three years, Sen. David Sater, R-Cassville, is sponsoring a plan requiring people who receive health care benefits under the Medicaid program to work, attend school or volunteer in order to maintain the coverage. ... Quade, D-Springfield, said Missouri Democrats oppose adding work requirements. She said meeting the state's tight deadlines for returning existing paperwork already is 'an extreme burden.' 'You're adding additional paperwork: having to go in, make copies of things, have transportation to get to the centers to make copies and mail things in additional costs,' she said. 'Every place that we've seen work requirements across the country, they have not done what the Republicans are hoping they do.'" (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 2/18/20)

AUDIO: In May 2020, Quade Criticized Medicaid Work Requirements As An "Extra Burden" And An "Extra Barrier" On Welfare Recipients. Quade: "This [Medicaid work requirement] adds an extra burden to an already problematic group of folks that we're talking about. ... There's just extra barrier this is adding into." ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 5/8/20; 31:45 Mark)

### Continued Welfare For People Who Get Jobs

In 2016, Quade Campaigned In Support Of Legislation To Allow Missourians On Welfare To Continue Receiving Benefits Even After They Got A Job. Quade: "We cannot punish low-income Missourians who are trying to better their financial futures by cutting them off when they find any small measure of financial success. Too many families in Missouri are barely hanging on, and our

current system is not incentivizing their efforts to succeed. We must pass common-sense legislation in order to solve this community-wide issue. Incremental changes in support that logically follow a family's ability to pay will give families the opportunity to prosper and work their way out of poverty. I implore us to look into the cliff effect and its impact on Springfield's poverty rate. We need elected officials who understand and work for families like the ones I have met these hot summer days. They are doing everything they can to rise from poverty, and we must not impede their progress." (Crystal Quade, Letter to the Editor of the *Springfield News-Leader*, 7/16/16)

- **Quade Repeatedly Pushed "Cliff Effect" Legislation Until Gov. Parson Signed Such A Bill (HB 432) In 2021.** "After a yearslong campaign, legislation supported by Rep. Crystal Quade, D-Springfield, was signed into law this week by Gov. Mike Parson. House Bill 432 includes a provision addressing the 'cliff effect,' a term referring to a disproportionate loss in government assistance when a person receives a pay raise at work. The provision creates a pilot program in Greene and Christian counties to taper public benefits so that recipients will not lose them when they reach certain income levels. 'Too many parents are caught in the trap of needing help to pay for child care so that they can go to work,' Quade said in a July 14 Facebook post. 'To add to that, our system is structured so that if you take a small pay raise it can put you over the threshold and you can no longer get assistance. You are then forced to choose between a better- paying job or a job promotion and literally being able to go to work at all.' The bill was sponsored by Rep. Hannah Kelly, R-Mountain Grove. The legislation for the 'protection of vulnerable persons' includes provisions related to restraint policies in schools, sheltered workshop wages and government assistance, according to House.Mo.gov. Quade said in the Facebook post she has worked on the legislation since 2016, the year she was first elected." ([Springfield Business Journal](#), 7/16/21)

## Corporate Welfare

### TAX DOLLARS FOR STADIUMS

In May 2019, Quade Voted For A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 677) To Give Up To \$70 Million In Tax Dollars To Professional Sports Franchises For Stadium Repairs. "HB 677 — Expanding Cronyism through Taxpayer Subsidies to Numerous Sports Leagues and Franchise Owners ... This bill expands cronyism by forcing taxpayers to award up to \$70 million in corporate welfare to billion-dollar franchises for renovations and expansions of sports complexes. Under the bill, existing subsidies are extended—without voter approval—for facilities used by NFL, MLB and NHL franchises located in Missouri. Additionally, new subsidy programs are created to create new facilities and expand the subsidies to include smaller venues. Additionally, new subsidy programs are established to benefit new facilities and additional, smaller venues. ... The House passed the bill on May 15, 2019 by a vote of 88-57 and the bill was signed into law." (ACU, *Flagged Votes-Missouri*, Accessed 1/8/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 677, 5/15/19, Overall Vote: 89-58, Quade Voted Yes)

In August 2024, Quade Was Open To Discussing Taxpayer-Funded Incentives For Stadiums In Kansas City. "One issue that could end up facing the upcoming governorship is the fate of the Chiefs and Royals in Kansas City. Jackson County voters in April rejected a sales tax measure that would have helped fund a new baseball stadium and improvements to Arrowhead Stadium. ... Quade said while she's not totally sold on possible state incentives to keep both teams in the state, she's open to discussion. 'I'm not saying that I would vote yes, for that, or no, it would depend on what the parameters are,' Quade said." (KBIA, 8/1/24)

In October 2024, Quade Said It Was "Completely Reasonable" To Also Discuss Taxpayer-Funded Incentives For Busch Stadium. Q: "The Cardinals want state subsidies for a redevelopment of Busch

Stadium. Should they get them?" Quade: "I think that it is completely reasonable that the Cardinals are having that conversation, considering the almost-year-long conversation we've been having with the Chiefs and Royals. I think, from a business standpoint, absolutely. They want a piece of the pie, too. I will say for the stadiums in general: First and foremost, we've been really behind the 8-ball in this conversation as a state, particularly with Kansas City and St. Louis. Kansas has already put together a package. They had a special session to put together a proposal. I think that we absolutely need to get the ball rolling, and having a special session, now in almost January. Hopefully one of the first conversations we have next year is around what we are going to do, if anything, about our stadiums." ([St. Louis Business Journal](#), 10/24/24)

VIDEO: In October 2024, Quade Said Taxpayer-Funded Incentives For Stadiums Should Be "On The Table." Q: "Would you be in support of incentives or a package of incentives or direct financial aid [for stadiums] from taxpayers?" ... Quade: "To your question, I do think that those [options] are on the table." (Fox 4 KC, 10/24/24; 5:30 Mark)

## TAX CREDITS FOR HOLLYWOOD LIBERALS

In May 2023, Quade Voted For A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 94) To Provide Tax Breaks For Hollywood Filmmakers. "SB 94 — Enriching Nearly Everyone in the Entertainment Industry ... This bill remodels the motion picture tax credit program such that film producers can receive up to 50% of the qualifying expenditures that they accrue back in incentives for producing movies in Missouri. The bill also expands the list of industries that can receive incentives under this program. For example, producers of virtual reality content and video games may now qualify for these incentives. CPAC opposes the subsidization of the entertainment industry and opposed this bill." (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, SB 94, 5/4/23, Overall Vote: 113-45, Quade Voted Yes)

- In March 2023, Quade Voted For A Similar Bill (HB 133) (Missouri State House, HB 133, 2023 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HB 133, 3/8/23, Overall Vote 110-39, Quade Voted Yes)

HCS HBs 133 & 583 -- ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY JOBS ACT (Hudson)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Economic Development

This bill creates the "Entertainment Industry Jobs Act".

Beginning January 1, 2024, a qualified taxpayer shall be allowed a tax credit equal to 30% of the aggregate amount the taxpayer invested and expended as a rehearsal expense or tour expense.

Such investments and expenses are defined in the bill, but with respect to a single employee, aggregate payroll expenses shall not include that portion of an employee's salary that exceeds \$2 million in the aggregate for a single tour.

Any unused tax credits as specified in this bill may be transferred or sold by a qualified taxpayer under certain conditions. Otherwise, tax credits specified in this bill may be taken beginning with the tax year in which the qualified taxpayer has met applicable investment requirements.

The aggregate amount of tax credits awarded in a fiscal year shall not exceed \$8 million.

## LOW-INCOME HOUSING TAX CREDITS

In May 2019, Quade Called On Gov. Parson To Restart The State's Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program, Which Critics Deemed A Handout To Wealthy Developers. "Before the 2019 session kicked off, Parson made it clear that he wasn't going to restart the low-income housing tax credit unless lawmakers overhauled the program. ... The Senate and House could not agree on a final bill to pare down and restructure the program before the end of Friday. And if Parson sticks to his guns, that means the state low-income housing tax credit will have remained frozen since December 2017.

Some lawmakers want Parson to reverse himself, contending that keeping the incentive dormant hurts the state's ability to cultivate housing for the poor, elderly and disabled. 'Should he waver? I think he should,' said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield. 'We have people who need help. And this program may not be perfect, but it's better than nothing — which is what we have right now.'" ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 5/20/19)

## REGULATORY ISSUES

### Health Care

#### Single-Payer Health Care

In 2016, Quade Supported The Creation Of A Single-Payer Health Care System. Q: "Do you support a single payer healthcare system?" Quade: "Yes." ([Mobilize Missouri](#), "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

- In 2019, A Mercatus Center Report Estimated A Single-Payer Health Care System In The U.S. Would Cost Up To \$60.7 Trillion. "A new report estimates a single-payer health care system in the United States would cost between \$54.6 and \$60.7 trillion over the first 10 years. Implementation of Medicare for All would require enormous tax increases, report author Charles E. Blahous of the Mercatus Center concludes. Blahous states 'the initial federal obligations would be in the ballpark of \$10,000 annually per person. Even if M4A fully liberated Americans from all their current health care expenses, ... a family of four might still strongly object to having to send an additional \$40,000 to Washington each year on top of their current tax burdens.'" ([The Heartland Institute](#), 4/29/19)

#### Promoting ObamaCare

In 2010, Then-Organizing For America Field Director Quade Worked To Promote ObamaCare. "Local Democrats gathered this weekend to celebrate their party's legislative victory of getting health insurance reform passed through Congress this year and strategize for selling it to voters this fall. ... Organizing for America is holding meetings across the state to educate campaign volunteers on the benefits of the bill, McCann said. OFA also is planning door-to-door educating and speaking to voters at the Battlefield Farmers Market, said Crystal Quade, the Springfield field director for OFA. Educating voters on the health care law has been an emphasis this spring. But come summer, OFA will change gears to focus on getting Democrat Robin Carnahan elected to the U.S. Senate in November, McCann said. ([Springfield News-Leader](#), 4/18/10)

#### Outspoken Supporter Of ObamaCare's Medicaid Expansion

Since Quade's First State House Campaign In 2016, She Has Made ObamaCare's Medicaid Expansion A Top Priority. "I BELIEVE IN...Access to Health Care[.] ... No family should have to choose between their own health and insurmountable debt. Throughout her work in both state and federal government, as well as the nonprofit sector, Crystal has seen far too many Missourians struggle with healthcare access and payments. Expansion of Medicaid is the first step to providing healthcare to all Missourians. Today, 300,000 Missourians fall into what is known as the Coverage Gap- most of whom are working or in school. The coverage gap refers to folks who are above income eligibility requirements to receive Medicaid, but don't make enough to receive tax credits from the health insurance marketplace. We must expand Medicaid to cover these Missourians." (Crystal Quade Campaign Website, "Beliefs" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

In 2020, Quade Supported A Voter-Approved Ballot Measure (Amendment 2) To Expand Medicaid. Quade: "I Completely Support Medicaid Expansion." Q: "Do you support the proposal to expand

Medicaid on the August ballot? Why or why not? ... Quade: "I completely support Medicaid expansion." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 8/25/20)

In July 2021, Quade Praised A Missouri Supreme Court Ruling In Favor Of The Voter-Approved Medicaid Expansion Plan. "The Missouri Supreme Court has unanimously ruled in favor of the voter-approved Medicaid expansion plan. ... 'Today's unanimous Missouri Supreme Court decision is a complete vindication for those who have worked to expand health care access and a thorough rejection of those willing to defy Missouri voters and ignore the rule of law to stop it from happening,' House Minority Leader Crystal Quade said." (*Kansas City Star*, 7/22/21)

- While Quade Has Been An Outspoken Proponent Of Medicaid Expansion, She Voted "Present" In 2022 On A Bill That Included \$4.6 Billion For Expansion. "The Missouri House on Thursday approved \$4.6 billion in additional spending to fund Medicaid expansion, raises for state workers and federal dollars for schools. The funding plan passes the chamber with a month and a half before the state is forced to return almost \$2 billion in federal money from the American Rescue Plan Act earmarked for K-12 education. It also comes amid urgent need from the Medicaid program, which expanded last year under court order, and from the state workforce, which has seen significant turnover due to stagnant wages and a competitive labor market. ... The House passed the bill 114-11, with 25 lawmakers voting 'present.' ... The county's Democratic Reps. Betsy Fogle and Crystal Quade voted 'present.'" (*Springfield News-Leader*, 2/11/22)

## COVID-19

### COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates

In October 2021, Quade Blasted A Parson Executive Order To Ban The State From Enforcing President Joe Biden's COVID-19 Vaccine Mandate. "...Parson on Thursday said his administration won't help enforce President Joe Biden's federal COVID-19 vaccine mandate in some limited instances. Parson's executive order bans his administration from enforcing the mandate or penalizing noncompliance, but only when people refuse coronavirus vaccination for religious or medical reasons. ... Florida's Republican Gov. Ron DeSantis on Thursday announced the state is suing the Biden administration over the vaccine mandate for federal contractors, and Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt on Wednesday said he plans to sue, too. Parson's executive order also directs his administration to comply with any lawsuits Schmitt files against the federal vaccine mandate. ... Quade said in a statement that Parson's order is generally toothless. 'The governor's executive order appears carefully crafted to do absolutely nothing — except promote the attorney general's latest frivolous lawsuit at taxpayer expense,' she said. 'If these two put as much energy into fighting the pandemic as they do into fighting those fighting the pandemic, Missouri would be in a much stronger position.'" (*The Associated Press*, 10/28/21)

In February 2022, Quade Voted Against Two Bills (HB 1686, HB 2358) To Shield Missourians From COVID-19 Vaccine Mandates. "The Missouri House has given first-round approval to two bills designed to protect Missourians from mandates that would take away their right to decide whether to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. House members approved HB 1686 to make it clear that public entities such as government agencies and public schools cannot require a COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of employment. It also prohibits fines or other penalties based on an individual's vaccination status. Additionally, it reaffirms an employee's right to raise a religious objection to receiving a vaccination. ... The House also approved HB 2358 & 1485 to clearly affirm the right of an employee to receive an exemption from a COVID-19 vaccine requirement if the employee

requests one based on certain sincerely held beliefs. The bill clarifies the religious exemption includes theistic as well as non-theistic beliefs. The bill would require an employer to provide reasonable accommodations for the request unless clear and convincing evidence proves it would cause an undue hardship or be a direct threat to other employees or customers. ... HB 2358 & 1485 also ensures an employee who is injured, disabled, or killed due to an employer-required COVID-19 vaccination would be compensated." (KJFM, 2/20/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1686, 110-41, Quade Voted No; HB 2358, 2/22/22, Overall Vote: 105-46, Quade Voted No)

### Following Anthony Fauci's Recommendations

In May 2020, Quade Criticized Republicans For Not Adhering To The Fauci-Led CDC's Mask Recommendations. Quade: "Democrats came back to do the work of passing legislation that would help Missourians during this crisis, despite the rampant disregard for the governor's own order regarding social distancing and refusal by many Republican members to adhere to the CDC's recommendations of using masks. Unfortunately, it turns out the true goals of the Republicans are quite different than what were stated, as they seem to have little interest in discussing COVID-19 at all." (Rep. Crystal Quade, *Springfield News-Leader*, 5/3/20)

### Government Overreach In Missouri

In April 2020, Quade Ripped Gov. Parson For Not Issuing A Stronger Statewide Stay-At-Home Order. "As Missourians in every corner of the state continued to get sick from the coronavirus outbreak, Gov. Mike Parson bent to reality on Friday and announced a statewide stay-at-home order that will take effect Monday. ... 'The order is not at all what was advertised and what health care professionals and Missouri residents had been demanding for weeks,' said Missouri Rep. Crystal Quade, a Democrat from Springfield and House minority leader. 'It is so riddled with exemptions that it differs little from the weak and ineffective social distancing directive the administration previously issued.'" (*Kansas City Star*, Editorial, 4/3/20)

In August 2020, Quade Criticized Parson For Letting Cities, Not The State, Make Decisions On COVID-19. Q: "What is your opinion of the state's response to the coronavirus outbreak thus far?" Quade: "I have been very vocal since March regarding COVID-19 and what I hoped our leaders would do. I believe in the beginning the legislature and the governor should have: directed more funding for testing mechanisms and our county health departments; provided PPE for our front line workers; declared grocery store employees essential workers; provided additional funding for grant programs for our small businesses; provided adequate support for our Department of Labor to deal with unemployment claims; and made some bold decisions regarding the early shutdown. Instead, the governor bucked the decisions to the cities, and we have seen a steady increase in those who have contracted and died from COVID-19." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 8/25/20)

In December 2020, Quade Said It Was Not Too Late For Parson To Issue A Statewide Mask Mandate Or Restrict Indoor Gatherings. "Quade said it's not too late for the governor to implement a mask mandate or to limit indoor gatherings. 'The way that we get back to normal, the way we support our small businesses and the way that we protect ourselves and our loved ones is by listening to the White House Task Force and implementing some of the things that folks are begging us to do,' Quade said." (KTVI, 12/9/20)

In March 2021, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 75) To Restrict The Ability Of Local Governments To Shut Down Businesses, Churches And Schools. "House Bill 75, sponsored by Rep. Jim Murphy, R-St. Louis, was passed out of the Senate Health and Pensions Committee the same day it was heard

Wednesday. The bill would restrict the length of local health orders and require approval by the local governing authority for extensions. ... Under the bill, a health order could only be enacted for 15 days. From there, with approval, it could be extended for an additional 15 days. After the first 30 days, an order could be extended for three additional 10-day periods if approved each time by a two-thirds vote of the local governing body. Any subsequent 10-day extensions would require a unanimous vote. 'House Bill 75 does a simple thing,' Murphy said. 'It says that health departments need to protect our health. Legislators need to protect our liberties, and they can't work independent of each other. There needs to be oversight.'" (Missouri Independent, 3/31/21; Missouri State House Journal, HB 75, 3/11/21, Overall Vote: 113-44, Quade Voted No)

In May 2021, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 682) To Rein In Government Overreach That Occurred During The COVID-19 Pandemic. "HB 682 — Enacting a Variety of Reforms to Curtail Government Overreach ... This bill would enact a number of reforms in order to curtail government overreach following the COVID-19 pandemic. The proposed reforms include stating emergency powers must be narrowly tailored to serve a compelling public health or safety purpose, requiring legislative approval for orders to continue after 30 days, prohibiting government entities from forcing a person to quarantine if they haven't tested positive for a contagious disease, and establishing civil and criminal liability protection for individuals and business owners. ACU believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good, supports efforts to combat abuse of power by government officials and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 3, 2021 by a vote of 102-50." (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri; Missouri State House Journal, HB 682, 5/3/21, Overall Vote: 102-50, Quade Voted No)

In March 2022, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1713) To Ban Government Orders To Shut Down Religious Gatherings. "HB 1713 — Religious Freedom Protections ... This bill nullifies orders that shut down religious gatherings save in a few exceptional circumstances. For example, these orders still stand when a gathered group is in imminent danger from problems like floods, fires, terrorist threats, or other immediate disasters. CPAC believes it is vital to the preservation of First Amendment liberties that religious gatherings not be wantonly impeded by the government and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 10, 2022 by a vote of 97-32 but the bill was not taken up by the Senate." (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1713, 3/10/22, Overall Vote: 97-32, Quade Voted No)

### Then-AG Eric Schmitt Anti-Mask Mandate Efforts

In August 2021, Quade Said Schmitt's Lawsuit To Stop School Districts From Enforcing Mask Mandates Jeopardized The Lives Of Missouri School Children. "...Schmitt filed a lawsuit Tuesday that seeks to stop school districts from enforcing mask mandates, requirements aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19. The action drew a rebuke from President Joe Biden, who finds such lawsuits 'unacceptable,' his press secretary said Tuesday. The lawsuit names Columbia Public Schools along with the district's Board of Education and board members, but is a class action lawsuit that 'would apply to school districts across the state that have a mask mandate for schoolchildren,' said Chris Nuelle, a spokesman for Schmitt. ... Quade, a Springfield Democrat, said in a statement that schools may be forced to close if Schmitt's lawsuit is successful and outbreaks occur. She also noted that Schmitt is running for U.S. Senate in 2022. 'This lawsuit might help Schmitt win a Republican U.S. Senate primary, but it puts the lives and education of Missouri children in jeopardy,' Quade said." (The Associated Press, 8/24/21)

In December 2021, Quade Criticized Schmitt's Ongoing Effort To Block The Local Enforcement Of Mask Mandates. "But even with a surge in cases in the Show-Me state that is virtually certain to

increase during the winter and holiday season—not to mention the looming threat of the Omicron variant—Pemiscot and New Madrid are among at least half a dozen local health departments that say they have halted their COVID-19 response in the wake of a scathing Dec. 7 letter from Attorney General Eric Schmitt demanding they pull back from pandemic safety. ... Critics say Missouri is setting itself up for even more trouble—and pointing the finger at a cynical play for votes in a Republican Party that sometimes seems to be doubling down on pandemic death. ‘Attorney General Schmitt is using his office as a tool for his campaign at the expense of not only taxpayer dollars, but at the risk to the health and safety of every Missourian,’ State House Minority Leader Crystal Quade told *The Daily Beast* on Friday. ‘Whether it’s asking adult vigilantes to submit photos of school children wearing masks or threatening school boards and health departments, the Attorney General is clearly trying to score political points with the far right.’ ‘Schmitt’s standing in the GOP primary shouldn’t be the factor that puts the health and safety of Missourians at risk,’ she added.” (*The Daily Beast*, 12/10/21)


**In January 2022, Quade Accused Schmitt Of Trying To Bully Springfield School Leaders To Not Impose A Mask Mandate.** “Despite the looming threat of legal action from ... Schmitt, Springfield school leaders are seeking a temporary return to required masking. ... Citing the uptick in COVID cases and school closures, State Rep. Crystal Quade, a Democrat and parent from Springfield, said the lawsuits filed by Schmitt prevented many districts from ‘taking reasonable and entirely lawful steps to protect their students from a highly contagious disease, steps that became necessary in part because Schmitt bullied them in dropping their mask mandates.’ She added: ‘Eric Schmitt’s stunning abuse of power is making countless Missouri kids sick and preventing schools from keeping their doors open.’” (*Springfield News-Leader*, 1/23/22)

**In January 2022, Quade Filed Failed Legislation To Reimburse School Districts For Their Legal Battles With Schmitt Over Mask Mandates.** “...Quade of Springfield filed legislation providing full reimbursement to local public school districts for legal expenses incurred defending against frivolous lawsuits filed by Missouri Attorney General Eric Schmitt. The local public school districts would only get the reimbursements if the courts rule in favor of them. ‘Local public school budgets are already stretched thin because of the pandemic,’ Rep. Quade said. ‘They shouldn’t have to foot the bill for Eric Schmitt’s shameful campaign stunts.’ She says she is trying to protect Missouri schools. ‘We’re trying to make sure that these public education dollars are reserved for public education. So for our students, for our teachers to make sure that our kids are getting what they need.’ Forty-five mask-requiring school districts in Missouri face lawsuits from Attorney General Schmitt.” (*KYTV*, 1/26/22)

### Masking Hypocrisy

**In May 2020, *Kansas City Star* Editors Took Quade And Other Democrats To Task For Being “Dangerous And Selfish” In Their Decision To Not Wear Masks During The Legislative Session.** “We’ve been giving Republican officials many well deserved whacks for failing to wear masks to protect others from COVID-19. That behavior is dangerous, selfish and shows a lack of leadership. Well, guess what? Many Democrats in the Missouri House also went increasingly maskless during the legislative session that ended last Friday, and that too was dangerous and selfish. They also revealed just a big hole in the ground where their example-setting and brain-using were supposed to be. Photos posted on the public Missouri House Democrats Facebook page show members on and off the floor with masks either nowhere to be seen or worn uselessly around their necks. ... There’s a video clip of Minority Floor Leader Crystal Quade, of Springfield, masklessly testifying on the last day of the session about the failure to take action on COVID-19.” (*Kansas City Star*, Editorial, 5/22/20)





In July 2020, Quade Stated Her Support For A Springfield Mask Mandate After She Was Photographed At The State Fair Not Wearing A Mask. "At the Cattlemen's Steak Fry in Sedalia, there were ribeyes on the grill, speeches and, despite urgings from Parson and state Health Director Randall Williams in other places, hardly a mask to be seen. ... Quade of Springfield was also there, as were several other Democratic lawmakers. The event came at the end of a week where Missouri recorded 3,918 new COVID-19 infections, testing showed positive rates are double their low of May 29 and daily deaths increased by 40%. ... Quade said she wore a mask into the building and while interacting with volunteers working at the event. She can be seen in several photos without a mask. 'I did take it off while eating and at various times throughout the event,' Quade said. Quade said she supports a proposed ordinance in Springfield requiring masks in public settings. She also said she supports requiring masks for entry into state facilities like the Agriculture Building at the fairgrounds. 'If the numbers stay the same, I would say yes,' she said." *(Neosho Daily News, 7/13/20)*

In October 2020, Quade Criticized President Donald Trump And Gov. Mike Parson For Not Wearing Masks After They Tested Positive For COVID-19. "...Trump tested positive for COVID-19 nearly ten days after Gov. Mike Parson and his wife tested positive for the virus. ... Parson's isolation is winding down, but lawmakers said they aren't surprised he or Trump tested positive. 'So, my first thought is, I hope it's okay but then also, not shocked because of the way they both have been handling the virus,' House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield, said. 'I hope for both of them that they recover very quickly, but I hope they both are able to look at it through a perspective of somebody that can't.' ... 'These are two candidates who have not really been taking this seriously, who have been seen without masks, who have been criticized frankly for their handling of the coronavirus, then I do think there could be some detriment on the campaign trail,' Quade said. 'I have to say it's been frustrating, both the president and the governor trying to pivot talking about coronavirus to law and order.' ... 'Simply saying, 'Oh you just have to get over it' is disgusting,' Quade said responding to Parson's statement." *(KTVI, 10/2/20)*

### COVID-19 Liability For Missouri Businesses, Healthcare Providers And Schools

In November 2020, Quade Opposed A Legislative Effort To Shield Businesses, Healthcare Providers And Schools From Being Sued Over COVID-19. "Missouri lawmakers plan to protect businesses, healthcare providers, and schools from being sued over COVID-19. Governor Mike Parson expanded the call for the current special session two weeks ago to now include COVID liability protection. If passed, it would stop people from suing businesses over COVID. ... Quade said some businesses have put their employees at risk. 'Over and over, Governor Parson has stressed the need for personal responsibility in fighting COVID-19. But for businesses that negligently put their employees and customers at risk, he doesn't want them to have to take any responsibility at all. While providing protections for businesses that follow the rules and take the necessary steps to keep people safe might be warranted, a blanket exemption that also shields bad actors from legal liability will encourage reckless behavior and make a crisis that already has spun out of control far worse.'" *(KTVI, 11/23/20)*

In May 2021, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 51) To Shield Businesses And Health Care Providers From COVID-Related Lawsuits. "...The Missouri House sent a sweeping bill that would shield businesses from most COVID related lawsuits to the governor's desk. Despite an attempt to kill Senate Bill 51 in the final minutes of the session, it was passed out of the House by a vote of 97 to 57 Friday. ... Senate Bill 51, sponsored by Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer, R-Parkville, would shield businesses and healthcare providers from most COVID-related lawsuits, unless a high standard of proof could be met. Residents would have up to one year to pursue legal action in instances of

medical malpractice and two years in cases of product liability or after an alleged exposure, like claiming the virus was contracted on a business's premises. It also offers explicit exemptions for religious organizations unless the plaintiff 'can prove intentional misconduct.'" (Missouri Independent, 5/14/21; SB 51, 5/14/21, Overall Vote: 97-57, Quade Voted No)

## Education

### Increased Teacher Pay

In April 2024, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 727) To Increase Minimum Teacher Pay By \$15,000 And Expand Charter Schools And School Choice Opportunities. "The Missouri House of Representatives on Thursday sent a pair of omnibus education bills to Republican Gov. Mike Parson for approval. Senate Bill 727, passed by an 82-69 vote, increases the amount of tax credits for the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts program, allows charter schools in Columbia and increases minimum teacher pay from \$25,000 to \$40,000. ... Democrats weren't unified against the bill, but Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield, said her caucus remains committed to improving public education. 'I really saw this bill as a moving of public money to private institutions,' said Quade, who's running for her party's nomination for governor. 'I can tell you everyone in our caucus wants to have robust discussions around education reform. We want to have robust discussions about making sure that every child in our state, regardless of where they live, what they believe, what their education abilities are, if they need (individual education plans) or anything under the sun are having opportunity to be able to get that done. ... Unfortunately, what we're seeing from the Republicans is not a discussion of actual reform, but a discussion on moving money around.'" (The Center Square, 4/18/24; Missouri State House Journal, SB 727, 4/18/24, Overall Vote: 82-69, Quade Voted No)

- Quade Said The Bill Provided "Nothing But Empty Promises For Public Education." "Quade ... said in a statement on Wednesday that the bill provided 'nothing but empty promises for public education.' 'The legislature had a chance to strengthen all Missouri schools but instead decided to once again shortchange public education,' she said." (Kansas City Star, 4/18/24)

### Charter Schools

In March 2017, Quade Voted Against A Failed Bill (HB 634) To Expand Charter Schools. "...House leadership this week turned attention to education and passed a bill that could allow charter schools to open in Springfield. Currently, these independently operated schools are only authorized in St. Louis and Kansas City. House Bill 634, sponsored by Rep. Rebecca Roeber, R-Lee's Summit, was debated for several hours Wednesday and Thursday. Dozens of amendments were proposed and three were adopted before sending the measure to the Senate on an 83-76 vote. Springfield-area representatives voted for the bill with the exception of Rep. Lynn Morris, R-Nixa, Rep. Mike Moon, R-Ash Grove, and Rep. Crystal Quade. ... The bill would allow charter schools to operate in any school district, but there are several caveats, including the requirement that the state foundation formula be fully funded." (Springfield News-Leader, 3/19/17)

In November 2019, Quade Opposed Allowing Charter Schools To Open In Springfield, And She Called For Greater Scrutiny Of Such Schools In Kansas City And St. Louis. "Next, lawmakers were asked whether they support allowing charter schools, which take public money but are run by the private sector, to open in Springfield. ... Quade disagreed, saying that not only did she oppose allowing charter schools into Springfield without a public vote, which she said she thinks would shoot down the idea, she wants greater scrutiny for existing charter schools in Kansas City and St. Louis." (Springfield News-Leader, 11/10/19)

In December 2019, Quade Sponsored A Failed Bill To Require A Public Vote Before New Charter Schools Could Open. "If they can't stop the [charter school] legislation again this year, they'll propose amendments requiring charters to get approval from often hostile local school boards or voters themselves before opening. Quade, the House minority leader from Springfield, said her bill requiring a public vote would ensure people actually want charter schools before they open their doors. 'I don't think it should come from the top down,' she said." (*Columbia Daily Tribune*, 12/8/19)

In August 2020, Quade Pledged To Fight Legislation To Expand Charter Schools. Q: "What will you do as a legislator to improve educational outcomes for Missouri students?" ... Quade: "If re-elected, I will be trying to stop legislation such as expansion of charter schools and ensuring they are subject to the same standards of accountability, transparency and respect for the rights of students, parents and staff as traditional public schools." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 8/25/20)

In April 2021, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 137) To Allow Charter Schools To Receive State And Local Funds. "HB 137 — Ensuring Funding Equality for Charter Schools ... This bill advances school choice by enabling charter schools to receive state and local funds in a manner similar to traditional public schools by 2024. ACU supports improving educational outcomes and reducing costs through school choice and ensuring equal treatment for both charter and public schools and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 15, 2021 by a vote of 86-66." (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/10/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 137, 4/15/21, Overall Vote: 86-66, Quade Voted No)

## School Choice

In November 2019, Quade Stated Her Opposition To School Choice. "Next, lawmakers were asked whether they would support allowing people to make tax-deductible donations to help pay for children to attend private schools. ... Quade answered the question with one word: 'No.'" (*Springfield News-Leader*, 11/10/19)

In August 2020, Quade Pledged To Oppose School Choice Legislation. Q: "What will you do as a legislator to improve educational outcomes for Missouri students?" ... Quade: "If re-elected, I will be trying to stop legislation such as expansion of charter schools and ensuring they are subject to the same standards of accountability, transparency and respect for the rights of students, parents and staff as traditional public schools. I will also oppose tax-credit schemes to move public money to private schools, push to reinstate collective bargaining rights for all education employees to promote school environments where educators and students can excel and protect retirement systems so we can recruit quality educators." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 8/25/20)

In May 2021, Quade Spoke And Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 349) To Create ESAs To Allow Missouri Parents To Send Their Children To The School Of Their Choosing. "Lawmakers gave final approval Thursday to the creation of Education Savings Accounts in Missouri, a major success for Republican leaders who had made doing so one of their top priorities. The bill barely made it out of the House earlier this year but ran into little resistance in the Senate. It now goes to Gov. Mike Parson for his signature. House Bill 349 - sponsored by Rep. Phil Christofanelli, R-St. Peters - allows families to apply for a state-supported scholarship, known as an Education Savings Account, to send their children to private school or cover other educational expenses. ... Quade ... has consistently opposed such legislation. 'I always vote against anything that pulls taxpayer dollars away from public institutions to private individuals,' Quade said." (*Missouri News Network*, 5/6/21)

In April 2024, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 727) To Expand School Choice Opportunities. "[The House] sent a pair of omnibus education bills to Republican Gov. Mike Parson for approval. Senate Bill 727, passed by an 82-69 vote, increases the amount of tax credits for the

Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts program, allows charter schools in Columbia and increases minimum teacher pay from \$25,000 to \$40,000. ... Democrats weren't unified against the bill, but Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield, said her caucus remains committed to improving public education. 'I really saw this bill as a moving of public money to private institutions,' said Quade, who's running for her party's nomination for governor. 'I can tell you everyone in our caucus wants to have robust discussions around education reform. We want to have robust discussions about making sure that every child in our state, regardless of where they live, what they believe, what their education abilities are, if they need (individual education plans) or anything under the sun are having opportunity to be able to get that done. ... Unfortunately, what we're seeing from the Republicans is not a discussion of actual reform, but a discussion on moving money around.'" (The Center Square, 4/18/24; Missouri State House Journal, SB 727, 4/18/24, Overall Vote: 82-69, Quade Voted No)

## Open Enrollment

In March 2021, Quade Voted Against An Open Enrollment Bill (HB 543). "House Bill 543 ... would allow public school students to transfer from the school district they reside in to a different district, provided they have a parent or guardian who owns property and pays a school tax in the new district. The bill ... would give school districts discretion over whether to participate in the transfer program and how many transfers to allow each year. Students transferring to a new school district would be counted toward that district's average daily attendance, which is used to calculate the distribution of state aid among districts. The bill advanced to the Senate by a vote of 82-68, despite vocal opposition from House Democrats as well as a lack of unanimous support from Republicans." (Jefferson City News Tribune, 3/26/21; Missouri State House Journal, HB 543, 3/25/21, Overall Vote: 82-68, Quade Voted No)

In March 2023, Quade Voted Against An Open Enrollment Bill (HB 253) "The Missouri Legislature's top open enrollment advocates both say they feel optimistic about passing legislation this session -- but possible changes to the flagship bill in the Senate could sink it. House Bill 253 would create a voluntary open enrollment program that would allow public school students to transfer from their home district to any other public school district that has opted into the program. Students may leave a district that has not opted in for another district that has, but the percentage of students who can transfer out of a district in any year may not exceed 3 percent of that district's enrollment the previous year. Rep. Brad Pollitt, R-Sedalia, is the sponsor of HB 253, which he characterized as a 'well-crafted, moderate parent choice bill.'" (Jefferson City News Tribune, 5/2/23; Missouri State House Journal, HB 253, 3/8/23, Overall Vote: 85-69, Quade Voted No)

In March 2023, Quade Described Open Enrollment Legislation As A Means To Expand Charter Schools. "Democrats worried that open enrollment, even an incremental version, is simply the first step towards the GOP dismantling public education. ... Quade, D-Springfield, argued the open enrollment bill 'is going to open a Pandora's box.' Quade described Pollitt's bill as the first step toward legislation she believes would be more harmful to public schools, like the expansion of the state's charter school system. She argued that the expansion of charters, which currently are only allowed in St. Louis and Kansas City, is unwarranted considering their low performance on the annual performance report. But charters scored on par or better than traditional schools in the latest round of testing. Kansas City charter schools scored an average of 71.4% on the MSIP 6, compared to the Kansas City Public Schools' 70.7%. St. Louis charter schools earned an average of 71.3%, compared to St. Louis Public Schools' 63.9%." (Missouri Independent, 3/13/23)

In January 2024, Quade Voted Against An Open Enrollment Bill (HB 1989). "The first bill passed by the Missouri House of Representatives in the previous two legislative sessions followed a similar path in 2024, clearing the lower chamber and then stalling in the Senate until it ultimately failed to reach a

final vote. The bill, HB 1989, was referred to as ‘open enrollment,’ as it would allow participating school districts to accept students from other districts.” (KFVS, 6/4/24; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1989, 1/31/24, Overall Vote: 86-73, Quade Voted No)

### The First Trump Administration’s School Choice Efforts

In January 2020, Quade Said She And Other Democrats Were “Completely Opposed” To The Trump Administration’s Efforts To Divert Tax Dollars From Public Education. “When asked about [Trump Education Secretary Betsy] DeVos’s comments, ... Quade said she did not hear the secretary’s speech but has concerns. ‘We’ve heard from her administration and her team that they are looking at diverting money to private institutions and away from public education and I can tell you that despite not knowing what she talked to about today, Democrats are completely opposed from diverting any public dollars away from public education,’ Quade said.” (KTVI, 1/27/20)

### Teachers Unions

In August 2020, Quade Said She Would Push To Reinstate Collective Bargaining Rights For All School Employees. Q: “What will you do as a legislator to improve educational outcomes for Missouri students?” ... Quade: “If re-elected, I will be trying to stop legislation such as expansion of charter schools and ensuring they are subject to the same standards of accountability, transparency and respect for the rights of students, parents and staff as traditional public schools. I will also oppose tax-credit schemes to move public money to private schools, push to reinstate collective bargaining rights for all education employees to promote school environments where educators and students can excel and protect retirement systems so we can recruit quality educators.” (*Springfield News-Leader*, 8/25/20)

### Banning Public Schools From Spending Tax Dollars On Politics

In May 2021, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 86) To Ban Public Schools From Spending Tax Dollars On Politics. “SB 86 — Prohibiting School Districts from Engaging in Political Electioneering and Expanding School Choice ... This House substitute version of this bill would protect taxpayers by ensuring their tax dollars are not used for political purposes and expands school choice opportunities. Under the bill, school districts, their employees, officers, and agents would be prohibited from expending public funds to support or oppose the nomination or election of any candidate, the passage or defeat of any ballot measure, committees supporting or opposing candidates or ballot measures, or to pay off debts or obligations of a candidate or committee incurred for the purposes list above. Additionally, this bill improves educational outcomes for families by expanding public and private school choice. ACU supports protecting taxpayers by ensuring public resources are used for their directly intended purposes, supports improving educational outcomes through school choice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 11, 2021 by a vote of 84-67 and an amended version of the bill was later signed into law.” (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/10/25; Missouri State House Journal, SB 86, 5/11/21, Overall Vote: 84-67, Quade Voted No)

## *Private Sector Regulations*

### Opposition To Cutting Red Tape For Missouri Businesses

In May 2019, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1158) To Direct A State Agency To Help Small Businesses Navigate Its Web Off State Regulations. “HB 1158 — Assisting Small Businesses in Navigating the Government Permitting Process ... This bill is designed to strengthen economic opportunity by assisting small businesses in navigating labyrinthine regulatory regimes. Under the

bill, the department of natural resources would be directed to identify any permits required and to work alongside small businesses with 25 employees or fewer to complete the permit applications. If government fails to provide such assistance, DNR would be directed to reduce the permit application fees by the amount the small business paid for DNR permit assistance. ACU supports reducing regulatory burdens which reduce competition and entrepreneurship, supports providing small businesses assistance in meeting stringent regulatory requirements and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on May 8, 2019 by a vote of 126-24. (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1158, 5/8/19, Overall Vote: 126-24, Quade Voted No)

**In May 2020, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1403) To Restrict Local Governments From Regulating Home-Based Businesses.** (Missouri State House, HB 1403, Bill Summary, Accessed 1/2/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1403, 5/7/20, Overall Vote: 114-33, Quade Voted No)

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HB 1403 -- POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS (Hudson)
COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Local Government
MUNICIPAL REGULATION OF HOME-BASED BUSINESSES
This bill prohibits municipalities from restricting the operation
of a "home-based business" or otherwise requiring a person to apply
for or obtain a permit, license, variance, or other prior approval
to operate a home-based business. The bill establishes a list of
factors that qualify a residential property for use as a home-based
business.
Municipalities can establish reasonable regulations on a home-based
business if the regulations are narrowly tailored for specified
purposes, including protecting public health and safety. A
municipality that enacts a regulation bears the burden of proving
by clear and convincing evidence that the regulation complies with
this bill.
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**In May 2022, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 1662) To Ban Local Governments From Regulating Home-Based Businesses.** "HB 1662 — Freedom to Work from Home ... This bill prevents local governments from banning telephone sales, thereby shutting down those who work from home. It also prevents local governments from making restrictions on the hours of operation of home-based work. CPAC supports the ability of individuals to conduct legal business on their own private property and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on May 13, 2022 by a vote of 94-43 and the bill later became law." (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, 1/8/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1662, 5/13/22, Overall Vote: 94-43, Quade Voted No)

**In April 2023, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 268) To Create A Regulatory Relief Office In The Department Of Economic Development Designed To Help Businesses.** "A plan to offer new businesses some regulatory relief has made its way to the Missouri Senate. On April 11, 2023, the Senate Economic Development and Tax Policy Committee heard testimony on HB 268, which creates the Regulatory Sandbox Act. ... HB 268 would create the Regulatory Relief Office within the Department of Economic Development. Businesses that apply for the program could receive a waiver from certain state laws or regulations during a 2-year period. Missouri's regulatory sandbox would apply to all industries." (MO Chamber Of Commerce, Press Release, 4/14/23; Missouri State House Journal, HB 268, 2/27/23, 116-34, Quade Voted No)

### Massive Fee Hikes On Small Business Owners

**In March 2020, Quade Voted Against A Resolution (SCR 38) To Block A State Agency's Attempt To Impose Fee Hikes Of Up To 140% On Small Businesses.** "SCR 38 — Reining in a Runaway State Agency and Blocking Enormous Fee Increases on Businesses ... This resolution helps prevent the state Department of Natural Resources from inappropriately extending its regulatory powers and blocks the imposition of enormous fee increases for 'hazardous waste generators.' Under existing law, the Hazardous Waste Management Commission under the DNR is permitted to promulgate

rules to establish registration fees for individuals and businesses which contribute to waste considered hazardous; additionally, the legislature has the authority to reject increases in such fees. In 2019, the HWMC proposed increasing fees by as much as 140%. These increases were reportedly pursued by the HWMC in order to expand its regulatory authority to include permitting, inspection, and enforcement currently conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. ... ACU opposes arbitrarily driving up business costs in order to expand the regulatory authority of government and without providing the necessary explanation of service expansion benefits and supported this resolution. The House passed the resolution on March 4, 2020 by a vote of 101-42 and the resolution became law. (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/9/25; Missouri State House Journal, SCR 38, 3/4/20, Overall Vote: 101-42, Quade Voted No)

### Opposition To Restricting Eminent Domain

In April 2019, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1062) To Ban Utility Companies From Seizing Private Property For Power Line Projects. "HB 1062 — Protecting against Private Entity Eminent Domain Abuse ... This bill would strengthen property rights by prohibiting private utility companies from being granted eminent domain powers to seize private property for the construction of above-ground merchant power lines that do not benefit Missourians. The bill is in response to wind and solar companies which are attempting to use the power of eminent domain to construct transmission lines to sell their power to lucrative markets on the east coast. ... ACU supports strengthening property rights, supports the use of eminent domain only as a last course of action for projects of substantial public benefit and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on April 18, 2019 by a vote of 115-35." (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1062, 4/18/19, Overall Vote: 115-35, Quade Voted No)

- In January 2020, Quade Voted Against A Similar Bill (HB 2033). "HB 2033 — Protecting against Private Entity Eminent Domain Abuse ... This bill would strengthen property rights by prohibiting private utility companies from being granted eminent domain powers to seize private property for the construction of above-ground merchant power lines that do not benefit Missourians. The bill is in response to wind and solar companies which are attempting to use the power of eminent domain to construct transmission lines to sell their power to lucrative markets on the east coast. ... ACU supports strengthening property rights, believes eminent domain should only be used for projects providing substantial public benefit, with vigilant oversight, and with just compensation for property owners and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on January 27, 2020 by a vote of 118-42." (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/9/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2033, 1/27/20, Overall Vote: 118-42, Quade Voted No)
- In February 2021, Quade Voted Against A Similar Bill (HB 527). "HB 527 — Protecting Against Private Entity Eminent Domain Abuse ... This bill would strengthen property rights by prohibiting private utility companies from being granted eminent domain powers to seize private property for the construction of above-ground merchant power lines that do not benefit Missourians. Specifically, this bill requires that before the Public Service Commission issues an approval for a merchant line, an entity must provide the PSC with a resolution of support passed by the county commission in each county through which the merchant line will be built. The bill is in response to wind and solar companies which are attempting to use the power of eminent domain to construct transmission lines to sell their power to lucrative markets on the east coast. ... The House passed the bill on February 25, 2021 by a vote of 123-33." (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/11/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 527, 2/25/21, Overall Vote: 123-33, Quade Voted No)

### Tort Reform

In 2017, Quade Voted Against Several Greitens-Signed Tort Reform Bills (HB 339/714, SB 31, HB 452, HB 153). "...Greitens has signed legislation that the Property Casualty Insurers Association of America says will help improve the legal climate in that state. According to PCI, SS/SCS/HCS/HB339 and 714 is comprehensive insurance tort reform legislation that will help curb the abuses associated with section 537.065 and the time-limited demand settlement process. ... Other tort reform bills signed by Gov. Greitens include: SB31, which makes changes to the collateral source rule (paid v. billed damages) so parties can only introduce evidence of the actual cost of the medical care rendered, instead of the value of those costs rendered. ... HB 452, which says that, with certain exceptions, no healthcare provider shall be liable for the negligence of another entity or person who is not an employee of the healthcare provider. HB153, which creates a higher standard for expert evidence, improves the reliability of expert witness testimony, and puts Missouri in line with a majority of states regarding the standard used for expert testimony." (Insurance Journal, 7/13/17; Missouri State House Journal, 4/26/17, HBs 339 & 714, Overall Vote: 103-47, Quade Voted No; SB 31, 5/11/17, Overall Vote: 98-53, Quade Voted No; HB 452, 5/12/17, Overall Vote: 98-45, Quade Voted No; HB 153, 2/2/17, Overall Vote: 106-50, Quade Voted No)

In May 2018, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 608) To Shield Missourians Who Defended Their Businesses From Rioters From Frivolous Lawsuits. "SB 608 — Protecting Businesses from Criminal Conduct outside their Control ... This bill establishes the 'Business Premises Safety Act' to protect businesses from overzealous plaintiffs' lawyers and frivolous lawsuits. Specifically, the bill declares a business has the duty to guard against only criminal acts that 'they know are reasonably likely to occur,' and removes language from previous law that could hold a business legally liable if they acted merely with 'negligence.' ACU opposes frivolous litigation that drives business and consumer costs and enriches trial lawyers and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 17, 2018 by a vote of 106-28. (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/5/25; Missouri State House Journal, SB 608, 5/17/18, Overall Vote: 106-28, Quade Voted No)

In March 2020, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 2049) To Close Lawsuit Loopholes That Were Often Exploited By Trial Lawyers. "HB 2049 — Reducing Lawsuit Abuse by Closing Lawsuit Loopholes ... This bill would help prevent lawsuit abuse in liability claims by improving transparency in claim negotiations and clarifying the rights of liability insurers. Under existing law, plaintiffs and named defendants are permitted to negotiate liability without consent of insurers that nevertheless binds insurers in terms of payouts under the policy. Under this bill, insurers would no longer be bound by such agreements unless they consent in writing. The bill would also permit insurers to intervene in a lawsuit after an agreement is reached without their consent. ACU supports combatting lawsuit abuse which drives up consumer and business costs by raising insurance costs and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 5, 2020 by a vote of 90-57." (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/5/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2049, 3/5/20, Overall Vote: 90-57, Quade Voted No)

## Advocate For Big Labor

During Quade's Failed 2024 Gubernatorial Campaign, She Pledged To "Continue To Advocate For Strengthening" Labor Unions, And She Stated Her Commitment To Defeat Paycheck Protection And Right To Work Legislation. Quade: "As somebody who has worked closely with labor throughout my time in the House, I will continue to advocate for strengthening our labor unions across Missouri. ... Additionally, as governor, I'll put my foot down against anti-worker legislation like paycheck deception and whatever the next attempt at passing Right-to-Work looks like. I'll restart the prevailing wage report database, prioritize contracts that invest in Missouri's workforce, and I'll hold anti-labor politicians responsible for their attacks on working Missourians and will continue to support making Missouri a better, safer, and stronger state for working Missourians." (Missouri AFL-CIO, [Quade Interview](#), 2024)



## Right To Work

During Quade's First State House Campaign In 2016, She Stated That She Would "Continue The Fight Against RTW." (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

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| Crystal Quade       | ✗ ? | <b>"I have been endorsed by Heavy Construction Laborers Local 663 Communication Workers of America Local 6301 SMART Transportation Division – United Transportation Union to continue the fight against RTW"</b> |
| Angela Dowler Pryor | ✗   |  |
| Christopher Curry   | ✗   |  |
| Sarah Hinkle        | ✗   |  |

In February 2017, Quade Voted Against A Greitens-Signed Right To Work Bill (SB 19). "Sen. Dan Brown's SB 19, the right-to-work bill, officially became law Monday, making Missouri the 28th state in the country to adopt such a policy. The official signing of the bill came at the Capitol in the governor's office where nearly all of the pro-right-to-work Republican legislators flanked Greitens, most notably Brown and Rep. Holly Rehder, the House handler of Brown's bill." (Missouri Times, 2/6/17; Missouri State House Journal, SB 19, 2/2/17, Overall Vote: 100-59, Quade Voted No)

In September 2018, Quade Called On Voters To Reject State Legislative Candidates Who Supported Right To Work. "Tuesday's Labor Day speeches were brighter than 2017's remarks, given the defeat of 'right-to-work' and local Democrats' hopes of joining a 'blue wave' to rebuke Trump and Republicans. ... Quade, D-Springfield, asked voters to reject any local candidate for the State House or Senate who had supported 'right-to-work.' 'These folks can't go back,' said Quade, the only elected Democratic state lawmaker from southwest Missouri." (Springfield News-Leader, 9/4/18)

## Paycheck Protection Legislation

In February 2017, Quade Voted Against Paycheck Protection Legislation (HB 251). "The paycheck legislation, House Bill 251, would require public-sector unions to get written permission before deducting dues from members' paychecks and prohibit public unions from using dues or other fees to make political contributions without a member's previous authorization." (Springfield News-Leader, 3/26/17; Missouri State House Journal, HB 251, 2/9/17, Overall Vote: 95-60, Quade Voted No)

In May 2018, Quade Voted Against A Greitens-Signed Paycheck Protection Bill (HB 1413). "Requires authorization for certain labor unions to use dues and fees to make political contributions and requires consent for withholding earnings from paychecks." (Missouri State House, HB 1413, 2018 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1413, 5/17/18, Overall Vote: 87-62, Quade Voted No)

## Repealing The Prevailing Wage For Public Works Projects

In March 2017, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 104) To Repeal Prevailing Wage Requirements For Public Works Projects. "House Bill 104, which passed 89 to 60, would scrap the state's prevailing wage for public works projects. The bill's supporters say the prevailing wage law hurts small business owners, especially those in rural areas." (St. Louis Public Radio, 3/30/17; Missouri State House Journal, HB 104, 3/30/17, Overall Vote: 89-60, Quade Voted No)

In May 2018, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 1729) To Partially Repeal Prevailing Wage Requirements On Public Works Projects. "...Parson, R, has signed into law a partial repeal [HB 1729] of a state law known as prevailing wage, which involves the rate of pay for employees working on public works projects, for things like local jails, schools and courthouses. The legislation is among

a batch of bills he signed today, the day before the deadline to take action on measures passed during this year's regular session of the Missouri Legislature." (MissouriNet, 7/13/18; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1729, 5/18/18, Overall Vote: 97-50, Quade Voted No)

### Ending Project Labor Agreements

In April 2017, Quade Voted Against A Greitens-Signed Bill (SB 182) To End A Project Labor Agreement Mandate For Public Works Projects. "Another labor reform measure is heading to Gov. Eric Greitens' desk, this time targeting project labor agreements. The House third read and passed Sen. Bob Onder's SB 182, a bill which would end the current mandate for parties bidding on public works projects to make agreements with labor organizations and unions. Rep. Rob Vescovo handled the bill in the House, and he said the legislation would make the bidding process on public projects more fair for all interested parties." (Missouri Times, 4/27/17; Missouri State House Journal, SB 182, 4/27/17, Overall Vote: 104-52, Quade Voted No)

### Minimum Wage

In 2016, Quade Stated Her Support For Increasing The Minimum Wage To \$15/Hr. Q: "Do you support a \$15 per hour minimum wage?" Quade: "Yes." (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

In August 2024, Quade Supported A Voter-Approved State Ballot Measure (Prop. A) To Increase The Minimum Wage To \$15/Hr. "The two major candidates for Missouri governor are offering diverging positions on raising the state's minimum wage as voters prepare for a statewide vote in November. ... Quade supports it, arguing that increasing the minimum wage would help families stay afloat. Missouri voters will decide on the measure, called Proposition A, on Nov. 5. It would gradually raise the minimum wage from \$12.30 an hour to \$15 an hour in 2026. ... Quade is in favor of the measure, saying in a statement that she supports 'anything we can do to help working Missourians put food on the table, pay their bills, and support their families.' 'Whether that's an increase in the minimum wage to ensure working Missourians are able to keep up with inflation, or making sure workers can accrue paid sick leave, Missouri workers need our support,' she said. 'As governor, I'll continue to fight for working Missourians and do what we can to make Missouri the best place to live, work, raise a family, and start a business.'" (Kansas City Star, 8/22/24)

### Opposition To Pro-Farming Legislation

In March 2018, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1614) To Ban The Regulation Of Seeds And Fertilizers By Local Governments. "One representative's bill aims to allow farmers to continue being good stewards of the land in the best way they know how. Introduced by Rep. Bill Reiboldt, HB 1614 would leave the regulation of seeds and chemical fertilizers to agencies that have expertise in agriculture. The legislation prohibits any political subdivision from adopting or enforcing any regulation relating to seeds, chemical fertilizers and soil conditioners — though there was talk of soil conditioners being excluded in the final version of the bill." (Missouri Times, 1/31/18; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1614, 3/13/18, Overall Vote: 109-39, Quade Voted No)

In 2019, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 391) To Relax Regulations On Large-Scale Cattle Farms. "The Greene County Commission is keeping its mouth shut on a controversial new state law easing regulations on large-scale livestock operations. In a briefing Thursday, commissioners decided against joining a pair of Springfield city councilmen in objecting to the law, saying it wasn't worth damaging relationships with lawmakers who backed it. The law has broad support among Republican legislators and the agricultural industry groups who wanted to eliminate local regulations on big farms known as CAFOs that are stricter than what the state enforces." (Springfield News-Leader, 11/10/19; Missouri State House Journal, SB 391, 5/14/19, Overall Vote: 103-44, Quade Voted No)

In May 2021, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 574) To Ban Animal Rights Groups From Breaking Into Farms. "HB 574 — Strengthening Private Property Rights of Agricultural Facilities ... This bill helps protect the private property rights of agricultural facilities from extremist animal rights organizations and out-of-state inspection entities. The bill is in response to states such as California, which require inspections of facilities for the sale of agricultural products into the state, which has led to unauthorized seizures and harassment orchestrated by animal rights groups. This bill ensures that unless requested by the owner of the facility, no other entity may inspect the grounds or facilities to enforce or carry out the laws or administrative rules of another state. ACU supports strengthening privacy and property rights and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 4, 2021 by a vote of 102-46 and the bill was signed into law." (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 574, 5/4/21, Overall Vote: 101-46, Quade Voted No)

## Foreign-Owned Farmland

In 2023, Quade Sponsored A Failed Bill (HB 707) To Halt Future Purchases Of Missouri Farmland By Foreign Countries. "...Quade is the sponsor of House Bill 707. This bill would halt future purchases by foreigners or foreign companies after August of this year." (KYTV, 2/16/23)

In 2024, Quade Sponsored Another Failed Bill (HB 2138) To Halt Future Purchases Of Missouri Farmland By Foreign Countries. (Missouri State House, HB 2138, 2024 Legislative Session)

HB 2138 -- FOREIGN OWNERSHIP OF AGRICULTURAL LAND

SPONSOR: Quade

This bill prohibits any alien or foreign business from acquiring agricultural land in the state after August 28, 2024.

AUDIO: In June 2024, Quade Stressed That She Supported Stopping Future Purchases Of Missouri Farmland By China, And She Suggested She Would Oppose Efforts To Confiscate Farmland Already Owned By China. Quade: "So, when I have this discussion, we know there is a [Chinese] footprint already. What I really want to see is not expanding that footprint." ... Q: "So you wouldn't like confiscate the land as Arkansas is doing, for example?" ... Quade: "I'm not even sure how we'd go about that in a way that is really legal and makes sense." (KSMU, [Quade Interview](#), 6/18/24; 15:10 Mark)

## Foreign Trade

In 2016, Quade Stated Her Opposition To The Failed Trans Pacific Partnership. Q: "Do you support the Trans Pacific Partnership?" Quade: "No." (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

## *Election-Related Issues*

### Photo ID

In September 2016, Quade Ripped Photo ID Legislation As A "Farce." Quade: "Here is what I know: We cannot make it more difficult for our citizens to vote. ... I won't argue the difficulties many low income seniors face obtaining a picture ID or the statistics that people of color are disenfranchised when these laws take effect. What I will talk about is what I know to be true in my district. People are struggling. The last thing we need is to make it even harder for their voices to be heard. If we make it even more difficult to vote, we are denying the working poor their right to a voice in our process, which defies the very bedrock of our hard-earned American political system. The people who will be affected by this law are our veterans, senior citizens, parents and neighbors. They deserve to cast their ballot. We must recognize voting discrimination as it is happening. We cannot accept this farce:

voter ID pretending to be one thing but at its heart is simple discrimination wrapped in a red, white and blue package.” (Crystal Quade, Column for the *Springfield News-Leader*, 9/4/16)

In January 2020, Quade Called Photo ID Legislation An “Attack On Voting Rights.” “Last week, the Missouri Supreme Court gutted the state’s voter ID law. This week, Missouri Republicans are rewriting it. ... Quade, D-Springfield, who sat in on the hearing, had a similar take. ‘Rather than pass yet another attack on voting rights that will be struck down by the court,’ she said, ‘we should focus on making voting easier and more accessible for all Missouri voters.’” (*Springfield News-Leader*, 1/23/20)

In March 2020, Quade Voted Against Photo ID Legislation (HB 1600). “HB 1600 — Protecting Election Integrity by Strengthening Voter ID Requirements ... This bill would restore parts of Missouri’s 2016 voter ID law which was struck down by the Missouri Supreme Court’s 2020 decision in *Priorities USA v. State of Missouri*. Specifically, this bill would require voters to display a valid government-issued photo ID or voter identification card in order to vote. The bill would permit individuals without the required identification to cast a provisional ballot which would be counted once the individual returns with an ID or when a court confirms their ballot signature matches the signature on file with their registration. ... ACU supports strengthening ballot integrity by preventing voter fraud which disenfranchises legal voters and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 2, 2020 by a vote of 109-45.” (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1600, 3/2/20, Overall Vote: 109-45, Quade Voted No)

In March 2021, Quade Voted Against Photo ID Legislation. (HB 738). “HB 738 — Strengthening Election Integrity Through Voter-ID and Numerous Other Reforms ... This bill implements numerous reforms to strengthen election integrity and combat vote fraud. Most notably, the bill requires a voter to present a photo-id when casting a ballot but permits a provisional ballots to be cast with any documentation currently allowed for voting. Additional notable reforms include audits of voter registration lists, limits on mail-in ballots, and a prohibition on payments for the solicitation of voter registration. ACU supports efforts to strengthen election integrity and ensure that all legal ballots are counted, and that no illegal ballot is counted, which disenfranchises eligible voters and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on March 25, 2021 by a vote of 109-48.” (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/8/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 738, 3/25/21, Overall Vote: 109-48, Quade Voted No)

In April 2021, Quade Charged That Photo ID Legislation Was An Attempt By Republicans To “Combat Voting By Minority Groups.” “...Quade, D-Springfield, accused Republicans of enacting legislation that would disproportionately harm black Missourians and other people of color. ... ‘No one, not even Republicans if they’re being honest, really believe that the push for a strict voter ID law and other voting restrictions are intended to combat voting fraud,; Quade said. ‘The reality is such measures are intended to combat voting by minority groups that don’t support Republicans.’” (*Missourian*, 4/6/21)

In September 2021, Quade Called Republican-Backed Election Proposals, Which Included Photo ID Legislation, “Voter Suppression.” “...Ashcroft is pushing the GOP-led Legislature to enact a series of changes to state voting laws. His wish list, released Monday, includes requiring a photo ID to cast a ballot, as well as a requirement that county-level election officials purge their voter rolls. ... While his blueprint may find favor among the Republican majorities in the House and Senate, Democrats say the move is a continuation of the debunked election fraud claims made by former President Donald Trump. ‘Voter suppression will not improve elections but instead call their legitimacy into question. Every legal Missouri voter should be able to cast a ballot and have confidence their vote will be counted. The secretary of state’s proposals would do more to prevent voting than to prevent fraud,’ said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield.” (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 9/14/21)

In March 2022, Quade Voted Against A Proposed Constitutional Amendment (HJR 94) To Require Photo ID To Vote. “HJR 94 — Requiring an ID to Vote ... This resolution proposes a state constitutional amendment that would require voters to provide election authorities with a government-issued photo ID to vote. Under the amendment, a person without a photo ID could still cast a provisional ballot. CPAC supports reasonable efforts to maintain ballot integrity and supported this resolution. The House passed the resolution on March 10, 2022 by a vote of 97-36 but the resolution was not taken up by the Senate.” (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, HJR 94, 3/10/22, Overall Vote: 97-36, Quade Voted No)

In May 2022, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Photo ID Bill (HB 1878), Calling It “The Biggest Disappointment Of This Legislative Session.” “Missouri voters will be required to show photo identification to vote in November’s midterm elections if Republican Gov. Mike Parson signs a 58-page election bill into law. House Bill 1878, sponsored by Rep. John Simmons, R-Washington, will require persons seeking to vote to show photo identification. If they don’t have photo identification, they can cast a provisional ballot and return before the polls close at 7 p.m. with photo identification. Or, the ballot will be counted if the person’s signature matches the signature on file with the election authority. ... House Democrats decried the legislation. ‘I would say the biggest disappointment of this legislative session for us was that bill passing the finish line,’ House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield, said. ‘And it wasn’t just the photo ID provisions. It was banning ballot drop boxes. It gave even more subpoena power to the Secretary of State.’” (Center Square, 5/17/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1878, 5/12/22, Overall Vote: 97-47, Quade Voted No)

- Quade Also Called The Bill “Disastrous.” “After amendments, the bill essentially became a sweeping overhaul of state elections law. ‘I would say that is probably the biggest disappointment of this legislative session for us was that bill passing the finish line,’ said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield. She called the bill ‘disastrous.’” (*Missourian*, 5/13/22)
- The Quade-Opposed Bill Also Banned Drop Boxes, Allowed For Audits Of Voter Rolls, And Banned Private Donations To Election Authorities. “...Parson signed a bill containing a number of changes to elections and voting, including a requirement to have a government-issued photo ID, into law Wednesday. House Bill 1878 also allows for two weeks of early in-person voting without needing an excuse, bans drop boxes for absentee ballots, allows the Secretary of State to audit voter rolls, bans private donations to election authorities and eliminates Missouri’s presidential preference primary. ... Opponents have said the bill will make it more difficult to vote, especially among traditionally marginalized communities. House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, a Springfield Democrat, called the law ‘Republicans’ latest attempt to disenfranchise certain Missourians’ and said in a statement she believed it too would be declared unconstitutional. ‘By making it harder for Missourians to participate in elections, HB 1878 continues Republicans’ assault on the democratic process,’ Quade said.” (*Springfield News-Leader*, 6/30/22)

### Federalizing Missouri’s Elections

In July 2021, Quade Called On National Democrats To Pass The “For The People Act” And The “John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act,” Both Of Which Would Effectively Federalize Elections And Allow Automatic And Same-Day Voter Registration. “At a Springfield vigil pushing federal voting rights legislation and honoring civil rights icon John Lewis, ... Quade warned that Missouri Republicans could restrict voting rights in the Show-Me State if Congress doesn’t act. ‘For the past five years that I’ve been in Jefferson City, legislators continue to tell us that voters don’t know what they’re talking about and so then what we see every year is legislation moving through the process to restrict access to voting. We have to stop it,’ the Springfield Democrat told several

dozen rallygoers at the First Unitarian Universalist Church on Saturday. 'Fortunately, these bills have not crossed the finish line, but I promise you they're not going away. We're going to see more legislation in January about voter ID at the ballot, making it harder to get to the ballot box, and harder to hold folks like me accountable.' In May, Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft called for a special session this summer to pass some election reforms like ones passed by many Republican-controlled states since the 2020 election. In reaction to President Donald Trump's false claims of election fraud, many of these bills have restricted early and by-mail voting. So far, Governor Mike Parson has not called a session for that purpose. Quade likened these proposals to voter suppression and called on national Democrats to pass the 'For the People Act' and 'John Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act' to stop these bills in Republican-controlled states like Missouri." (Springfield News-Leader, 7/21/21)

## Voter Fraud

In April 2019, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 269) To Give The Missouri Secretary Of State Greater Authority To Investigate Voter Fraud. "Missouri's Secretary of State would see his investigative powers expand under a bill given preliminary approval by the House. On Wednesday, the lower chamber perfected HB 269, filed by Rep. Dan Shaul. The measure would give the state's top election official subpoena power when investigating voter fraud and other election irregularities. '[Let's] give the tools to the Secretary of State so he can be another set of eyes on voter fraud,' Shaul said during debate. ... Supporters of the legislation said that the measure gives the appropriate enforcement authority to the Secretary of State. They noted that the subpoena power only involves the production of documents and physical items." (Missouri Times, 4/3/19; Missouri State House Journal, HB 269, 4/8/19, Overall Vote: 103-42, Quade Voted No)

## Automatic Voter Registration

In 2017, Quade Co-Sponsored A Failed Bill (HB 184) To Establish Automatic Voter Registration In Missouri. (Missouri State House, HB 184, 2017 Legislative Session)

**HB 184**

*Requires the Secretary of State to establish a system for automatic voter registration*

**Sponsor:** [Franks Jr., Bruce \(078\)](#)

**Proposed Effective Date:** 8/28/2017

**LR Number:** 0798H.011

**Last Action:** 05/12/2017 - Referred: Select Committee on Local, State, Federal Relations and Miscellaneous Business(H)

**Bill String:** HB 184

**Next House Hearing:** Hearing not scheduled

**Calendar:** Bill currently not on a House calendar


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Co-Sponsors
Actions
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| Mary Nichols   | 72       | Democrat | 12/12/2016 3:54:03 PM |
| Peter Merideth | 80       | Democrat | 1/5/2017 1:45:45 PM   |
| Crystal Quade  | 132      | Democrat | 1/9/2017 9:20:50 AM   |

## Ranked Choice Voting

During A 2020 Reddit AMA, Quade Stated Her Support For Ranked Choice Voting. (Reddit, [Quade AMA, 2020](#))



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I support rank choice voting. With the way the legislature is made up right now, honestly, ballot initiative is the best option.

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In May 2023, Quade Voted Against A Resolution (HJR 66) To Prohibit Ranked Choice Voting In Missouri. "HJR 66 — Prohibiting Ranked-Choice Voting in Missouri ... This resolution prohibits

elections officials from conducting elections through a process of ranked-choice voting. Ranked-choice voting is a system of voting wherein, in some circumstances, the individual who places second in the election can win the election by having votes from other losing candidates assigned to them. CPAC opposes this consequence and supported this resolution. The House passed this resolution on May 5, 2023 by a vote of 102-44.” (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/8/25; Missouri State House Journal, HJR 66, 5/5/23, Overall Vote: 102-42, Quade Voted No)

### Initiative Petition Reform

In March 2021, Quade Said House Democrats Would Oppose Any Attempt By Republicans To Reform The Initiative Petition Process. “Also in the House, representatives made changes to the election and petition process, like requiring photo IDs to vote, something Democrats oppose. ‘We’re seeing these attacks against the initiative petition process, and that’s something we have been opposing since we’ve been here,’ Quade said. The legislation passed requires organizations to get 10% of all registered voters’ signatures in each congressional district for petitions to change the state’s constitution. It also would require two-thirds approval from voters to pass an amendment on the ballot. ‘This is a way for them to hold us accountable,’ Quade said. ‘When they’re asking us to do something and we say no as a body, this is a way they can get things done. When we do things, they don’t like, this is a way they can hold us accountable, so any change to access for citizens to hold their government accountable, we are going to oppose.’” (WDAF, 3/12/21)

In April 2021, Quade Claimed Republicans Had “Essentially Given The Middle Finger To Missouri Voters” In Their Attempts To Reform The Initiative Petition Process. “House Joint Resolution 20 would require 10% of voters in all 8 congressional districts and increase the amount of votes needed to pass from a majority to two-thirds. House Bill 333 increases the petition filing fee to \$500. Both bills have passed the House and are waiting for Senate approval. ‘Every single year that I have been here, my colleagues have essentially given the middle finger to Missouri voters,’ House Minority Leader Crystal Quade said. ‘They are making the initiative petition process harder. They are making it so that those with only absorbent amounts of money can actually get something passed.’” (KTVI, 4/1/21)

In February 2022, Quade Called Republican-Backed Initiative Petition Reform Legislation “A Slap In The Face To Voters.” “Another measure passed by the House on Thursday would make it more difficult to amend the Missouri Constitution, as voters did in 2020 when they expanded Medicaid. Republican proponents argued that it’s now too easy to change the constitution, while Democrats said Republicans are trying to block voters from enacting policies they disagree with. ‘This is a slap in the face to voters,’ ... Quade said. The latest proposal would require signatures from voters in all 8 state congressional districts in order to put a constitutional amendment on the ballot and would ramp up the threshold to amend the constitution to a 2/3 vote.” (The Associated Press, 2/24/22)

In February 2023, Quade Criticized And Voted Against An Initiative Petition Reform Measure (HJR 43). “A resolution creating a steeper challenge to change Missouri’s Constitution was panned by Democrats as limiting the voice of the voter on Thursday, while Republicans praised its protection of the state’s founding charter. ... Both parties met with reporters and commented on House Joint Resolution 43, sent to the Senate on Thursday. It passed 106-50. ... Quade, D-Springfield, said the legislation goes beyond targeting any initiative petition to legalize abortion in Missouri. ‘I think this has to do with the fact that, year after year, for well over a decade, the voters have voted for progressive issues at the ballot box,’ Quade said. ‘The Republicans in Jefferson City don’t like that. They don’t like the voter’s voices being heard and abortion is part of that conversation. But I really think this is about the past decade in our state.’” (The Center Square, 2/2/23)

In April 2024, Quade Criticized And Voted Against Another Failed Initiative Petition Reform Measure (HJR 86). “The GOP-led House on Thursday amended a proposed constitutional amendment that, if approved by voters, would raise the vote threshold needed for all constitutional amendments going forward. The heart of the proposed amendment would raise the percentage of votes needed to enact voter-directed constitutional changes. Currently, the constitution is amended with a simple majority statewide vote. Under the Republican proposal, amendments also would need a majority of votes in five of the state’s eight congressional districts to pass. House lawmakers on Thursday added a provision to the amendment to ban noncitizens from voting — which they already can’t do — setting up a showdown with the GOP-led Senate. ... Quade told reporters Thursday that the measure would take ‘away the citizens’ ability to, in my opinion, hold the Legislature accountable.’ ‘Missouri citizens have used the ballot initiative whenever the Legislature has gone too far or not done enough,’ Quade said. ‘Whether that was for passing Medicaid expansion and stopping right to work, legalization of medical and recreational marijuana; the list goes on and on.’”  
(*The Associated Press*, 4/25/24)

### Campaign Donation Limits

In 2016, Quade Backed Limits On Campaign Donations. “I BELIEVE IN...Campaign Finance & Ethics Reform[.] ... Regular Missouri voices are not heard when there are no limits on campaign contributions. Missouri currently has no limits on contributions to candidates for office. Families across Missouri are struggling to pay their bills, and Springfield has over 800 homeless students, but yet millions are spent on campaigns across the state. We must put limits in place, reign in our ethics laws, and do better for our state.” (Crystal Quade Campaign Website, “Beliefs” Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

In 2016, Quade Supported Repealing The SCOTUS Ruling On *Citizens United*. Q: “Do you support a repeal of the Citizens United ruling?” Quade: “Yes.” (Mobilize Missouri, “Survey Responses” Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

## PUBLIC SAFETY ISSUES

### *Illegal Immigration*

#### Border Security

In February 2024, Quade Criticized Gov. Mike Parson For Proposing To Send National Guard Troops To The Border, And She Backed A Failed Biden-Harris Immigration Deal. “...Parson late Sunday said he plans to put ‘boots on the ground in Texas, criticizing President Joe Biden’s handling of immigration issues at the southern border with Mexico. ... Quade, a Springfield Democrat, criticized Parson in a statement, arguing that he should be focused on issues in Missouri such as the hundreds of jobs lost after an aluminum smelter recently closed in the southeastern part of the state. ‘I bet the 500 folks in the bootheel that lost their jobs a couple weeks ago would rather have the governor focusing on that, instead of wasting taxpayer money to fly to TX for a photo op,’ Quade, who is running for governor, said in a text message. There is a federal bipartisan negotiated bill on the table for the members of Congress. Our governor should be focused on Missouri and saving those jobs.”  
(*Kansas City Star*, 2/5/24)

- Trump-Era Homeland Security Officials Blasted The Quade-Backed Immigration Deal As A “Disaster For Border Security” That Would Lead To “More Mass Illegal Immigration.” “Multiple Trump-era Homeland Security officials are claiming a new Senate border and immigration bill will be a ‘disaster’ for border security despite claims from supporters that it would help stem the migrant crisis. ‘The bill negotiated by three Senators and President Biden funds and facilitates



more mass illegal immigration,' the officials said in a report. 'It is a disaster for border security.' The officials are former Customs and Border Protection acting Commissioner Mark Morgan, former Immigration and Customs Enforcement Director Thomas Homan, former U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Director Joe Edlow and former acting deputy Homeland Security Chief of Staff Lora Ries. All are fellows at The Heritage Foundation." ([Fox News](#), 2/6/24)

In July 2024, Quade Reversed Course On Parson's Deployment Of Troops To The Southern Border, Noting That She Voted To Fund The Effort. She Also Reiterated Her Support For The Failed Biden-Harris Immigration Deal. "Quade from Springfield, one of the leading Democratic candidates for governor, cited immigration as a top issue for voters in a statement to *The Star*. She pointed to her support for money backing Parson's deployment to the southern border. 'Immigration is an important issue that is on the top of a lot of people's minds- and there is no denying there is a problem at the border,' Quade said. 'When Governor Parson sent troops to the southern border, I voted to ensure they had funding from the state.' Quade added, however, that she was disappointed that a bipartisan border deal died in Congress, saying it 'fell victim to folks in DC playing politics with our border security. Something that we know all too well here in Missouri.' She said as governor she would use the Missouri National Guard's counter-drug task force in coordination with federal agencies 'to keep Missourians safe.'" (*Kansas City Star*, 7/11/24)

### Illegal Reentry

In May 2017, Quade Voted Against A Greitens-Signed Bill (SB 34) That Included Provisions To Criminalize When Deported Illegal Immigrants Reenter Missouri. "...Greitens and the General Assembly have delivered the Blue Alert system. With a recent increase in violence against police officers, Greitens signed SB 34, which would establish the Blue Alert system, similar to the Amber Alert system used for missing children. ... The Blue Alert system would notify the public in the event of a law enforcement officer being injured or killed. ... But SB 34 also creates a new crime in the Show-Me State: illegal reentry. What this means is that if a person is deported from the U.S. for committing a crime and then returns and commits a felony, they could be tried for illegal reentry as well as the felony. The crime of illegal reentry will carry a Class C felony designation, with a punishment of three to seven years. It also adds museums for children under the age of 18 to the list of public places which a sex offender is banned from." (*Missouri Times*, 7/6/17; *Missouri State House Journal*, SB 34, 5/12/17, Overall Vote: 117-29, Quade Voted No)

### In-State Tuition For Illegal Immigrants

In May 2019, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 3) To Ban Public Colleges And Universities From Providing In-State Tuition To Illegal Immigrants. "But it only came together after a tense fight over 4-year-old language in the higher education funding bill barring public colleges from using state money to offer in-state tuition to undocumented immigrants. ... Holsman, D-Kansas City, made a successful bid to strip out the language in a House-Senate conference committee Tuesday with the assistance of Sen. Lincoln Hough, R-Springfield, Sen. Mike Cunningham, R-Rogersville, and Democrats on the panel. In a later interview, Hough said he thinks the decision to provide in-state tuition should be left up to the schools. But House Republicans rejected the move Thursday morning on a near party-line vote, arguing state dollars should go toward helping legal residents first, and the Senate ultimately backed down in the face of Friday's 6 p.m. deadline to pass the budget. ... Quade, D-Springfield, was the only local representative to favor lifting the restriction." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 5/12/19; *Missouri State House Journal*, HB 3, 5/9/19, Overall Vote: 115-32, Quade Voted No)

In March 2023, Quade Voted For An Amendment To Provide In-State Tuition To Illegal Immigrants. “Forcing Taxpayers to Provide Illegal Immigrants with In-State Tuition Rates at Public Colleges and Universities. The Weber amendment #5 to the Higher Education and Workforce Development appropriations bill. This amendment makes individuals who are residing within the state unlawfully eligible for in-state tuition rates at Missouri colleges and universities if they graduated from a Missouri high school. Oppose is the Limited Government Position as this amendment not only forces taxpayers to subsidize the higher education costs of individuals residing in the country unlawfully, but also limits opportunities for legal residents to enroll in competitive state colleges. Defeated, 44 to 95.” (Institute For Legislative Analysis, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/6/25; Missouri State House Journal, HA 5 to HB 3, 3/28/23, Overall Vote: 44-95, Quade Voted Yes)

### Banning Illegal Immigrants From Voting In Missouri

In May 2018, Quade Voted Against A Proposed Constitutional Amendment (HJR 100) To Require That Only U.S. Citizens Be Counted For Reapportionment. The Measure Required Voter Approval. “The Missouri House has given initial approval of a proposed constitutional amendment that, upon voter approval, would alter reapportionment standards. ... Within the resolution, only U.S. citizens would be counted as part of the population used in reapportionment — redistricting. It also lays out that reapportionment officials can only accept compensation appropriated by the General Assembly. ‘Each person’s vote should have the same weight,’ said Plocher. ‘...we have all heard of the premise of one person, one vote. Therefore, for reapportionment purposes, HJR 100 simply says, you must be a United States Citizen.’ Supporters argued that counting those who are not U.S. citizens when drawing districts — which should be as equal in size as possible — puts more weight behind some people’s vote as compared to others.” (Missouri Times, 5/10/18; Missouri State House Journal, HJR 100, 5/11/18, Overall Vote: 90-34, Quade Voted No)

In December 2019, Quade Dismissed A Republican Legislator’s Resolution To Ban Illegal Immigrants From Voting In Missouri, Saying Existing Language Already Banned The Practice. “An Ozarks lawmaker raised eyebrows this week when he filed a bill to solve a problem some say doesn’t exist. If passed, the resolution from Rep. Curtis Trent, R-Springfield, would ask voters to make a one-word change to the Missouri Constitution. Rather than saying ‘all’ U.S. citizens who are 18 or older can vote, Trent wants it to say ‘only’ U.S. citizens who are 18 or older can vote. In a news release, Trent said the change is necessary to ‘make absolutely clear that U.S. citizenship is required to vote.’ He said cities including San Francisco and Chicago and some towns in Maryland currently allow noncitizens to vote in some local elections and warned that efforts are afoot to introduce the idea in other states. ... Quade, D-Springfield, said no one in her caucus had any interest in allowing noncitizens to vote. ‘The existing language already guarantees voting rights are only for citizens,’ she wrote in a text message. ‘I have not been told about any efforts to change that, other than Rep. Trent’s bill to add language.’” (Springfield News-Leader, 12/17/19)

In April 2022, Quade Voted Against A Proposed Constitutional Amendment (HJR 131) To Ban Illegal Immigrants From Voting In Missouri Elections. The Measure Required Voter Approval. (Missouri State House, HJR 131, 2022 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HJR 131, 4/6/22, Overall Vote: 97-45, Quade Voted No)

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Upon voter approval, this proposed Constitutional amendment clarifies that only citizens of the United States are eligible to vote. The resolution requires that voters cast a single vote for each office or issue. Additionally, it requires that the plurality winner of any political party primary election be the only candidate for that political party on the ballot at the General Election.

The resolution also requires the use of paper ballots and voting records which are preserved for use in any election audit. Voting machines will be tested and certified as secure under federal standards prior to each election.

The resolution has ballot language submitted by the General Assembly under Chapter 116, RSMo.

In February 2023, Quade Called An Initiative Petition Reform Measure That Included Provisions To Ban Illegal Immigrants From Voting “Deceptive.” “The Missouri House passed legislation this week aimed at making it harder to amend the state constitution through the initiative petition process. The Republican-backed bill would increase the threshold needed for voter approval of a proposed constitutional amendment from a simple majority to 60%. But the change needs voter approval, and the first bullet point in the summary crafted by Republican lawmakers that would be placed on the statewide ballot doesn’t mention initiative petitions at all. Instead, it asks Missourians whether the constitution should be amended to ‘allow only citizens of the United States to qualify as legal voters.’ That one line dominated House debate this week. ‘We know it’s put in there to be deceptive to voters,’ said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield. ... Republicans are trying to trick Missouri voters with the citizenship language, Quade said, but it won’t work. She noted voters rejected similar proposals in Arkansas and South Dakota by overwhelming margins. ‘We know all across the country, ‘she said, ‘where they have tried to go after the ballot initiative process, voters are with us in saying that they want to continue to have a voice in democracy.’” (Missouri Independent, 2/3/23)

## Crime

### Relaxing Cash Bail Requirements And Restoring Voting Rights For Convicted Felons

In February 2019, Quade Backed A Failed Democrat Criminal Justice Plan That Sought To Relax Cash Bail Requirements For Criminals And Restore Voting Rights To Convicted Felons. “Members of the House Democratic Caucus and the Missouri Legislative Black Caucus outlined legislation to strengthen and reform the criminal justice system in Missouri by correcting practices that disparately punish the poor, removing obstacles that make it harder for people who’ve served their time to become productive citizens and ensuring the rights of children are protected in legal proceedings. ‘Maintaining a strong criminal justice system means addressing its weaknesses,’ said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield. ‘If we truly want to address crime in our state, we must end counterproductive practices that come down harder on poor defendants and make it more difficult for past offenders to find jobs and contribute to society.’ In his recent State of the Judiciary address to lawmakers, Missouri Supreme Court Chief Justice Zel Fischer announced new rules the court is instituting to avoid jailing people awaiting trial who are neither a danger to the public nor a flight risk but simply too poor to afford cash bail. The Money Bail Reform Act of 2019, House Bill 666, sponsored by Missouri Legislative Black Caucus Chairman Steve Roberts, D-St. Louis, would codify many of the reforms being implemented by the court. ... House Bill 508 sponsored by state Rep. Bruce Franks, D-St. Louis, would restore voting rights to people with felony convictions who have been released from prison but remain on probation or parole.” (Rolla Daily News, 2/12/19)

### Mandatory Sentences And Cracking Down On Violent Crime

In January 2020, Quade Called Gov. Parson's Call For A Crackdown On Violent Crime "A Lot Of Lip Service." "While Democrats have called for more restrictions on gun ownership and greater flexibility for cities to impose their own gun rules, the Republican governor made clear that's not his plan. ... Parson instead called on lawmakers to provide more protection for witnesses of crime, increase mental health resources and ramp up laws against violent crime. Those proposals likely have a better shot at passing in a Legislature where gun rights are fiercely defended. ... Quade described Parson's ideas on how to combat violence as 'a lot of lip service.' 'We're not seeing actual proposals that will make any serious change,' she said." (*The Associated Press*, 1/15/20)

In January 2020, Quade Said Her Caucus Generally Opposed Tougher Sentencing Laws. "A measure sponsored by Sen. Doug Libla, R-Poplar Bluff, would toughen sentencing guidelines for people with certain prior convictions: drug trafficking, armed criminal action or violent crimes. They would face three to 10 years in prison, while people with other felony convictions would still face the current seven-year maximum. The bill targets those already legally barred from owning firearms. ... Representatives of law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys testified in support of the measure. Darrell Moore, executive director of the Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, said cities are seeing repeat offenders who continue to carry guns. ... Meanwhile, two other Republican proposals would increase prison time for armed criminal action, or the use of a deadly weapon to commit a felony. Separate measures sponsored by the committee chairman, Sen. Tony Luetkemeyer, R-Parkville, and its vice chairman, Sen. Bob Onder, R-Lake Saint Louis, would raise the minimum sentence from three to five years for a first conviction and even higher for subsequent offenses. ... Quade, D-Springfield, said her members generally don't support tougher sentencing laws. 'There are laws that we can pass now that will keep firearms out of the hands of criminals,' Quade said. 'We also believe that strong gun rights for those who act responsibly can and must coexist with commonsense laws to keep guns out of the hands who don't.'" (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 1/22/20)

In A June 2020 Letter To Gov. Parson, Quade Called On Him To Veto A Bill (SB 600) To Create Mandatory Sentences For Violent Crimes And Crack Down On Violent Street Gangs. Parson Later Signed The Bill Into Law. "Although reforming the criminal justice system will take years, there is one action you can and should take right now to keep the situation from getting worse, and that is to veto Senate Substitute for Senate Bill 600, legislation that seeks to take a significant step backward from the important sentencing reforms Missouri has adopted in recent years. SB 600 is precisely the wrong bill at precisely the wrong time and signing it into law would send precisely the wrong message to the thousands of Missourians marching for reform throughout our state. However, a veto would demonstrate your commitment to a fair criminal justice system that demands just punishment for crimes but doesn't impose harsh vengeance merely for the sake of being vengeful." (Reps. Crystal Quade and Steve Roberts, *St. Louis American*, June 2020)

- During A June 2020 Protest In Springfield, Quade Reiterated Her Opposition To The Bill And Complained, "There Are Not Enough People Making Laws Who Are Black." "Thousands of people poured into downtown Springfield on Saturday demanding justice for George Floyd and freedom for all black Americans from generations of discrimination. ... Imari Stout, who helped organize the demonstration, noted the same thing in an interview, saying that people have to get involved in down-ballot contests that get little attention but can have significant impacts on everyday life. 'Get out and vote for the elections that are not being streamed on your Instagram,' Stout said. 'There are people being elected to office and put in chairs to make decisions that do not represent us or our communities.' ... Quade, D-Springfield, echoed the sentiment, noting that last month the legislature's Republican majority passed a criminal justice bill expected to

increase the prison population by thousands despite little evidence it will help cut down on violent crime. 'The only way we change that is we change who we send to Jefferson City,' Quade said. 'There are not enough people making laws who are black.'" (*Springfield News-Leader*, 6/8/20)

- Quade: "By Supporting Senate Bill 600, The Governor Guarantees That The Inequities In The System Will Get Worse, And The Protests For Justice Will Continue." "...Quade, D-Springfield, said the governor took the wrong approach by signing the bill. 'As people across Missouri and the nation demand criminal justice reform, the governor instead is embracing the same failed approach that too often produces unjust results, over-incarcerates Black men and does nothing to keep us safe,' Quade said. 'By supporting Senate Bill 600, the governor guarantees that the inequities in the system will get worse, and the protests for justice will continue.'" (KTVI, 7/6/20)

### Violent Crime In St. Louis And Kansas City

In September 2019, Quade Attacked Gov. Parson's Decision To Send State Troopers To St. Louis To Fight A Violent Crime Wave That Resulted In The Murders Of More Than A Dozen Children.

"...Parson is sending highway patrol troopers and other state workers to St. Louis as part of an effort to fight the surge of violent crime that has included the killings of more than a dozen children in the region so far this year. The Republican governor on Thursday announced an action plan that takes effect Oct. 1. Parson said the total cost of the state's commitment, including the 25 state employees who will work in the St. Louis region, is up to \$4 million. ... Troopers will patrol interstate highways and assist with U.S. Marshals Service and Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives that focus on violent criminals. The state is also providing investigators to help with federal crime cases and social workers to assist crime victims. Parson said his plan also includes \$2 million in state funds for services to help crime victims. ... St. Louis has long had one of the nation's highest murder rates, and the 144 homicides so far in 2019 are on pace to top last year's total of 186. Particularly troubling this year is the fact that 11 of the victims were children, and two other child deaths are still being investigated as 'suspicious.' ... Parson's plan addresses violence in St. Louis County, too. St. Louis County has recorded 37 homicides this year, one fewer than the same time a year ago. ... Quade of Springfield said Parson's plan 'does nothing for Kansas City or rural areas affected by increases in gun-related suicides and local violence.' Quade, in a statement, said the proposal fails to address 'Missouri's dangerously weak gun laws.'" (*The Associated Press*, 9/19/19)

- Quade Feared Parson's Plan Would "End Up Being Little More Than A Public Relations Campaign." "...Parson announced Thursday that the state on Oct. 1 will begin deploying about 25 employees, many of them highway patrol troopers, 'to get more boots on the ground' to try to help reduce violent crime in St. Louis. ... Quade, D-Springfield, complained in a news release that Parson's plan doesn't include strengthening Missouri's 'dangerously weak gun laws.' 'I fear it will end up being little more than a public relations campaign that produces few, if any, tangible results.'" (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 9/20/19)

In July 2020, Quade Criticized Parson For Calling A Special Session To Address Violence In St. Louis And Kansas City To Focus On "Tough-On-Crime Rhetoric That Will Solve Nothing." "Missouri lawmakers will reconvene later this month to consider ways to stem the escalating violence that has become especially deadly in St. Louis and Kansas City, Gov. Mike Parson announced Wednesday. The special session that starts July 27 will be singularly focused on violent crime. But unlike some other states that are considering police reforms in the wake of racial injustice protests, Missouri lawmakers will focus on measures that could strengthen laws and put more people behind bars. ... Quade of Springfield, a Democrat, accused Parson of 'tough-on-crime rhetoric that will solve

nothing.’ ‘Diminishing the voice of Black communities, who are disproportionately affected by both the pandemic and the epidemic of gun violence, will not make Missouri safer,’ Quade said in a statement.” (*The Associated Press*, 7/15/20)

- Quade Said The Special Session Should Focus On Police Reform, Not Cracking Down On Violent Crime. “...Parson called this special session because the state is on track to set record homicide numbers this year. ... Quade from Springfield said the governor’s provisions will only fill prisons. ‘Everything that he’s addressing is after the crime has already been committed, and those are changes as we wanted to see them,’ Quade said. ‘Yes we want to deal with violent crime, but if you look at the call for the special session, none of these things that he’s talking about deals with crime before it happens.’ Quade said she’s hearing from the community, and people want lawmakers to discuss police reform. ‘It’s a combination of what can we do better to make sure our law enforcement officers have the resources they need but then also what could we be doing better to make sure our citizens are protected and there is accountability,’ she said.” (*WDAF*, 7/24/20)
- Quade Called The Special Session A “Waste” Even After The House Passed Bills To Crack Down On Endangering The Welfare Of Children And Making Gun Sales To Children. “...Quade, D-Springfield, pronounced the Governor’s special session on violent crime, a waste. ‘We spent well over \$100,000 so far, and in our opinion, have done absolutely nothing to prevent violent crime in the state of Missouri,’ Quade told reporters. ... Speaker Elijah Haahr, R-Springfield, disagreed. He said allowing St. Louis Police to live outside the city was an ‘immediate help.’ ... Five of the six ideas Governor Mike Parson had for decreasing violent crime in Missouri passed out of the State House. If passed by the Senate and signed into law, endangering the welfare of a child will be serious felony, it’ll be illegal to sell or hand a gun to a kid to avoid an investigation or arrest, but okay to give a minor a gun without parents’ permission. Judges can use testimony from a witness who was intimidated by a defendant, and the state will set up a witness protection fund.” (*KYTV*, 8/25/20)

In October 2024, Quade Accused Republicans Of Making St. Louis “The Boogeyman” Due To Its Crime Problems. Quade: “First and foremost, specifically because we’re talking about the St. Louis region, St. Louis has been made out to be the boogeyman. And it’s quite wild because it’s one of the biggest economic drivers of this entire state of Missouri. By ‘boogeyman,’ obviously we talk a lot about the increase in crime. But I like to partner that with a conversation, that the state has not been doing much to support the lack of 300 police officers in the city of St. Louis. We could go back and forth on that. But to answer your question: Anything that the city has tried to do to move itself forward, we see the legislature go and undo that. Like the vote of the people wanting to increase the minimum wage: the very next year, Jefferson City said, ‘No, you can’t do that.’” (*St. Louis Business Journal*, 10/24/24)

### Former St. Louis Circuit Attorney Kim Gardner

In August 2020, Quade Attacked Republicans For Pushing Legislation, Which She Called A “Vendetta,” To Bypass Gardner, Who Had Failed To Prosecute Several Murder Cases During A Spike In Violent Crime. “...Quade said, ‘When Gov. Mike Parson initially called this special legislative session, it was clear his purpose was not to address violent crime but to change the subject from his disastrous leadership during the COVID-19 pandemic. Today, the session took a more sinister turn as the governor seeks to carry out a political vendetta against the only elected African-American woman prosecutor in Missouri.’ Gardner won the August 4 primary with more than 60% of the vote. ... ‘By now trying to strip her of the prosecutorial discretion and authority enjoyed by every other

prosecutor in the state, the governor attacks democracy itself,' Quade said. 'Lawmakers must not become co-conspirators in the governor's politically motivated abuse of power.'" (St. Louis American, August 2020)

In February 2023, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 301) To Allow The Governor To Appoint A Special Prosecutor In Crime-Ravaged Cities Like St. Louis. "A wide-ranging legislative package aimed at imposing state control on local prosecutors' offices passed the Missouri House on Thursday. House Bill 301, sponsored by Joplin Republican Rep. Lane Roberts, would allow the governor to appoint a special prosecutor in regions with high homicide rates. Republicans touted the package as a multi-faceted response to crime across the state, particularly in St. Louis City, which was in earlier versions of the bill specifically targeted with a special prosecutor." (Springfield News-Leader, 2/10/23; Missouri State House Journal, HB 301, 2/9/23, Overall Vote: 109-35, Quade Voted No)

- Quade Accused Republicans Of "Push[ing] A Political Agenda" To Remove Gardner After A 17-Year Old Girl Lost Her Legs In A Car Accident Caused By A Man Already Facing Robbery Charges. "Although many Democrats from the city agree that Gardner should resign, some Democrats say Republicans are playing politics. 'I feel like the folks on the other side of the aisle are using this... as an opportunity to push a political agenda,' said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield." (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 2/24/23)

### Opposition To The Death Penalty

In 2016, Quade Stated Her Opposition To The Death Penalty. Q: "Do you support the use and continuation of capital punishment?" Quade: "No." (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

In May 2022, Quade And Other Democrats Called On Gov. Parson To Halt The Execution Of A Double Murderer. "A double murderer has been executed by lethal injection on Tuesday despite having had the decision overturned on three occasions. Carman Deck, 56, who was first sentenced to death in 1998 was executed after the Missouri governor decided against granting him clemency. ... Democratic lawmakers sent a letter to the Missouri governor on Monday asking him to halt the execution. 'Our state has a responsibility to rise above those impulses and uphold moral and spiritual fortitude in the face of evil,' wrote Ingrid Burnett, a Kansas City Democrat. 'We believe that a failure to do so degrades our institutions, threatens our character, and grants too much authority to a state apparatus that could utilize that power flagrantly in the future.' The letter was signed by over 20 other House Democrats, including Minority Leader Crystal Quade of Springfield." (Mirror, 5/4/22)

In July 2024, Quade Reiterated Her Opposition To The Death Penalty. "Quade said that she doesn't support the death penalty. 'What I think we need to be doing is having conversations around supporting our jurors who, more often than not, do not say that folks need the death penalty and our judges are overruling that,' Quade said." (Kansas City Star, 7/15/24)

### Race-Related Riots

In May 2020, Quade Responded To A Fellow Legislator's Statement That Looters In Minneapolis Should Be Shot By Calling Him Unfit For Office. "A Missouri state representative attracted criticism online Friday afternoon when he tweeted that 'Looters deserve to be shot. ... But not by the government' and referenced the Second Amendment. The post from Rep. Tony Lovasco, R-O'Fallon, came amid riots and looting in Minneapolis sparked by the death of George Floyd, a black man who died after a white police officer named Derek Chauvin pinned his knee on Floyd's neck for eight minutes. ... Quade, a Democrat from Springfield, released a statement calling Lovasco unfit for office. 'Anyone who commits a crime should be prosecuted and punished appropriately,' she said. 'But

an elected official who advocates for extrajudicial murder is just as lawless as those he condemns and is unfit to hold public office.'" (*Springfield News-Leader*, 5/31/20)

### Furloughing Prisoners During The COVID-19 Pandemic

In March 2020, Quade And House Democrats Supported Furloughing Non-Violent Prisoners During The COVID-19 Pandemic. "Quade, D-Springfield, urged Parson and GOP leaders to pull out the stops on a sweeping response. 'We need to be, as state government, taking the role of leaders,' Quade said. In a briefing with reporters, Quade said Parson should declare a state of emergency to open access to a pool of state and federal funding that could be used to reimburse health care providers for testing of uninsured people. The state also needs to authorize paid sick leave for companies with more than 50 employees, she said. 'If there has never been a time in my life to talk about paid sick leave, now is it,' Quade said. Democrats also want the Department of Corrections to furlough nonviolent prisoners to lessen the number of people who might catch the virus while behind bars.'" (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 3/13/20)

### Flagged Soft On Crime Votes

In February 2019, Quade Voted For A Bill (HB 113) To Eliminate Mandatory Minimum Sentences For Non-Violent Crimes. "The Missouri House has voted to eliminate mandatory minimum sentences for non-violent crimes. Missouri law requires that offenders with one prior conviction must serve at least 40-percent of a prison term. Those with two prior convictions must serve 50-percent, and those with three or more must serve 80-percent. House Bill 113 would allow judges to make exceptions to those mandates if, based on certain criteria, those minimums would be unjust to the defendant or unnecessary to protect the public. 'This enables us to, as someone said, differentiate between the folks that we're scared of and the folks that we're mad at,' said bill sponsor Cody Smith. ... The bill drew broad bipartisan support, passing out of the House 140-17.'" (*Missouri Times*, 2/21/19; *Missouri State House Journal*, HB 113, 2/21/19, Overall Vote: 140-17, Quade Voted Yes)

In February 2020, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1873) To Criminalize Carjacking. "HB 1873 This bill creates the offense of vehicle hijacking, which is committed when an individual knowingly uses or threatens the use of physical force upon another individual to seize or attempt to seize possession or control of a vehicle. This offense is punished as a class B felony unless one of the aggravating circumstances listed in the bill was present during the commission of the offense, in which case it is punished as a Class A felony.'" (*Farmington Press*, 3/5/20; *Missouri State House Journal*, HB 1873, 2/24/20, Overall Vote: 123-33, Quade Voted No)

In May 2020, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1450) To Criminalize Fentanyl Trafficking. "Legislation that would criminalize fentanyl trafficking was endorsed by the Missouri House on Tuesday. The measure is part of a larger omnibus package that would also impose stiffer penalties for some gun-related crimes, create a state-level witness protection program and prohibit drone flights near prisons and sports stadiums. The chamber voted 101-50 to approve the package with most Democrats and a handful of Republicans voting against it. ... Schroer, R-O'Fallon, sponsored the legislation approved Tuesday. 'If we're going to get serious on opioids, fentanyl, carfentanil, and crime in our state, vote in favor of House Bill 1450,' he told the House.'" (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 5/13/20; *Missouri State House Journal*, HB 1450, 5/12/20, Overall Vote: 99-52, Quade Voted No)

In August 2020, Quade Voted Against Bills (HB 11, HB 16) To Increase Penalties For Endangering The Welfare Of A Child And Unlawfully Transferring A Weapon To A Minor. "Schroer's other bills, HBs 11 and 16, made it through as drafted. HB 11 would elevate the crime of endangering the welfare of a child from a misdemeanor to a first-degree felony. ... Other bills, including the unlawful



transfer of a weapon to a minor (HB 16), creation of a witness protection fund (HB 66), and ending residency requirements for safety officials in St. Louis (HB 46) were perfected without amendments attached." (Missouri Times, 8/24/20; Missouri State House Journal, HB 11, 8/25/20, Overall Vote: 117-33, Quade Voted No; HB 16, 8/25/20, Overall Vote: 103-45, Quade Voted No)

**In April 2022, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 2127) To Increase Penalties For Smash-And-Grab Crimes Involving ATMs.** (Missouri State House, HB 2127, 2022 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2127, 4/4/22, Overall Vote: 112-27, Quade Voted No)

HCS HB 2127 -- OFFENSES INVOLVING TELLER MACHINES (Francis)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Standing Committee on Financial Institutions

This bill adds damaging or making a "teller machine", as defined in the bill, inoperable to the offense of property damage in the first degree. This offense is a class D felony; a class C felony if committed for the purpose of executing any scheme or artifice to defraud or obtain any property that exceeds \$750 or the damage to the teller machine exceeds \$750; and a class B felony if the damage committed was to obtain the personal financial credentials of another person

This bill describes the offense of tampering with a teller machine and makes it a class D felony, unless the offense is for the purpose of executing any scheme to defraud or obtain any property valued at \$1000 or more or damage to the teller machine of \$1000 or more, in which case it is a class C felony.

The bill also provides that the offense of stealing is a Class C felony if the property is a teller machine or the contents of a teller machine regardless of the value or amount of cash.

**In April 2022, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1954) To Require People Convicted Of DWI That Resulted In The Death Of A Parent To Pay Child Support To The Victim's Children.** "Missouri lawmakers are considering a bill requiring someone convicted of DWI that caused a crash killing a parent to pay child support to the victim's children. It is House Bill 1954, sponsored by Mike Henderson, R-Bonne Terre. If passed, the bill would tell a judge to consider future financial needs of children left behind, their caregivers, the children's physical and emotional needs, and any future child care needs." (Fox 4 KC, 3/18/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1954, 4/6/22, Overall Vote: 107-18, Quade Voted No)

**In May 2023, Quade Voted "Present" On A Parson-Vetoed Bill (SB 189) That Threatened To Allow Convicted Sex Offenders To Expunge Their Records.** "...Parson vetoed Senate Bill 189, which included a law that would have increased the punishment for celebratory gunfire. Parson said two amendments added to Senate Bill 189 led to the veto. ... Parson said one of the amendments, Section 610.140, 'could allow criminals convicted of sexual offenses, including sexual exploitation of a minor or the promotion of child pornography, to have their records expunged and be removed from the sex offender registry.'" (KMBC, 7/6/23; Missouri State House Journal, SB 189, 5/10/23, Overall Vote: 109-11, Quade Voted Present)

### Flagged Legislation Co-Sponsored By Quade

**In 2020, Quade Co-Sponsored A Failed Needle Exchange Bill (HB 1486).** (Missouri State House, HB 1486, 2020 Legislative Session)

## HB 1486

*Exempts health care entities registered with the Department of Health and Senior Services that distribute hypodermic needles or syringes from the crime of unlawful delivery of drug paraphernalia.*

Sponsor: [Thompson Rehder, Holly \(148\)](#)  
Proposed Effective Date: 8/28/2020  
LR Number: 3448H.01P  
Last Action: 03/12/2020 - Second read and referred: General Laws(S)  
Bill String: HB 1486  
Next House Hearing: Hearing not scheduled  
Calendar: Bill currently not on a House calendar

### Co-Sponsors

### Actions

### Hearings

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| Crystal Quade | 132      | Democrat | 1/13/2020 12:03:58 PM |

In 2020, Quade Co-Sponsored A Failed Bill (HB 1837) To Ensure That MO HealthNet Resumed Benefits For Criminals Following Their Release From Prison. (Missouri State House, HB 1837, 2020 Legislative Session)

100th General Assembly, 2nd Regular Session

## HB 1837

*Modifies provisions relating to MO HealthNet coverage for incarcerated individuals.*

Sponsor: [Green, Alan \(067\)](#)  
Proposed Effective Date: 8/28/2020  
LR Number: 4334H.011  
Last Action: 05/15/2020 - Referred: Health and Mental Health Policy(H)  
Bill String: HB 1837  
Next House Hearing: Hearing not scheduled  
Calendar: Bill currently not on a House calendar

### Co-Sponsors

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| Crystal Quade | 132      | Democrat | 1/13/2020 12:01:09 PM |

HB 1837 -- MO HEALTHNET FOR INCARCERATED INDIVIDUALS

SPONSOR: Green

This bill allows a person who is incarcerated and who is receiving MO HealthNet benefits at the time of incarceration to have his or her benefits temporarily suspended for the duration of the incarceration. Upon release, his or her benefits will be restored.

## Police

### Defunding The Police

In May 2021, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 26) To Allow Residents To Sue Local Officials Who Slashed Police Budgets By More Than 12%. "Senate Bill 26, sometimes referred to as the police 'bill of rights,' was approved by Missouri lawmakers in May and is awaiting the signature of Republican Gov. Mike Parson, a former sheriff. ... The Missouri bill's sponsor, Republican state Sen. Bill Eigel of St. Charles County, said it takes necessary steps to protect police and the public. One provision addresses the so-called 'defund the police' movement. It prohibits decreasing the budget for a policing agency by more than 12% compared to the jurisdiction's other departments over a 5-year period. The bill comes as some progressives in St. Louis and Kansas City want to reduce police budgets and use the money for things such as mental health services and addiction treatment. ... Another provision spells out procedures for disciplining police, which Eigel calls the police bill of rights. Among other things, it requires records of any administrative investigation to be 'confidential and not subject to disclosure under Sunshine Law,' except by subpoena or court order. ... The Missouri bill also puts limits on investigations of officers and provides protection against civil claims unless the officer is criminally convicted. 'This gives due process rights for discipline, which

was sorely needed,' said Kevin Ahlbrand, legislative director for the Missouri Fraternal Order of Police. 'There is still a process for disciplining an officer. It doesn't protect bad officers.' The bill upgrades the charge from a misdemeanor to a felony if someone vandalizes 'any public monument or structure on public property.' Public structures such as police stations have sometimes been targeted by racial injustice protesters, as have monuments including those honoring the Confederacy. The upgraded charge means, potentially, more jail time and a higher fine. Another provision creates a new class D misdemeanor for anyone who 'willfully or recklessly' interferes with an ambulance. Racial injustice protesters often march or gather on streets, roads and highways, which authorities say risks blocking access for ambulances and other first responders." (*The Associated Press*, 7/1/21; Missouri State House Journal, SB 26, 5/14/21, Overall Vote: 108-47, Quade Voted No)

In May 2022, Quade Voted Against Two Measures (SJR 38, SB 678) To Prevent Liberal Politicians In Kansas City From Defunding The Police. Voters Later Approved SJR 38 (Amendment 4). "Senate Joint Resolution 38 would require voters in November to approve or reject a constitutional amendment giving the General Assembly the ability to increase minimum funding for a police force established by a state board of police commissioners. Currently, only one police force meets that criterion-Kansas City. The legislature also passed Senate Bill 678, increasing Kansas City's required portion of general revenue for the police department from 20% to 25%. Republicans throughout this year's legislative session stated Kansas City was part of the national 'defund the police' movement. Last year, Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas and the city council attempted to transfer \$42.3 million of the police department's \$239 million budget to community services and engagement initiatives. ... Quade, D-Springfield, said Senate Bill 678 was an overreach. 'I didn't realize I was such an advocate for local control until I got to the Legislature and was just blown away with the amount of legislation we see where the Republicans come after municipalities,' Quade said. 'Let those locally elected folks dictate how they spend their money and what they spend it on.'" (Center Square, 5/25/22; Missouri State House Journal, SJR 38, 5/13/22, Overall Vote: 103-44, Quade Voted No)

- VIDEO: In July 2024, Quade Dodged Taking A Position On Amendment 4, While Saying She Did Not Believe People Should Tell Cities How To Spend Funds. Q: "Will you support that amendment [4]?" Quade: "Yeah, that's a tricky one. Again, I don't personally think that folks in other parts of the state should be telling you all what do with your money and how to spend it. But that said, I understand that's the current situation we're in." (FOX 4 KC, 7/24/24; 10:30 Mark; KMBC, 8/7/24)

### Appointment Of Pro-Defund The Police Radical To A Public Safety Committee

During Quade's Time As House Minority Leader, She Appointed Pro-Defund The Police Rep. Rasheen Aldridge To A Public Safety Committee. "'Defunding the police has been used in a political way and as a scare tactic. With all the unrest right now, it's been used to say there will be angry mobs at your doorstep with no one to protect you. But that's not what we mean,' state Rep. Rasheen Aldridge said. 'Defunding — or reallocating — is about how we move dollars and reimagine what public safety could be. It means putting money back into mental health services or education or violence prevention programs.'" (Missouri State House, Committee Assignments, 2021-2023; Missouri Times, 10/5/20)

### Residency Requirements

In August 2020, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 46) To Allow St. Louis Police Officers To Live Outside The City. "...Parson signed into law a bill to protect witnesses of crimes on Monday. ... He also signed House Bill 46 which allows police in St. Louis City to live outside city limits." (KY3, 9/21/20; Missouri State House Journal, HB 46, 8/25/20, Overall Vote: 117-35, Quade Voted No)

## State v. Local Control Of The Police Departments In St. Louis And Kansas City

In March 2023, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 702) To Give The State Control Of The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. "State control over the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is one step closer to becoming a reality. Missouri House members passed the bill, and it is now in the hands of state senators. As HB 702 passed through the house in Jefferson City, some people in St. Louis are hoping the bill fails in the Senate." (Fox 2, 3/8/23; Missouri State House Journal, HB 702, 3/6/23, Overall Vote: 113-40, Quade Voted No)

In March 2024, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1481) To Give The State Control Of The St. Louis Police Metropolitan Department. "The State of Missouri took a big step toward taking control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. The House of Representatives approved a 'state control' bill in a landslide 109-36 vote." (Fox 2, 3/28/24; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1481, 3/28/24, Overall Vote: 109-36, Quade Voted No)

In June 2024, Quade Reiterated Her Opposition To State Control Of The St. Louis Police Metropolitan Department. "Another area where she diverges with Republicans is her opposition to having a state board oversee the St. Louis police department. ... Quade said removing local control of the department is disrespectful to city residents. 'The one thing that I would add to that is we know Kansas City has been under state control for quite some time, and their crime rates are rising. So it's not working there,' said Quade, who added she would be in favor of ending state control of that police department." ([KSMU](#), 6/18/24)

In July 2024, Quade Stated Her Support For Local Control Of The Kansas City Police Department. "Missouri's Republican candidates for governor all support continued state control of the Kansas City Police Department, another obstacle in the long-term quest of Mayor Quinton Lucas and other city leaders for local authority. ... Quade and Springfield businessman Mike Hamra - both support local control. ... 'Throughout my career, I've been an outspoken advocate of local control for municipal governments in a wide variety of issues, including restoring local control of the Kansas City Police Department's board of commissioners,' Quade, of Springfield, said in a statement. 'I believe that locally elected officials often know the unique problems their communities face and are better equipped to work with local community leaders on how to address those problems.'" (*Kansas City Star*, 7/8/24)

## "Systemic" Issues And New Police Regulations

In A June 2020 Letter To Gov. Parson, Quade Called On Him To Impose New Regulations On Police. "Dear Governor Parson, The continuing protests across the nation sparked by the May 25 murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer mark at least the third time since 2014 that Missourians have taken to the streets to demand an end to the unjustified killings of African Americans by law enforcement and police brutality in general. In every round of protest, Missourians have only asked that the theory of American criminal justice – one set of laws that applies equally and fairly to all regardless of race or status – becomes actual practice and that law enforcement officers be held accountable for their crimes and abuses, just like everyone else. Your two immediate predecessors as Missouri governor failed to take the lead in advocating for systemic changes following protests over police brutality that occurred during their terms. We strongly urge you not to repeat their mistakes. As a former sheriff, we believe you are uniquely positioned to advocate for long-overdue reforms that are essential to rebuilding a trust and confidence in law enforcement that many Missourians no longer have. The list of proposals for restoring police accountability is long, and dozens of those ideas have been filed as bills by several of our legislative colleagues in recent years. Although we

encourage you to consider any and all of them, there is a particular issue we want to focus on today. One way to produce better outcomes in interactions between law enforcement and citizens is to train officers to make different decisions. To that end, we request you work with the Missouri Peace Officer Standards & Training Commission to overhaul training requirements to deemphasize the use of force, including prohibiting the use of chokeholds and other dangerous techniques known to kill even when done correctly. Training changes also must address eliminating racial profiling in police stops and other steps to ensure police conduct their duties free of bias. According to the POST Commission's website, there currently are 3 vacancies on the 11-member panel, with another 4 members serving on long-expired terms, including one that ended nearly 10 years ago. A commission this important to public safety in Missouri cannot be allowed to operate on autopilot. Therefore, we request you immediately make the necessary appointments to ensure the POST Commission is at full strength and consists of members of diverse backgrounds who are committed to a new era of reform and accountability. If you choose not to make police reform a priority of your administration, when the inevitable next round of protests erupt over another questionable killing of an African American at the hands of police, you will share some culpability with your predecessors for failing to take action when you had the opportunity and authority to do so." (Reps. Crystal Quade and Steve Roberts, *St. Louis American*, June 2020)

- Quade Also Called For "End[ing] Systemic Failures In Our Criminal Justice System." "On Friday, Quade said Parson still has work to do. She said he should replace members of the board who are serving on expired terms. 'With eight of its 11 slots either vacant or held by people serving on long-expired terms, the POST Commission has been on autopilot for years. This is not acceptable. With the governor's appointments today, it's two down, six to go,' Quade said. 'He must now move quickly to fill the remaining slots and take other the decisive actions needed to end systemic failures in our criminal justice system. Ignoring the problem is no longer an option.'" (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 6/20/20)

In June 2020, Quade Supported A Failed Democrat Bill To Make It Easier To Charge Police With Abuse Of Force. Some In Law Enforcement Feared The Bill Was Too Broad. "That's why he [Rep. Hicks] is proposing a law that would give Missouri prosecutors the ability to charge an officer with 'abuse of force' if that officer hurts someone. ... If passed, a guilty officer could face a year in jail with a \$2,000 fine for a Class A Misdemeanor, or even spend life in prison if the situation rose to a Class A Felony. Lake Ozark Police Chief Gary Launderville said the proposal is too broad and open to a lot of interpretation. 'As the one working the front line, having to make split second decisions instead of arm chair quarterbacking later, that just makes me a little nervous,' Launderville said. ... Quade, the House Minority Leader, supports it. She and her party's Black Caucus sent a letter to Governor Mike Parson last week urging him to add police reform to any special session he calls this year. 'I was thankful to see Representative Hicks put that out there,' Quade said." (KSPR, 6/29/20)

In August 2020, Quade Called For Providing Funding So Social Workers Could Tag Along With Police. Q: "Do you think calls for changes to the state's criminal justice system are justified? If so, why, and which changes do you support? If not, why not?" ... Quade: "Yes. We don't have to look much further than the state attorney general's own annual report analyzing racial demographics in traffic stops issued May 29 to see a problem. African American motorists were 94.6% more likely to be pulled over by Missouri police than white drivers in 2019. The 2019 report marks the worst racial disparity since the state began collecting the data in 2000 and also is the third consecutive year in which the disparity worsened compared to the previous year. I believe we need to be having discussions around: funding social workers to partner with law enforcement; modifying existing laws

which will provide citizens the opportunity for redress when a police officer violates their constitutional rights; banning the use of all chokeholds and carotid holds as well as the practice of placing the knee or body weight on the neck or head of a suspect, which are unduly excessive and brutal tactics that can lead to unnecessary and serious injury or death during routine arrests; and establishing a legal duty for police officers to report and intervene when they are witness to excessive force used by a fellow officer and add that failing to report such instances will be considered an act of complicity.” (*Springfield News-Leader*, 8/25/20)

### Increased Protections For Police And First Responders

In February 2017, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 57) To Include Police And First Responders Under Hate Crime Statutes. “Rep. Marsha Haefner’s bill, HB 57, began as an attempt to include law enforcement and first responders as a protected group under the current hate crime statutes. Haefner, R-St. Louis, urged the House to vote in favor of the bill, saying that state statutes already include law enforcement officers under the list of protected groups. ‘This bill adds additional crimes with enhanced penalties for law enforcement officers,’ she said. ‘It is intended to show meaningful support for our officers across the state, and to express the level of intolerance Missourians have for those who commit crimes against the very people who have taken an oath to protect and serve us.’” (*Missouri Times*, 2/14/17; *Missouri State House Journal*, HB 57, 2/16/17, Overall Vote: 120-35, Quade Voted No)

In May 2017, Quade Voted Against A Greitens-Signed Bill (SB 34) To Create A Blue Alert System To Notify The Public When A Police Officer Was Injured Or Killed. “...Greitens and the General Assembly have delivered the Blue Alert system. With a recent increase in violence against police officers, Greitens signed SB 34, which would establish the Blue Alert system, similar to the Amber Alert system used for missing children. ... The Blue Alert system would notify the public in the event of a law enforcement officer being injured or killed.” (*Missouri Times*, 7/6/17; *Missouri State House Journal*, SB 34, 5/12/17, Overall Vote: 117-29, Quade Voted No)

### Increased Authority For Missouri Sheriffs

In April 2023, Quade Blasted Republicans For Pushing Legislation To Grant More Authority To Sheriffs Over Federal And State Investigations In Their Counties. “Missouri Republicans are pushing a proposal to give local sheriffs sweeping power, including over federal investigations in their counties, just weeks after a federal judge struck down a state law that tried to nullify some federal gun laws. The proposed constitutional amendment would enshrine the office of county sheriff in the Missouri Constitution, and require the sheriff to oversee all federal and state investigations in their particular county. ... Democrats told *The Star* that the Republican-led proposal would give county sheriffs vast and unwarranted levels of power. ‘The primary duties of sheriffs are to enforce the law and maintain the county jail. Sheriffs don’t get to decide what the law is and unilaterally determine who is guilty of violating it...And sheriffs don’t get to violate the U.S. Constitution and take control of federal investigations in their jurisdictions,’ House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, a Springfield Democrat, said in a statement. ‘If you want to turn Missouri counties into dictatorships controlled by the local sheriff, (this legislation) is exactly how you do it.’” (*Kansas City Star*, 4/5/23)

### Use Of Military Equipment By Police

In 2016, Quade Backed A Liberal Group’s Position On The “De-Militarization Of Police Departments.” Q: “Do you support the de-militarization of police departments?” Quade: “Yes.” (*Mobilize Missouri*, “Survey Responses” Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

### The Case Of Eric DeValkenaere

VIDEO: In October 2024, Quade Refused To Answer If She Would Consider Pardoning Or Commuting DeValkenaere's Sentence. Q: "Would you consider a pardon or a commutation sentence for Eric DeValkenaere?" ... Quade: "I'll be the first to say that I haven't dug in enough on this case. You know, we've been focused on trying to win this election." (Fox 4 KC, 10/24/24; 7:45 Mark)

- In December 2024, Gov. Parson Commuted DeValkenaere's Controversial Sentence For The Shooting Of A Black Man. "A white former Kansas City police officer who was convicted of involuntary manslaughter in the fatal shooting of a Black man was released from prison Friday after Missouri's governor commuted his sentence to parole. The decision by Republican Gov. Mike Parson to free Eric DeValkenaere came after months of public debate about the case, which had fueled both racial justice protests and impassioned pleas for mercy from DeValkenaere's supporters who asserted he had been unjustly convicted. DeValkenaere was serving a six-year prison sentence. He was convicted in 2021 of killing 26-year-old Cameron Lamb as he backed into his garage. ... Parson did not pardon DeValkenaere but rather shortened his sentence to parole, subject to normal restrictions against possessing firearms, traveling out of state without permission and other items. ... Jason Johnson, president of the Law Enforcement Legal Defense Fund, which supports DeValkenaere, said they 'will continue to fight to completely clear' his name. Johnson said in a statement that DeValkenaere had an outstanding record of service, adding: 'While we strongly maintain that Eric is completely innocent, even those who do not must recognize that the ends of justice are not served by his incarceration.'" (CNN, 12/31/24)

## *Miscellaneous Issues*

### Flagged Anti-Israel Votes

In May 2019, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1006) To Ban The State From Contracting With Businesses Involved In The Anti-Israel BDS Movement. "Missouri businesses would need to provide written certification that they aren't boycotting Israeli companies in order to sign contracts with the state. The proposed legislation, HB 1006, was perfected Wednesday, moving forward in the House. House Bill 1006, sponsored by Rep. Holly Rehder, R-Sikeston, amends current law to add a section titled the 'Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act' and would prohibit public entities from entering into contracts with companies that are boycotting Israeli companies." (Missourian, 5/2/19; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1006, 5/13/19, Overall Vote: 92-55, Quade Voted No)

In May 2020, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (SB 739) To Ban The State From Contracting With Businesses Involved In The Anti-Israel BDS Movement. "The American Jewish Committee, a Jewish advocacy group based in New York City, applauded the decision of the Missouri General Assembly, representing the State Senate and House of Representatives, on its bipartisan passage of SB 739, or the 'Anti-Discrimination Against Israel Act,' in a press release on Thursday. The new bill will prohibit Missouri and its associate subdivisions from forming contracts worth over \$100,000 with companies that employ more than 10 employees and engage in the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions movement against Israel. The stated nature of the bill follows the State of Missouri's public policy against discrimination in business partnerships with private companies." (The Jerusalem Post, 5/15/20; Missouri State House Journal, SB 739, 5/14/20, Overall Vote: 95-40 Quade Voted No)

### U.S. Support For Ukraine

In March 2022, Quade Touted President Joe Biden's Support For Ukraine. "In his first State of the Union, the President spoke directly to the American people about his vision to build a better America. He reminded the country that our best days lie ahead, and that his President is about

giving everyone a fair shot -- because when given half a shot, ordinary people can do extraordinary things. The Biden-Harris Administration's domestic agenda represents an historic shift from the old, outdated trickle-down approach to one that puts workers, families, and small businesses first. ... State and elected officials as well as tribal and territory leaders championed the President's remarks. Here's what they are saying: ... Quade: 'So happy to have a @POTUS willing to work with Ukraine, instead of trying to extort them for personal gain. #SOTU' [Tweet, 3/1/22] ... Quade: 'We're done talking about 'infrastructure weeks.' We're now talking about an infrastructure decade.' - @POTUS President Biden speaking on making it a priority to bring broadband to rural areas. This is huge for Missourians. #SOTU #DemsDidThat #RuralBroadband" (President Joe Biden, Press Release, 3/2/22)

## The Patriot Act

In 2016, Quade Supported Repealing The Patriot Act. Q: "Do you think that the Patriot Act should be repealed?" Quade: "Yes." (Mobilize Missouri, "Survey Responses" Page, Accessed 9/22/16)

## Banning The Homeless From Camping On State-Owned Property

In January 2023, Quade Filed A Failed Bill (HB 1606) To Strike Down A 2022 Law That Banned The Homeless From Camping On State-Owned Property. "The start of the new year also brought a new Missouri law that prevents the homeless from camping on state-owned property and several other homeless-related topics. House Bill 1606 was passed last summer amidst many questions and concerns. ... And whether it's a lawsuit filed by Eden Village or a legislative bill filed in the current session by Springfield State Representative Crystal Quade that would strike down the homeless law, Owsley believes something will happen to address the incongruencies in the new policy." (KYTV, 1/5/23)

# SOCIAL ISSUES

## *Guns*

### NRA Grade

In 2024, Quade Received A 0% Rating From The NRA. (Project Vote Smart, [Crystal Quade Ratings](#), Accessed 1/2/25)

### Second Amendment Preservation Act

In May 2021, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 85) To Ban State And Local Law Enforcement From Enforcing The Biden Administration's Gun Control Policies. She Condemned The Bill As "Radical" And "Dangerous." "...Parson on Saturday signed a bill banning local police from enforcing federal gun rules, a change Democrats have predicted will be shot down in the courts. Parson signed the measure, which will penalize local police departments if their officers enforce federal gun laws, during a ceremony at a Kansas City-area shooting range and firearms store. The governor, a former sheriff, said in a statement Saturday that the law 'draws a line in the sand and demonstrates our commitment to reject any attempt by the federal government to circumvent the fundamental right Missourians have to keep and bear arms to protect themselves and their property.' Under the bill, Missouri agencies with police who knowingly enforce any federal laws could be sued and fined \$50,000 per violating officer. ... Quade in a statement described the law as 'radical, dangerous and obviously unconstitutional.' 'The new law even allows criminals who violate federal gun law to sue our local law enforcement officers for a minimum \$50,000 fine if they in any way assist with federal investigations,' Quade said. 'It quite literally defunds the police and gives that taxpayer money to convicted criminals.'" (The Associated Press, 6/12/21; Missouri State House Journal, HB 85, 5/14/21, Overall Vote: 110-42, Quade Voted No)



In November 2022, Quade Called On Parson To Repeal The Second Amendment Preservation Act. "As the investigation continues into last week's school shooting in St. Louis, some Missouri lawmakers hope gun control legislation will take priority in the state's next legislative session. ... Quade and several others signed a letter sent to Gov. Mike Parson's office on Thursday. The group suggests three specific courses of action in the letter to prevent tragedies like last week in Missouri: Universal background checks, strengthened extreme-risk protection orders and repealing the Second Amendment Preservation Act. 'Contrary to the governor's assertion in media interviews after this tragedy, strong state laws could have made a difference and even prevented it from taking place,' the letter states." (KTVI, 11/3/22)

In March 2023, Quade Praised A Judicial Ruling To Overturn The Second Amendment Preservation Act. "A federal judge has overturned a Missouri law that declared certain federal gun laws 'invalid' if they don't have a state-level equivalent, after the U.S. Department of Justice sued to overturn the measure. U.S. District Court Judge Brian Wimes wrote in a decision issued Tuesday that Missouri's Second Amendment Preservation Act 'is invalidated as unconstitutional in its entirety' for violating the U.S. Constitution's Supremacy Clause, which ensures federal law trumps state law. ... Quade, a Springfield Democrat, told *The Kansas City Star* that her immediate reaction to the ruling was 'duh, of course.' 'We knew the whole time it was unconstitutional,' Quade said. 'With this bill, we've seen law officers resign. We've seen lives lost. And we've seen a lot of chaos, and it's just unfortunate that we continue to pass legislation here that we know is unconstitutional.'" (Kansas City Star, 3/7/23)

### Stand Your Ground And Permitless Concealed Carry

In 2016, Quade Retweeted A Tweet That Criticized The Republican-Led Legislature's Veto Override Of A Stand Your Ground Bill (SB 656) That Also Included Provisions To Allow For Permitless Concealed Carry. (Twitter, Crystal Quade, 9/14/16)



In October 2016, Quade Said She Would Have Voted To Sustain Then-Gov. Jay Nixon's Veto Of The Bill. "Quade said she would have voted to sustain Gov. Jay Nixon's veto of a controversial bill [SB 656] that changed Missouri's gun laws but stressed that she wasn't anti-gun. 'When it comes to guns, I am a very moderate Democrat compared to most of my colleagues,' she said. 'I grew up eating deer and all those things. ... I grew up with loaded guns on the wall' 'I am a huge proponent of families being able to protect themselves, feed their family, all those things. I am also a huge proponent of background checks.'" (Springfield News-Leader, 10/31/16)

### Concealed Carry

In April 2019, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 575) To Allow Concealed Carry On College Campuses. "The Missouri House gave their stamp of approval to a bill allowing those with concealed carry permits to take a firearm onto college campuses. The provision, which was a part of a large campus protection bill, was sent to the Senate in a 98-52 vote. In its original form, HB 575, filed by

Rep. Dean Dohrman, authorizes colleges and universities to designate faculty or staff members as campus protection officers. Amendments added during the perfection process included opt-outs for campus health care and limitations for on-campus living requirements.” (Missouri Times, 4/8/19; Missouri State House Journal, HB 575, 4/8/19, Overall Vote: 98-52, Quade Voted No)

In March 2022, Quade Voted Against a Bill (HB 1462) To Allow People To Carry Concealed Firearms On Public Transportation. “William Bland, a member of the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance, frequently testifies in support of bills he feels further the right to bear arms. He supported HB 1462, which would have allowed people with a concealed carry weapons permit to bring their firearms onto public transportation. The sponsor of the bill, Rep. Adam Schnelting, R-St. Charles, noted prior bipartisan support for the bill at its January hearing. The bill is substantially similar to legislation proposed in every session since 2015. ... The bill passed the House with a 101-40 vote, but it didn’t make it out of the Senate. (Fulton Sun, 5/20/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1462, 3/9/22, Overall Vote: 101-40, Quade Voted No)

In April 2023, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 282) To Lower The Age Required To Get A Concealed Carry Permit. “HB 282 — Various Measures to Improve Missourians’ Second Amendment Freedoms ... This bill lowers the age at which an individual may be issued a concealed carry permit by one year. It also removes a prohibition that prevented permit holders from carrying a concealed firearm into a place of worship. CPAC supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 17, 2023 by a vote of 105-41 but the bill stalled in the Senate.” (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/2/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 282, 4/17/23, Overall Vote 105-41, Quade Voted No)

### Arming School Teachers

In November 2019, Quade Stated Her Opposition To Arming School Teachers. “She [Quade] also took aim at the state’s relatively lenient gun laws. She said the legislature needs to consider changes to protect student safety and denounced any suggestion that teachers should be armed.” (Springfield News-Leader, 11/10/19)

### Preserving The Right To Hunt And Fish

In April 2023, Quade Voted “Present” On A Proposed Constitutional Amendment (HJR 20) To Preserve The Right Of Missourians To Hunt And Fish. “HJR 20 - Proposes a constitutional amendment to assert the right of Missourians to hunt and fish.” (Missouri State House, HJR 20, 2023 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HJR 20, 4/17/23, Overall Vote: 108-28, Quade Voted Present)

### Insurance Mandates For Gun Owners

In November 2017, Quade Did Not Support Imposing Insurance Mandates On Gun Owners, But She Called The Idea “A Valid Question.” “And neither supported an audience suggestion that Missouri should explore additional insurance requirements for gun owners, though Quade called the idea ‘a valid question.’” (Springfield News-Leader, 11/30/17)

### Background Checks

In November 2017, Quade Supported Requiring Background Checks For Person-To-Person Firearm Sales. “Quade said she supported requiring background checks for person-to-person firearms transactions, while Taylor said doing so would stop a lawful person from purchasing a firearm and wouldn’t do any good.” (Springfield News-Leader, 11/30/17)

In November 2022, Quade Signed A Letter To Gov. Parson Calling For Universal Background Checks. “Quade and several others signed a letter sent to Gov. Mike Parson’s office on Thursday.

The group suggests three specific courses of action in the letter to prevent tragedies like last week in Missouri: Universal background checks, strengthened extreme-risk protection orders and repealing the Second Amendment Preservation Act. 'Contrary to the governor's assertion in media interviews after this tragedy, strong state laws could have made a difference and even prevented it from taking place,' the letter states." (KTVI, 11/3/22)

### Red-Flag Laws

In October 2024, Quade Stated Her Support For Red-Flag Laws. Quade: "I support regulations that keep children from having guns on public property and red-flag laws to keep firearms out of the hands of abusers." ([The Beacon News](#), 10/3/24)

### Local Control For Liberal Cities

In April 2024, Quade Announced House Democrats Would Introduce A Proposed Constitutional Amendment (HJR 135) To Allow Liberal Cities Like St. Louis And Kansas City To Impose Gun Control Regulations. "Missouri House Democrats on Monday outlined a proposed state constitutional amendment that would allow Kansas City and other local governments to set stricter limits on guns following the mass shooting last week at the Chiefs Super Bowl victory rally. ... Quade ... said Democrats plan to introduce measures on Tuesday that would restore the power of counties and cities such as Kansas City and St. Louis to set rules limiting guns. ... It would give 'local control back to where it belongs: local elected officials who best know the needs of their community,' Quade told reporters during a news conference on the steps of the Missouri Capitol." (*Kansas City Star*, 2/19/24)

In July 2024, Quade Reiterated Her Support For Giving St. Louis And Kansas City The Power To Impose Gun Control Regulations. "The leading Democratic candidates for Missouri governor emphasized different ideas to combat gun violence during a debate this past weekend, with House Minority Leader Crystal Quade calling for more local control over firearms - a priority of Kansas City leaders. ... Quade and Hamra both raised their hands during a yes-or-no round to indicate they support Kansas City and St. Louis controlling their police forces." (*Kansas City Star*, 7/15/24)

## *Abortion*

### Pro-Abortion Group Endorsements

Since Quade First Ran For The State House In 2016, She Has Touted Endorsements From Pro-Abortion Groups Like Planned Parenthood And NARAL. (Facebook, Crystal Quade, 7/7/16 and 7/8/16)

 **Crystal Quade**  
July 8 · 🌐

I have also been endorsed by NARAL Pro-Choice Missouri. We both support and believe in legislation that ensures women get to make their own informed decisions about reproductive healthcare. It is so important that we elect more progressive women to Missouri's House of Representatives so we can provide the support and security that all women deserve. Thank you NARAL Pro Choice Missouri for your endorsement, it means the world to me.



 **Crystal Quade**  
July 7 · 🌐

As a mother of three, I strongly believe that women should be allowed to make their own decisions regarding sexual and reproductive health care. This is why being endorsed by Advocates of Planned Parenthood St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri as well as Planned Parenthood Advocates of Kansas and Mid-Missouri is so important to me. Once I am elected as the State Representative for the 132nd District of Missouri I will continue to fight for women's rights regarding equal pay, equal opportunity, and nondiscriminatory access to reproductive health care. Thank you Planned Parenthood Advocates in Missouri for the endorsement!



In 2023, Quade Touted Planned Parenthood's Endorsement Of Her Failed Gubernatorial Bid. "Crystal Quade gained a notable endorsement from Planned Parenthood Great Plains Votes in her 2024 bid for Missouri governor. ... 'It's an honor to receive Planned Parenthood Great Plains Votes' endorsement,' Quade said in a release. 'At a time when Missourians have had their rights and liberties taken away, Planned Parenthood Great Plains Votes has been a champion of restoring those rights and ensuring Missourians are able to access quality, affordable reproductive healthcare. Together, we are going to bring desperately needed change to the Show-Me State.'" (*Springfield News-Leader*, 12/11/23)

### "Stop Protecting A Fertilized Egg Over Breathing Children"

In May 2022, Quade Said To Pro-Life Republicans, "Stop Protecting A Fertilized Egg Over Breathing Children." "Missouri lawmakers are sharing their reactions after 15 people, 14 of them children, were shot and killed at an elementary school 85 miles west of San Antonio Monday afternoon. ... Quade, of Springfield, tweeted, 'I'm ready for the Republicans who want to have an actual conversation about kids dying. Stop protecting a fertilized egg over breathing children.'" (*KTVI*, 5/24/22)

### If Quade Was Elected Governor...

In July 2023, Quade Said As Governor She Would Veto Pro-Life Legislation. "If elected governor, she [Quade] said she expects Republicans in the General Assembly to 'continue to try to attack our freedoms in the doctor's office.' Her job would be to veto those proposals, she said." (*Kansas City Star*, 7/11/23)

In July 2024, The *Kansas City Star* Reported Quade Made A "Not-Too-Subtle Reference To Vetoing Anti-Abortion Legislation" If She Was Elected Governor. "Quade was asked directly during a TV debate last month what steps she would take as governor to protect abortion access if the amendment passed. She also largely steered clear of specifics in her answer. 'I deeply understand how important this is for folks and I am so excited that we're going to have the opportunity in November to take the rights back that we absolutely need to have in our state,' Quade said. Quade said she will ensure as governor the General Assembly 'will listen to the voices of Missourians and what happens on Election Day will be upheld.' That appeared to be a not-too-subtle reference to

vetoing anti-abortion legislation. If the amendment passes, the Republican-controlled legislature would almost certainly attempt to pass bills designed to test the limits of the new constitutional rights in court.” (Kansas City Star, 8/7/24)

### Quade-Sponsored Abortion Legislation

In 2022, Quade Sponsored A Failed Bill (HB 11) To Normalize Late-Term Abortions, Deny Parental Consent, And Allow Abortions Based On The Race Or Sex Of A Fetus. “...Quade filed a bill Tuesday that would repeal the state’s near-total ban on abortion. The Springfield Democrat’s bill is largely symbolic and unlikely to pass during the Republican-dominated General Assembly’s special session on tax cuts. It represents a lawmaker’s first attempt to nullify the ban since it went into effect in June minutes after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade*. ... Rep. Mary Elizabeth Coleman, an Arnold Republican and ardent anti-abortion advocate, on Tuesday criticized Quade in a text message. ... ‘Rep. Quade has filed a pro-abortion measure that is so extreme that it would give permission to doctors to abort unborn children because of their race or sex, or because they might have Down syndrome. It would deny both parents the right to know when their daughter is considering abortion. Her radical bill would normalize late-term abortions when the unborn baby can feel pain. This bill is going nowhere and is a political publicity stunt which will backfire.’ Samuel Lee, a Jefferson City anti-abortion lobbyist, in a text message to *The Star*, painted Quade’s bill as extreme legislation that would allow doctors to perform abortions for various reasons like race or sex. ‘It would deny both parents the right to know when their daughter is considering abortion,’ the text message said. ‘Her radical bill would normalize late-term abortions when the unborn baby can feel pain. This bill is going nowhere and is a political publicity stunt which will backfire.’” (Kansas City Star, 9/20/22)

In January 2023, Quade Filed Failed Legislation (HB 544) To Repeal Missouri’s Abortion Ban And Allow Abortions Up To 22 Weeks. “A state lawmaker has filed a new bill, calling on Missouri to repeal its abortion ban in connection with a 2019 statute. ... Quade sponsored House Bill 544 to repeal a Missouri bill that took effect in 2019 and outlawed abortion in the state after 6 weeks of fetal development. Quade’s bill, if passed, would allow abortions up to 22 weeks. ... ‘People will die if we continue to allow this horrific law to stand,’ Quade said. ‘My bill will save lives and return dignity and freedom to reproductive health care in Missouri.’” (WDAF, 1/3/23)

In December 2023, Quade Announced She Would File Legislation To Give Voters The Chance To Strike Down Missouri’s Abortion Ban With No Limits On When Women Could Get Abortions. “Meanwhile, Quade said she soon plans to file legislation seeking to put the most expansive version of the 11 initiative petitions filed by Missourians for Constitutional Freedom on the 2024 ballot. The language would give voters the option of taking down Missouri’s abortion ban with no gestational limits, and it would protect patients and medical providers from prosecution. Quade knows passing her proposal through the Republican-dominated legislature is unlikely, but said she wants to keep the discussion alive in the upcoming legislative session. If Missourians for Constitutional Freedom decides to move forward with a more restrictive initiative petition, Quade said she would still support its campaign. As for Corley, Quade said she understands the desire for a more moderate version, but she is confident a more expansive version would pass ‘overwhelmingly.’ Quade said she would not comment on whether she would support Corley’s initiative until after the ballot language was done being litigated. ‘If we are going to put something to the vote of the people, I would like it to be just the basics: Let folks have access to care, and we don’t need to get into the nitty gritty of how many weeks that is and what that language looks like.’ she said.” (Missouri Independent, 12/13/23)

## Tax Dollars For Abortion Providers

In March 2018, Quade Voted Against An Amendment To A Spending Bill To Ban Two State Agencies From Directing Tax Dollars To Abortion Facilities. (Missouri State House Journal, HA 6 to HB 2010, 3/27/18, Overall Vote: 100-32, Quade Voted No)

### "PART 3

Section 10.1100. To the Department of Mental Health and the Department of Health and Senior Services  
In reference to all sections in Part 1 and Part 2 of this act:  
No funds shall be expended to any abortion facility as defined in Section 188.015, RSMo, or any affiliate or associate thereof."; and

Further amend said bill by adjusting section and bill totals accordingly.

In March 2018, Quade Voted Against An Amendment To A Separate Spending Bill To Ban The Missouri Department Of Social Services From Directing Tax Dollars To Abortion Facilities. (Missouri State House Journal, HA 4 to HB 2011, 3/27/18, Overall Vote: 103-30, Quade Voted No)

### "PART 3

Section 11.800. To the Department of Social Services  
In reference to all sections in Part 1 and Part 2 of this act:  
No funds shall be expended to any abortion facility as defined in Section 188.015, RSMo, or any affiliate or associate thereof."; and

Further amend said bill by adjusting section and bill totals accordingly.

In June 2021, Quade Called A Failed Attempt To Strip Tax Dollars For Planned Parenthood A "Political Stunt." "House lawmakers on Wednesday also passed a longshot bill that included language stripping Planned Parenthood funding, but by then senators had already left the Capitol after passing the tax renewal last week. Senate GOP leaders on Wednesday ended the special legislative session without taking up the measure, effectively killing it. ... Quade called the House bill a 'political stunt' to help Republican lawmakers win primaries and a waste of time for legislation that she had predicted 'is not going to cross the finish line.' She said debate on the House bill Wednesday was 'simply talking points for folks to cut commercials.'" (The Associated Press, 6/30/21; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2, 6/30/21, Overall Vote: 109-45, Quade Voted No)

In March 2022, Quade Rooted For Planned Parenthood In Its Legal Challenge To The Parson Administration's Decision To Defund The Group. "Planned Parenthood sued the Missouri Department of Social Services on Thursday, alleging Gov. Mike Parson is only a day away from unlawfully defunding the organization. ... Quade, a Springfield Democrat, said House Democrats are hopeful Planned Parenthood is successful in its legal challenge. 'I'm thankful they have filed a suit today. I'm hopeful that they'll be able to continue to provide those services to Missourians who need it,' Quade said." (Kansas City Star, 3/10/22)

In August 2022, Quade Requested That Democrat Governors In Illinois And Kansas Help Pay For Abortions For Missouri's Medicaid Beneficiaries. "A top Democratic state lawmaker from Republican-led Missouri on Wednesday wrote to the Democratic Illinois and Kansas governors asking for help paying for abortions for out-of-state Medicaid patients. ... Quade called on Illinois and Kansas to apply for Medicaid waivers to cover abortions for out-of-state patients. Her request came after Democratic President Joe Biden signed an executive order Wednesday aimed in part at making it easier for women seeking abortions to travel between states to obtain access to the procedure. The directives will allow states that have not outlawed abortion to apply for Medicaid waivers that would help them treat women who've traveled from out of state. The waivers only apply in cases of rape, incest and medical emergencies. 'Though these exceptions are narrow, we believe that this executive order is still meaningful for Missouri patients who are experiencing a life-threatening healthcare situation or whose pregnancy was forced by the violence of rape or

incest,' Quade wrote in a letter to Kansas Gov. Laura Kelly and Kansas legislative leaders." (*The Associated Press*, 8/4/22)

In April 2024, Quade Voted Against A Parson-Signed Bill (HB 2634) To Ban Abortion Providers From Receiving Medicaid Reimbursements. "Parson has signed a bill that bans abortion providers and their affiliates from receiving Medicaid reimbursements. This bill is aimed at defunding Planned Parenthood, a major priority for Republicans in this legislative session. Parson officially signed HB 2634 into law on Thursday. While public funds are already prohibited from funding abortions in Missouri, the new law will now prevent any taxpayer money from supporting abortion providers or affiliates in the state." (*Fox 2*, 5/9/24; *Missouri State House Journal*, HB 2634, 4/24/24, 106-48, Quade Voted No)

- Quade Condemned The Bill As "An Act Of Petty Vengeance." "Quade in a statement described the bill as 'an act of petty vengeance by Republicans against one of largest providers of women's health care in Missouri.'" (*The Associated Press*, 4/24/24)

### Mobile Abortion Clinic

In October 2022, Quade Praised Planned Parenthood's Plan To Deploy A Mobile Abortion Clinic In Illinois To Provide Access To Missouri Women. "Planned Parenthood will soon open a mobile abortion clinic in southern Illinois to provide greater access to abortion for Missourians after the state outlawed the procedure in nearly all cases in June. The mobile clinic will be able to travel along the border with Missouri and will be part of Planned Parenthood of the St. Louis Region and Southwest Missouri. The clinic will provide medication abortions, and eventually procedural abortions, and is expected to launch by the end of the year, the organization announced Monday. ... Quade, a Springfield Democrat, contrasted the abortion rights laws in Illinois with those in Missouri. She said Missouri treats women like second-class citizens. 'Could it be any clearer that women have rights and exist as full citizens in the state of Illinois while here on our side of the river we continue to treat women and all marginalized communities as second class citizens?' Quade said in a statement. 'I'm grateful our neighboring states are taking steps to protect their people.'" (*Kansas City Star*, 10/3/22)

### Providing Care To Children Born Alive After A Failed Abortion

In April 2022, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 2012) To Require That Children Born Alive After A Failed Abortion Be Provided With Proper Care And Granted The Rights Of A Person. "House Bill 2012 would enact a Born-Alive Abortion Survivors Protection Act, under which a health care provider would be required to offer the same degree of life-saving care following an attempted abortion that a provider would offer a baby otherwise born at the same gestational age. Other states including Kentucky and Ohio have enacted similar legislation. According to the bill, a person who commits sexual assault or domestic violence would not be permitted to file such lawsuits or be awarded damages, and neither would that person's household or family members. The legislative package passed in a 91-37 vote without discussion on Wednesday, and now heads to the state Senate. (CNN, 4/9/22; *Missouri State House Journal*, HB 2012, 4/6/22, Overall Vote: 91-37, Quade Voted No)

### Fetal Heartbeat Legislation

In February 2019, Quade Spoke And Voted Against A Fetal Heartbeat Bill (HB 126) That Included Parental Notification Provisions And Banned Abortions Based On The Race Or Sex Of The Fetus. "The Missouri House on Tuesday bundled nearly every significant anti-abortion law proposed this session into one bill and gave it tentative approval. The measure, which Speaker Elijah Haahr called 'the strongest pro-life bill in the country,' will almost certainly be given final passage later this week. ... Republicans used the 'heartbeat' bill, which bans abortion as soon as a fetal heartbeat can be

heard, as the vehicle for a series of additional restrictions that each drew vigorous objections from Democrats. Republicans had already been extremely active this session proposing and advancing anti-abortion legislation, and it now appears their hopes will lie in this bill, House Bill 126. ... The House voted several times to stifle discussion on various amendments and pass them without delay, until finally they did so for the original bill and voted for it 110 to 37. The heartbeat bill expanded through the afternoon to accommodate provisions declaring 'that God is the author of life' and further limitations on abortion. They include requiring that both parents be notified before a minor's abortion; banning abortions on the basis of race, sex or whether or not the baby has down syndrome, and establishing a so-called 'trigger clause' that would completely ban abortion, except in the case of a medical emergency, if Missouri if *Roe v Wade* is overturned by the Supreme Court. Rep. Crystal Quade, D-Springfield and Rep. Keri Ingle, D-Lee's Summit, each told personal stories about how abortion restrictions can place domestic violence victims at further risk. Quade said she was sexually abused by her father as a child and that she would have been in danger if she'd been pregnant and had to reach back out to him." (*Kansas City Star*, 2/26/19)

In May 2019, Quade Criticized And Voted Against The Parson-Signed Version Of The Bill. "The Missouri House gave final approval to one of the most restrictive abortion laws in the country Friday morning. On a 110-44 vote, the Republican-dominated chamber moved to ban the procedure at 8 weeks into a pregnancy, when supporters say a heartbeat is regularly detectable and before opponents say many women even know they're pregnant. The only exception to the new rule would be if a mother is in danger of dying or suffering irreversible impairment of bodily function. Doctors who give abortions anyway could lose their medical licenses and go to prison for up to 15 years; there is no legal penalty prescribed for patients. ... Quade, D-Springfield, castigated the majority for the bill's lack of exceptions for rape and incest, ignoring her and other young people who are and have been sexually abused. 'When you see me in this hallway, remember what you're doing to good girls who were like me, because that abuse is me and you simply don't care,' she said." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 5/18/19)

- Quade Said The Parson-Signed Bill Treated Women "As Little More Than Fetal Incubators." "...Parson on Friday signed a bill that bans abortions on or beyond the eighth week of pregnancy without exceptions for cases of rape or incest, making it among the most restrictive abortion policies in the nation. ... Quade said in a written statement the new law treats women 'as little more than fetal incubators with no rights or role in the decision, even in cases of rape and incest.'" (*The Associated Press*, 5/24/19)


## 20-Week Abortion Ban

In April 2018, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1266) To Ban Abortions At 20 Weeks When A Fetus Can Feel Pain. "On Tuesday, April 3rd, the Missouri House passed HB 1266, the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act by a vote of 117 to 31. This important bill will provide protection from abortion for unborn children who are capable of feeling pain, beginning at 20 weeks fetal age. (Missouri Right To Life, Press Release, 4/4/18; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1266, 4/3/18, Overall Vote: 117-31, Quade Voted No)

## Strengthening Parental Consent

In February 2018, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1383) To Strengthen Missouri's Parental Consent Laws. "HB 1383 — Strengthening Informed Consent for Parents of a Minor Seeking Abortion ... This bill expands the state's parental consent law to require that before minors may seek an abortion, they must obtain the written consent of at least one parent. Under the bill, parents or guardians are also required to be informed in writing before consent is valid. These requirements are void in cases





of a medical emergency. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions on the practice and educating patients and supported this bill. The House passed the bill February 26, 2018 by a vote of 113-37.” (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/6/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1383, 2/26/18, Overall Vote: 113-37, Quade Voted No)

### Regulating Crisis Pregnancy Centers

In March 2017, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 174) To Shield Crisis Pregnancy Centers And Other Abortion Alternatives From A St. Louis Discrimination Ordinance. “House Bill 174 – would shield crisis pregnancy centers and other abortion alternative businesses from a recently-passed city ordinance in St. Louis. Board Bill 203 adds pregnancy and reproductive health decisions to the city’s anti-discrimination definition.” (St. Louis Public Radio, 3/10/17; Missouri State House Journal, HB 174, 3/30/17, Overall Vote: 118-36, Quade Voted No)

In March 2019, Quade Voted For An Amendment To Impose Regulations On Crisis Pregnancy Centers That Provide Abortion Alternatives. “HB 10 — Weakening the Ability of Crisis Pregnancy Centers to Protect Life by Imposing Unnecessary Mandates ... The Unsicker amendment to the health appropriations bill would weaken the ability of crisis pregnancy centers to protect life and provide mothers an alternative to abortion by imposing unnecessary mandates. Specifically, the amendment would eliminate funding for any crisis pregnancy center that does not also provide services for smoking cessation. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports efforts to end the practice, opposes excessive mandates designed to eliminate the ability of crisis pregnancy centers to provide alternatives to abortion and opposed this amendment. The House rejected the amendment on March 26, 2019 by a vote of 42-93. (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, HA 10 to HB 10, 3/26/19, Overall Vote: 42-93, Quade Voted Yes)

### Regulating Abortion Clinics

In 2017, Quade Voted Against A Greitens-Signed Bill (SB 5) To Impose New Regulations On Abortion Clinics. “Planned Parenthood affiliates in Missouri have launched another lawsuit over new abortion restrictions slated they say will cause ‘extreme delays’ upon taking effect in a few weeks. The suit challenges a slew of rules passed by the Republican-dominated Missouri legislature this summer in a special session called by Gov. Eric Greitens. The manner of passing Senate Bill 5, as the new abortion law is known, also is being questioned. ... The new requirements include: Mandating that medication abortion providers shall compile and submit plans for handling complications that may arise from terminating pregnancies; Requiring women seeking abortions to specifically discuss medical risks with the physician who will perform the termination; Specifying that the Department of Health & Senior Services shall report to lawmakers annually about tissue samples extracted during abortion procedures; Allowing Attorney General Josh Hawley’s office to investigate any violations of Missouri abortion law; Blocking local ordinances believed to affect pregnancy care centers, like the one in St. Louis that Greitens campaigned against after calling the session; Requiring the health department to conduct annual, unannounced inspections of abortion facilities; Creating a misdemeanor for abortion providers who interfere with medical personnel Instructing abortion providers to enact whistleblower-protection policies. ... The only Springfield lawmaker to oppose the new regulations was Rep. Crystal Quade.” (*Springfield News-Leader*, 10/11/17; Missouri State House Journal, SB 5, 6/20/17, Overall Vote: 110-38, Quade Voted No)

## Roe v. Wade

In May 2022, Quade Responded To News Of SCOTUS' Decision To Overturn *Roe v. Wade* By Claiming, "We Knew This Was The Plan All Along." "News that the U.S. Supreme Court may be poised to overturn the landmark 1973 decision *Roe v. Wade*, which established a woman's constitutional right to an abortion, sent waves across Missouri. ... Quade: 'We knew this was the plan all along. In MO We knew this was the plan all along. In Missouri, when *Roe* is overturned, there will be a complete ban on abortion access. Missouri allows the (governor) or AG to ban it completely. As written, bans access past 8 (weeks). Even in cases of RAPE and INCEST. The fight is and has always been at home.'" (*Springfield News-Leader*, 5/4/22)

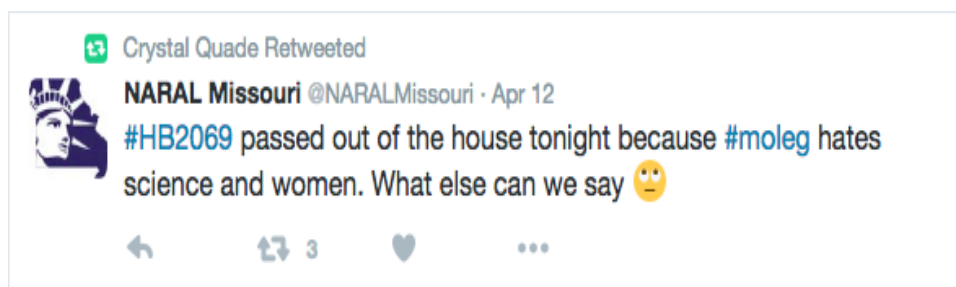
In June 2022, Quade Charged Republicans Would Follow The SCOTUS Ruling By Trying To Strip Access To Birth Control, In Vitro Fertilization And Same-Sex Marriage. "Legal abortion came to an end in Missouri on Friday with the activation of the state's 'trigger law,' banning the procedure minutes after the U.S. Supreme Court overturned its federal constitutionality. ... Quade, a *Springfield Democrat*, said in a statement that 'Republicans will not stop with abortion. They will begin stripping away access to birth control and contraception, in vitro fertilization and marriage equality.' 'With *Roe* overturned, Missouri now requires people to remain pregnant against their will, treating them as little more than fetal incubators with no rights or role in the decision, even in cases of rape and incest,' Quade said." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 6/24/22)

## Amendment 3

In 2024, Quade Endorsed Amendment 3, Which Was Narrowly Approved By Missouri Voters. "...Quade supports the measure. 'Folks know that we have one of the most drastic abortion bans without exceptions for rape and incest,' said Quade, a Democrat. 'As a survivor of child abuse myself and as a mother I understand just how important passing Amendment 3 is.'" ([Fox 4 KC](#), 10/31/24)

## Fetal Remains

In 2016, Quade Retweeted NARAL Missouri's Claim The Republican-Led Legislature "Hates Science And Women" Following The Passage Of A Bill To Protect Whistleblowers Who Work In Facilities That Handle Fetal Remains. (Twitter, Crystal Quade, 4/12/16)



## LGBTQ+

### Reportedly "Was Able To Identify As Part Of The [LGBTQ+] Community" In College

In February 2024, The *Springfield News-Leader* Reported "LGBTQ+ Issues Weren't A Big Part Of Her [Quade] Life Until College, When She Was Able To Identify As Part Of The Community." "Quade ... said that LGBTQ+ issues weren't a big part of her life until college, when she was able to identify as part of the community. As she got involved with politics, she started to understand what

was happening in her home state. She realized that Missourians could still be fired for being gay, or even denied housing. Now, she thinks about what it means to be an LGBTQ+ ally: offering a safe, compassionate and loving space to individuals who need it." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 2/2/24)

### "Proud" To Be Endorsed By A Prominent LGBTQ+ Group

In February 2024, Quade Said It Was An "Honor" To Be Endorsed By PROMO. "Crystal Quade has earned another influential endorsement in her 2024 bid for Missouri governor. The political action committee of Missouri's state LGBTQ+ advocacy organization, PROMO, announced its endorsement of the Springfield legislator during a Thursday fundraising event at Q Enoteca. PROMO PAC endorses candidates who demonstrate a track record of supporting equal rights and legal protections for LGBTQ+ Missourians. ... 'It's an honor to be endorsed by PROMO PAC. The work they do will make Missouri a better, more inclusive, place for LGBTQ+ Missourians is inspiring,' Quade said in a statement ahead of the fundraiser. 'In the face of a never-ending onslaught of legislation attacking the rights of LGBTQ+ Missourians, I'm proud to stand alongside them.' ... Quade said since her first run for state Representative in 2016, each year has become more divisive, more harmful and more ridiculous. She said PROMO's presence and support at the Capitol is the only reason she can continue to do the work. Some days are emotional, especially as she has to be cordial with Republican counterparts who are doing 'tremendous harm.'" (*Springfield News-Leader*, 2/2/24)

### Banning Gender-Affirming Care For Minors And Transgender Girls In Female Sports

In May 2023, Quade Voted Against Parson-Signed Bills (SB 39, SB 49) To Ban Gender-Affirming Care For Minors And Block Transgender Girls From Competing In Female Sports. "...Parson on Wednesday signed two of the more controversial pieces of legislation from the just-concluded session into law, bills that ban gender-affirming health care for minors and prevents transgender girls and women from playing on female sports teams. The Missouri House and Senate passed dueling bills on transgender health care for minors, but as the session grew closer to an end, neither chamber seemed willing to take up the product of the other. ... Ultimately the Senate versions of both bills for transgender health care (SB 49) and transgender athletes (SB 39) passed through the House." (*Spectrum News*, 6/7/23; *Missouri State House Journal*, SB 39, 5/10/23, Overall Vote: 110-49, Quade Voted No; SB 49, 5/10/23, Overall Vote: 108-50, Quade Voted No)

- **Quade Accused Parson Of Embracing Bigotry And Hate When He Signed The Bill To Ban Gender-Affirming Care For Minors.** "One of the laws bars transgender youth under the age of 18 from accessing certain gender-affirming care like puberty blockers, hormone therapy and gender transition surgery. Gender-affirming care includes medical and mental health care treatments as well as social support. ... Proponents of the legislation repeatedly said the bill was about protecting children from making decisions they are not old enough to make. Opponents, who included transgender minors, say that decision should be left to trans youth, their guardians and their doctors. 'The governor had a chance to protect innocent families who are just trying to live their lives in peace. Instead he chose to persecute them. The governor could have said 'no' to bigotry and hate. Instead he embraced it,' said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield. 'History tends to reflect poorly on oppression and the oppressors, and the stain of this action will not wash away.'" ([St. Louis Public Radio](#), 6/7/23)
- **"Bullying A Handful Of Kids For Political Gain."** "There were more bills filed this year to block transgender kids from playing school sports than there are transgender kids seeking to play school sports in Missouri, so no one can credibly claim this legislation is about anything but

bullying a handful of kids for political gain,' said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade..." (*Kansas City Star*, 6/7/23)

- "Demonizing Children." "[Quade] said a number of proposals seeking to ban gender-affirming care were 'demonizing children who just who want to live their lives in peace as who they are.'" (*Springfield News-Leader*, 3/16/23)

During Quade's Remarks At The June 2023 Ozarks Pridefest, She Acknowledged It Had Been A Tough Year But Pledged To "Never Stop Showing Up For The LGBTQI Community." "Gay and transgender Springfieldians celebrated Pride at a packed Ozarks Pridefest on Saturday. Attendees stood shoulder-to-shoulder as drag queens and other members of the LGBTQ+ community paraded down the streets of the center of Springfield. ... Parade-goers were joined by ... Quade, who also acknowledged the 'tough year' she and the queer community has had in Jefferson City. But she told the crowd that their joy and fun at Pride makes those opposed to their rights very angry. 'This year was tough. It was the hardest year in my 7 years that I've been there. But you guys kept showing up. You kept giving hugs. You kept making phone calls and you kept giving us the strength to continue. And I want to say to you I have to continue for you and to never stop showing up for the LGBTQI community. And we are not going to stop until everyone feels welcome in the state of Missouri. Let's show them we're going nowhere and we're gonna have a hell of a fun time today,' Quade said."

(*Springfield News-Leader*, 6/10/23)

### Additional Sports-Related Votes And Quotes

In February 2020, Quade Blasted A Proposed Constitutional Amendment (SJR 50) To Ban Transgender Girls From Competing In Female Sports. "...O'Laughlin, R-Shelbina, said she proposed the measure because of what she described as men beating women in sports. ... There already are restrictions on transgender athletes in Missouri high school sports, but O'Laughlin's legislation would outlaw entirely their participation on the team of their preferred gender. Her bill, SJR 50, has been sent to the Senate Committee on Education, which she chairs. ... Quade, D-Springfield, said proposing it as a constitutional amendment is 'even worse' than a regular bill. 'I think as a general rule it's nice to take things to a vote of the people so that their voices are heard,' Quade said. 'But I believe when it comes to human rights, that's something that we shouldn't be doing in this situation.'" (*Kansas City Star*, 2/17/20)

In February 2020, Quade Said A Separate Resolution To Ask Voters To Ban Transgender Girls From Competing In Female Sports Would Be Traumatic For Transgendered People. "Ross, R-Yukon, is pushing a resolution that would ask voters to require transgender high school athletes to play on teams matching the 'biological sex' recorded on their birth certificates. ... Quade, D-Springfield, also questioned Ross's plans to put the issue to a public vote and said the campaign could be traumatic for trans people. 'When we are asking people to vote on people's right to existence,' Quade said, 'what we see is an increase in suicide rates and violence and things that are really damaging to this community.' ... Quade also brought up the 2017 killing of Ally Steinfeld, a transgender teen, in Ross's home Texas County as an extreme example of what she wants to avoid." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 2/20/20)

In March 2021, Quade Reiterated Her Opposition To Ongoing Legislative Efforts To Ban Transgender Girls From Competing In Female Sports. "Quade, D-Springfield, said that with young transgender Missourians already struggling to find a place in their communities, she did not think it would be helpful to create laws that make it potentially harder for them to compete in team sports. Quade questioned Basye about why he chose to make this a constitutional amendment that requires

voter approval. 'If you take something like this as a vote, you are asking folks to vote on the dignity and existence of others,' Quade said.'" (*Missourian*, 3/3/21)

In April 2021, Quade Criticized And Voted Against An Amendment To Ban Transgender Girls From Competing In Female Sports. "The House dove into the contentious debate over the rights of transgender athletes Wednesday in the process of moving forward an amendment to limit their inclusion in sports. The amendment, which Rep. Chuck Basye, R-Rocheport, added onto an unrelated education bill, HB 1141, would prevent any student assigned male at birth from participating in women's sports. Those assigned female at birth who are transitioning could only participate in co-ed sports or those only offered for male students, such as football. ... Quade, D-Springfield, took a different angle, speaking to the motivation of the amendment. 'This bill is not necessarily about the policy,' Quade said. 'It's about primaries.' She said that there have been 82 bills dealing with transgender youth in Republican-led states, which points to a strategy of mobilizing specific voters by emphasizing messaging and legislation centered on 'protecting women.'" (*Missourian*, 4/21/21; Missouri State House Journal, Amendment to HB 1141, Overall Vote: 100-51, Quade Voted No)

In April 2022, Quade Spoke And Voted Against Two Bills To Allow Local Elections To Ban Transgender Girls From Competing In Female Sports And Require Student Athletes To Compete On Teams That Match The Sex Listed On Their Birth Certificate. "The Missouri House on Thursday passed two separate bills that would bar transgender students from competing on sports teams that match the gender they identify with. The transgender language was tacked onto two unrelated bills by Missouri Republicans earlier this month, a tactic used to push the legislation to the Senate as the session enters its final two weeks. One measure would allow voters to decide whether their school districts can ban transgender girls from K-12 sports. It was added to a bill that would change how Missouri runs its elections. Another bill, initially related to public school transportation, now also requires student athletes to compete only on teams that match the sex listed on their birth certificate. ... Several Democratic House members told *The Star* this week they were disappointed that Republican House leadership would amend previously non-controversial bills with language targeting transgender people. 'They're hijacking good, bipartisan bills and completely replacing them with other things and then adding super controversial stuff like trans issues,' said House Minority Leader Crystal Quade of Springfield. 'We could be doing some serious investment and really good stuff in our state and, instead, we're barely passing anything and having these really contentious fights that last hours and hours on the floor when we're also being told that the Senate isn't going to take any of this up.'" (*Kansas City Star*, 4/28/22)

- Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1973) To Require Transgender High School Students To Compete On Teams That Reflect The Gender Listed On Their Birth Certificates. "House Bill 1973, which began as a bill tweaking the definition of 'school bus' under state law, had an amendment attached by Republican Rep. Ron Copeland of Salem that requires transgender high school athletes to play only on teams whose gender matches that of their biological sex as listed on their birth certificate. HB 1973 passed 95-46, with all but a couple Republicans voting yes and Democrats in opposition." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 4/29/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1973, 4/28/22, Overall Vote: 95-46, Quade Voted No)
- Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 2140) To Allow School Districts To Seek Public Votes To Ban Transgender Girls From Competing In Female Sports. "House Bill 2140, which initially made a number of changes to elections laws, also had an amendment attached by Rep. Chuck Basye, a Rocheport Republican, allowing districts to take local votes to ban transgender student athletes from playing on girls' teams. HB 2140 passed 96-47." (*Springfield News-Leader*, 4/29/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2140, 4/28/22, Overall Vote: 96-47, Quade Voted No)

In April 2023, Quade Failed To Block Action On Legislation To Ban Transgender Girls From Competing In Female Sports. "The House on Tuesday gave initial approval to a plan to restrict transgender athletes and gender-related care for adolescents, leaving lawmakers with multiple proposals on the subject and fewer than five weeks to go in Missouri's annual legislative session. Preliminary approval on a 106-45 vote followed Senate passage in March of compromise legislation on transgender health care. ... That measure still must receive another affirmative vote before advancing to the Senate for consideration - and there is no guarantee the Senate would consider it. The Senate compromise allows current patients to continue with treatment, and contains a four-year expiration date on prohibitions of puberty blockers and hormone therapy, which would apply to future patients. The House legislation contains no such exceptions. ... Quade, D-Springfield, moved to postpone action on the bill indefinitely, which won the support of Sander, the Republican from Lone Jack. ... Quade's motion failed on a 44-110 vote. The House then gave initial approval to restrictions on transgender athletes, legislation requiring them to play on sports teams aligning with the sex on their birth certificate. The House legislation on athletics is less restrictive than the Senate version, only applying to athletes in sixth grade and above. Legislators approved it on a 107-41 vote." (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 4/12/23)

### Flagged Quade-Sponsored Legislation

In 2023, Quade Sponsored Failed Legislation (HB 376) To Allow Parents To Not Identify Their Gender On A Birth Certificate. (Missouri State House, HB 376, 2023)

HB 376 -- BIRTH CERTIFICATES

SPONSOR: Quade

This bill modifies provisions relating to issuing a certificate of birth by allowing any parent to be designated as the parent on the birth certificate without a gender designation. A parent who makes such choice shall be identified by the term "parent" on the birth certificate and shall not be identified by the use of the term "mother" or "father".

### Missouri Non-Discrimination Act (MONA)

In November 2016, Quade Said She Voted Against Repealing A MONA-Like Ordinance In Springfield. "Candidates were asked to state how they voted in 2015 when Springfield residents repealed a city ordinance banning discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation and gender identity and what they believe Missouri law should be regarding whether transgender people should be able to use the restroom of their choice. Only two candidates said how they cast their ballots, with Democrats Alberhasky and Quade both saying they voted against the repeal." (Springfield News-Leader, 11/4/16)

In A 2020 Reddit AMA, Quade Stated, "Passing MONA Is One Of My Biggest Personal Priorities." She Also Noted That She Flew A Trans Flag Outside Her Office. (Reddit, [Quade AMA](#), 2020)



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Passing MONA is one of my biggest personal priorities. As you well know, MONA, the Missouri NonDiscrimination Act, will had sexual orientation and gender identity to the Missouri Human Rights Act as protected from being fired or denied housing. MONA has been filed for 21 consecutive years.

Every year I work closely with organizations such as PROMO and ACLU on strategy, as well as the legislators who have been working for years on this. One of our main goals is to get a vote on it. We know that there are many legislators in the chamber who support MONA but their leadership refuse to pull it up. So each year we have different strategies that we work through, mainly focusing on exposure and education. For instance this past year I flew the trans and pride flags outside my office for the first time. Many legislators came to ask me what the trans flag was, which opened the door for a lot of education. (You will now see that flags are no longer allowed to be flown in the halls. ANY flags). This is a long and frustrating process, especially seeing how this year we saw more anti LGBT bills than any other state in the union- mainly focused on trans kids.

I will say that I promise I will continue working on this issue every second that I am elected, and then even after that if necessary.

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In September 2021, Quade Called For The Enactment Of MONA In Response To A Controversy In Neosho Related To A Pride Flag In A Classroom. She Repeatedly Co-Sponsored Failed MONA Bills During Her Time In The State House. "A Neosho teacher resigned last week after parents complained about a Pride flag in his classroom and the district told him to take it down. John M. Wallis, a graduate of Neosho High School and Webster University in St. Louis, was recently hired to teach speech, theatre and world mythology at Neosho Junior High School. ... Quade, a Democrat from Springfield, was one of many who responded to Wallis on Twitter. She reiterated her support for the Missouri Nondiscrimination Act, or MONA, proposed legislation repeatedly filed in the Missouri General Assembly. Quade tweeted to Wallis: 'Thank you for your dedication to our kids. I am ashamed this happened and continues to happen in our state. You- and our kids- deserve better. #MOleg needs to be on the right side of history. MONA must become law and we must start putting ALL of our kids first.'" (Springfield News-Leader, 9/8/21)

### Same-Sex Marriage

In 2015, Quade Celebrated The SCOTUS Ruling To Legalize Same-Sex Marriage. (Facebook, Crystal Quade, 6/25/15)



Crystal Quade

June 26, 2015 · 🌐

Congratulations to all!

**No union is more profound than marriage, for it embodies the highest ideals of love, fidelity, devotion, sacrifice, and family. In forming a marital union, two people become something greater than once they were. As some of the petitioners in these cases demonstrate, marriage embodies a love that may endure even past death. It would misunderstand these men and women to say they disrespect the idea of marriage. Their plea is that they do respect it, respect it so deeply that they seek to find its fulfillment for themselves. Their hope is not to be condemned to live in loneliness, excluded from one of civilization's oldest institutions. They ask for equal dignity in the eyes of the law. The Constitution grants them that right. The judgment of the Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit is reversed.**  
*It is so ordered.*

### LGBTQ+ History Exhibit In The Missouri Capitol

In September 2021, Quade Took Gov. Parson To Task For His Decision To Remove A Controversial LGBTQ+ Exhibit From The Missouri Capitol. “If an LGBTQ history exhibit was removed from the Missouri Capitol because it didn’t get pre-approval from a specific board, then every exhibit on display that didn’t get approved must also be removed, House Minority Leader Crystal Quade argued in a letter to state officials on Wednesday. That would mean, she said, that there would be no exhibits on display. In the letter addressed to Dru Buntin, director of the Department of Natural Resources, Quade says Gov. Mike Parson’s explanation for why the display was removed was a lie. Parson said the exhibit was taken down after he received complaints and because it wasn’t approved for display by the board of public buildings. However, the board’s meeting minutes going back five years show it has never discussed museum exhibits, and the former museum director said in 24 years he never had to seek approval from the board regarding exhibits. Quade, a Springfield Democrat, wrote that Buntin and Parson fabricated a reason for why the exhibit was removed to avoid being accused of ‘homophobia and content-based discrimination.’ ‘If you stick to your story that the LGBTQ exhibit had to come down because the board of public buildings didn’t approve it,’ Quade wrote, ‘then to be consistent you must immediately remove all exhibits the board hasn’t approved. Since this is a function the board has never performed, that means stripping the Missouri State Museum bare.’ Failure to do so, Quade wrote, would be a ‘tacit admission that you and the governor have caved to homophobia and engaged in content-based discrimination — the very thing your lie was intended to avoid.’ Quade urged Buntin and Parson instead to simply return the LGBTQ exhibit to the Capitol.” ([Missouri Independent](#), 9/8/21)

## *Miscellaneous Issues*

### Critical Race Theory

In May 2022, Quade Called Legislation To Ban The Teaching Of Critical Race Theory A Distraction. Quade: “None Of This Helps To Improve Missouri.” “Quade also said the push by Republicans to pass laws on issues such as critical race theory and transgender youth were a distraction. ‘None of this helps to improve Missouri. But it does help to win elections,’ Quade said.” (*St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, 5/15/22)

In March 2023, Quade Voted Against An Amendment To Ban Tax Dollars For CRT Or DEI Programs. “Protecting Classrooms from Critical Race Theory and Politicized Initiatives Surrounding Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging. The Richey amendment #11 to the State Board of Education appropriations bill. This amendment prohibits taxpayer funds from being used for staffing or programs associated with ‘Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Belonging’ or other concepts tied to collective guilt ideologies such as Critical Race Theory. ... Passed, 97 to 48.” (Institute For Legislative Analysis, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/12/25; Missouri State House Journal, HA 11 to HB 2, 3/28/23, Overall Vote: 97-48, Quade Voted No)

### DEI/ESG

In March 2023, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 863) To Ban The State From Imposing ESG Regulations. “HB 863 — Eradicating the Influence of ESG Within the Government ... This bill prohibits state agencies from adopting regulations or promulgating guidelines that hamstring particular industries or companies for the sake of pursuing ESG objectives. It also prohibits fiduciaries of the state from investing funds on the basis of ESG standards. CPAC supports the removal of ESG from the government’s halls of power and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on March 27, 2023 by a vote of 105-43 but the bill did not progress any further.” (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 863, 3/27/23, Overall Vote: 105-45, Quade Voted No; Institute For Legislative Analysis, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/8/25; Missouri State House Journal, HA 1 to HB 15, 3/28/23, Overall Vote: 75-71, Quade Voted No)



In March 2023, Quade Voted Against An Amendment To Ban Tax Dollars For DEI Programs. "Cutting Wasteful Education-Related Spending Programs and Prohibiting Expenditures for 'Diversity, Equity and Inclusion' within a Multi-Agency Appropriations Bill. The Richey amendment #1 to a multi-agency appropriations bill. This amendment cuts roughly \$17 million in spending for the 'Stronger Connections Grant Program' and the 'Project Extended Impact Program,' with the latter an initiative created due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Additionally, the amendment prohibits funds within the appropriation bill from being used for purposes of 'Diversity, Equity or Inclusion.' Support is the Limited Government Position as these spending programs cut are unnecessary initiatives which primarily enrich government-favored non-profits. Additionally, this measure helps protect taxpayer funds from being utilized to promote politicized DEI efforts which sow division amongst Americans and are intended to further grow the role of government. Roll Call Vote: 75-71 on March 28, 2023.

Passed, 75 to 71." (Institute For Legislative Analysis, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/8/25; Missouri State House Journal, HA 1 to HB 15, 3/28/23, Overall Vote: 75-71, Quade Voted No)

- In March 2023, Quade Voted Against Another Amendment To Ban Tax Dollars For DEI Programs. "Strengthening Government Integrity and Protecting Taxpayers from the Funding of 'Diversity, Equity and Inclusion' within a State Property Lease Appropriations Bill. The Richey amendment #1 to an appropriations bill for real property releases and related services. This amendment provides greater clarity and integrity on the expenditure of appropriations within the bill while also ensuring that no funding is expended on staffing or programs associated with 'Diversity, Equity or Inclusion'. Support is the Limited Government Position as this amendment strengthens government integrity while also protecting against DEI and other practices which sow division amongst Americans and are intended to further grow the role of government. Passed, 79 to 60."

(Institute For Legislative Analysis, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/9/25; Missouri State House Journal HA 1 to HB 13, 3/28/23, Overall Vote: 79-60, Quade Voted No)

In May 2024, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 2619) To Ban State Agencies From Spending Tax Dollars On DEI Programs. "HB 2619 - Prohibits state departments from spending money on diversity, equity, and inclusion initiatives." (Missouri State House, HB 2619, 2024 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2619, 5/8/24, Overall Vote: 102-47, Quade Voted No)

## Medical-Assisted Suicide

In 2017, Quade Co-Sponsored A Failed Medical-Assisted Suicide Bill (HB 524). (Missouri State House, HB 524, 2017 Legislative Session)

### HB 524

*Establishes the Death with Dignity Act to allow patients with terminal illnesses to end their life in a humane and dignified manner*

**Sponsor:** [Ellington, Brandon \(022\)](#)  
**Proposed Effective Date:** 8/28/2017  
**LR Number:** 0860H.011  
**Last Action:** 03/08/2017 - Referred: Health and Mental Health Policy(H)  
**Bill String:** HB 524  
**Next House Hearing:** Hearing not scheduled  
**Calendar:** Bill currently not on a House calendar

Co-Sponsors

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| Crystal Quade | 132      | Democrat | 4/11/2017 5:14:13 PM |

HB 524 -- DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT

SPONSOR: Ellington

This bill establishes the Missouri Death With Dignity Act that allows a qualified person to request and obtain a prescription for medication to end his or her life.

## Legalizing Marijuana

In August 2022, Quade Said She Supported Legalizing Marijuana, But Expressed Concerns About Amendment 3, Which She Viewed As “A Starting Point.” “...Quade is hoping to help her party put a dent in the GOP supermajority that’s dominated the state legislature for more than a decade. And when she heard the news earlier this month that a proposed constitutional amendment legalizing marijuana would appear on the November ballot, she thought her job might have just gotten a little easier. ‘I definitely think that it will bring out more voters,’ Quade said of the marijuana proposal, which will appear on the ballot as Amendment 3. ‘It will bring out younger voters, and traditionally, younger voters tend to vote Democratic. So that is looking like good news for us.’ But asked what she thinks of the policy laid out in Amendment 3, Quade’s enthusiasm dims. ‘I’m in support of legalization,’ she said. ‘I wish the initiative was better, but it is what we’re given to work with right now.’ Quade has concerns about the expungement provisions laid out in the amendment, as well as the fact that it will continue to allow the state to cap business licenses to grow and sell marijuana - a system she believes led to potential corruption in the medical marijuana program. But even with those caveats, she’s a yes on Amendment 3. ‘It’s a starting point,’ Quade said. ‘We definitely will have to make improvements if this passes.’” (Missouri Independent, 8/25/22)

In November 2022, Quade Was Listed Among The Supporters Of Amendment 3, Which Was Approved By Missouri Voters. “A proposal to legalize the recreational use of marijuana for adults in Missouri appeared headed for victory Tuesday night. ... The amendment has been endorsed by groups such as the Missouri ACLU and Empower Missouri, as well as Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas. It also has bipartisan support among lawmakers, including Rep. Nick Schroer, R-St. Charles County, and House Minority Leader Crystal Quade, D-Springfield.” (St. Louis Post-Dispatch, 11/9/22)

VIDEO: In September 2022, Quade Stated, “I Do Support Legalization.” Quade: “This past legislative session, we tried to pass a version via statute of [marijuana] legalization. To be very honest with folks, I would have much rather seen that pass than what see on the ballot in the fall. ... I do support the legalization.” (Springfield News-Leader, 10/10/22; 19:00 Mark)

## Parent’s Bill Of Rights

In April 2022, Quade Voted Against A “Parent’s Bill Of Rights” Bill (HB 1858) That Included Provisions To Increase School Transparency And Give Parents Access To Teaching Materials. “A ‘Parent’s Bill of Rights’ education measure is awaiting action in the upper chamber after narrowly passing the House last week. HB 1858 passed the House 85-59 with some Republicans voting against the bill. ... The controversial bill is a wide-encompassing piece of legislation that would, among other things, require schools receiving funding from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to be more transparent. Other provisions include a requirement for schools to give parents access to teaching materials, give access to information regarding guest lectures and speakers, and allow parents to visit their child during school hours on the school’s campus. Parents

would be able to receive the relevant information from an online portal managed by DESE, as the bill is currently written. Still other provisions would require schools to receive a parent's written permission before the child can participate in any extracurricular activities or assemblies and regulate how school board meetings are conducted. Schools found to have violated any of the rules could potentially lose funding from DESE until the issue is remedied. Parents and the Missouri attorney general would also be able to sue schools believed to be in violation of any of the regulations. Republican Rep. Ben Baker, who is championing the bill, said it's about 'transparency in schools and empowering parents.' Baker told The Missouri Times the bill would be a tool to combat the teaching of so-called critical race theory in public schools." (Missouri Times, 4/28/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1858, 4/19/22, Overall Vote: 85-58, Quade Voted No)

## Religious Freedom

In April 2016, Quade Opposed A Proposed Constitutional Amendment (SJR 39) To Protect Clergy And Business Owners From Punishment For Refusing To Participate In Same-Sex Weddings. (Instagram, Crystal Quade, 4/16)



- In October 2016, Quade Reiterated Her Opposition To The Measure. "Quade also would have opposed a proposed constitutional amendment designed to protect businesses religious liberties that was criticized for promoting discrimination. She notes that this is a social and personal issue with economic ramifications. 'Especially here in Springfield, you saw so many businesses, faith leaders and university leaders on board with keeping protections in place,' Quade said, referring to the repealed SOGI ordinance. 'Unfortunately, when there aren't protections, we've seen that millennials don't want to come to a city or stay in a city that they don't feel is a welcoming city.'" (Springfield News-Leader, 10/31/16)

In March 2019, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 267) To Allow School Districts To Offer Elective Courses On Hebrew Scriptures And The New Testament. "Allows school districts to offer elective social studies courses on the Hebrew Scriptures and the New Testament." (Missouri State House, HB 267, 2019 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HB 267, 3/25/19, Overall Vote: 95-52, Quade Voted No)

In March 2022, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 1724) To Ban Colleges From Discriminating Against Religious Student Associations. "Prohibits public institutions of higher learning from discriminating against a religious student association or denying a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association." (Missouri State House, HB 1742, 2022 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1724, 3/10/22, Overall Vote: 95-36, Quade Voted No)

- In April 2023, Quade Voted Against A Similar Bill (HB 136). "HB 136 — Protecting First Amendment Freedoms at Missouri's Universities ... This bill prohibits public universities from taking adverse actions against belief-based student organizations because of their beliefs or because of requirements in place within the organization stating that its leader must be an adherent to their beliefs. CPAC supports efforts to protect First Amendment freedoms on college

campuses and supported this bill. The House passed this bill on April 11, 2023 by a vote of 108-42 but the bill did not progress in the Senate.” (ACU, Flagged Votes-Missouri, Accessed 1/7/25; Missouri State House Journal, HB 136, 4/11/23, Overall Vote: 108-42, Quade Voted No)

- In March 2024, Quade Voted Against A Similar Bill (HB 1518). “Prohibits public institutions of higher learning from discriminating against a religious student association or denying a religious student association any benefit available to any other student association.” (Missouri State House, HB 1518, 2024 Legislative Session; Missouri State House Journal, HB 1518, 3/7/24, Overall Vote: 100-46, Quade Voted No)

### Free Expression On College Campuses

In April 2019, Quade Voted Against A Bill (HB 576) To Require Colleges To Adopt Policies To Ensure Free Expression. “House Bill 576, sponsored by Rep. Dean Dohrman, R-La Monte, would modify the Campus Free Expression Act, requiring public institutions of higher education to adopt policies on free expression by Jan. 1.” (Missourian, 4/25/19; Missouri State House Journal, HB 576, 4/30/19, Overall Vote: 107-44, Quade Voted No)

### Public Library Rule

In May 2023, Quade Criticized SOS Jay Ashcroft’s Rule To Ban Public Libraries From Providing Minors Books Deemed Pornographic Or Obscene. “...Ashcroft’s new rule governing libraries went into effect Tuesday, threatening to pull public libraries’ state funding over providing minors with books considered pornographic or obscene. ... Ashcroft, a Republican who is running for governor in 2024, last fall proposed the rule, which prohibits public library employees from giving minors access to materials without first receiving parental permission. ... Quade, a Springfield Democrat who is weighing a run for governor in 2024, told *The Star* on Tuesday that Ashcroft’s rule was pandering to a small group of people. She said it has led to ‘headaches about books being banned’ and ‘has made Missouri a punching bag for news outlets across the world.’ ‘Our libraries should be a beacon of education full of resources for the entire community to learn and improve their lives, not political casualties at the hands of far-right extremists,’ she said.” (Kansas City Star, 5/31/23)

### Legalizing Sports Betting

In March 2022, Quade Voted For A Bill (HB 2502) To Legalize Sports Betting In Missouri. “While its ultimate fate remains unclear, the Missouri House of Representatives voted Thursday to advance a measure to legalize sports betting in the state. The Missouri House of Representatives passed HB 2502, known as the sports wagering bill, Thursday, by a 115-33 vote.” (KSHB, 3/24/22; Missouri State House Journal, HB 2502, 3/24/22, Overall Vote: 115-33, Quade Voted Yes)

In March 2023, Quade Voted For A Bill (HB 556) To Legalize Sports Betting In Missouri. “House Bill 556, which would allow for retail and online sports wagering in Missouri, is being co-sponsored by Republicans Dave Hinman and Adam Schwadron, as well as Democrats Keri Ingle and Ashley Bland Manlove.” (IGB, 3/21/23; Missouri State House Journal, HB 556, 3/22/23, Overall Vote: 118-35, Quade Voted Yes)

In October 2024, Quade Endorsed A Voter-Approved Ballot Measure (Amendment 2) To Legalize Sports Betting In Missouri. “Republican Mike Kehoe, Democrat Crystal Quade and Libertarian Bill Slantz voiced support of Amendment 2 during a gubernatorial debate hosted by the Missouri Press Association. Amendment 2, approved by Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft, is a ballot referendum that allows voters to decide in November whether to approve sports betting.” (SBC Americas, 10/29/24)