



To: Arts Action Fund Members
From: Americans for the Arts Action Fund
Date: August 2, 2018
Re: Josh Hawley and the Arts, 2018 Candidate for Missouri U.S. Senate



Name: Josh Hawley
Party: Republican
Occupation: 42nd Attorney General of Missouri (2017-Present).
Incumbent: No. Challenger to incumbent Senator Claire McCaskill (D).
Born: December 31, 1979 (age 39) in Lexington, Missouri.
Previous Public Offices Held: N/A
Other Positions: After law school, Hawley was a law clerk for Judge Michael W. McConnell of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit. He subsequently served as a law clerk at the Supreme Court of the United States for Chief Justice John Roberts.
Educational Background: He graduated from Stanford University with a Bachelor of Arts in history, and later, attended Yale Law School to receive his Juris Doctor.

Contact Information:

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Social Media Platforms:

- Facebook: @hawleyMO 42.8k followers
- Twitter: @hawleyMO 9.9k followers
- Instagram: @joshhawleyMO 577 followers

2018 General Campaign Predictions:

- Toss up (Source: [Cook Political Report](#))
- Josh Hawley is the current frontrunner in the Republican primary as of August 7, 2018.

Personal Arts Background: N/A

Notable Arts Quotes: N/A

Examples of Actions on the Arts: N/A

Arts Membership: N/A

Stance on Issues

- **Taking on the Big & Powerful**
 - As Attorney General, Hawley has fought the Washington overreach threatening our farms and family businesses, including the Waters of the United States Rule and the Clean Power Plan. (Source: [JoshHawley.com](#))
 - Hawley is also fighting the big opioid manufacturers, taking on their unethical marketing practices that have helped create an epidemic of opioid abuse. He has cracked down on human trafficking in Missouri, leading the largest anti-trafficking bust in Missouri history. And he is investigating the most powerful company in the world—Google—to ensure the safety of Missourians’ private information. (Source: [JoshHawley.com](#))
- **Fighting for Religious Liberty**
 - Hawley states that he is a dedicated advocate for religious liberty, both as Attorney General and for his entire professional career. Before he became Attorney General, Josh fought Obamacare at the Supreme Court — and won — as one of the lead attorneys in the landmark Hobby Lobby case. Josh was also a lead attorney in the Hosanna-Tabor case at the Supreme Court, protecting the rights of churches. (Source: [JoshHawley.com](#))

Information on Arts and the Economy in Missouri:

- In Missouri, arts and culture was a \$11.1 billion industry—equivalent to 3.8 percent of the state economy—in 2015. There were a total of 93,704 arts and culture industry jobs.¹
- A 2017 analysis of Dun & Bradstreet data found 10,221 businesses employed 68,481 people in Missouri involved in the creation or distribution of the arts—3.47 percent of all businesses and 2.07 percent of all employees.²

¹Arts and cultural production are defined as those industries that produce arts and culture related commodities and generally follow the North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS). Employment estimates for ACP-related industries are for “direct” employment. [Arts and Culture Production Satellite Account](#) (ACPSA), 2015; U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis and National Endowment for the Arts, 2018.

²Findings count active U.S. businesses registered with Duns & Bradstreet in the following categories: museums and collections; performing arts; visual art/photography; film, radio, and television; design and publishing; schools and services. [Creative Industries: Business & Employment in the Arts](#), Americans for the Arts, 2017.

Sample Advocacy Questions on the Arts:

- Attorney General Hawley, what is your personal background and experience in the arts?
- Currently, the creative economy is an impressive \$730 billion industry, representing 4.2% of the nation's Gross Domestic Product. Would you support federal legislation to strengthen opportunities for artists, nonprofit arts organizations, and small businesses in the creative sector to fully access economic development programs?
- The budget of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) was cut in half during the 1990s. With its current funding of \$153 million, the NEA spends just 47 cents per American—half the cost of a pack of gum. Would you support a plan to increase federal arts funding to the NEA to \$1 per American, so that arts organizations in your state or district can present even more accessible arts programs for all its residents?

About ArtsVote2018:

- The mission of ArtsVote2018 is to advance the role of arts in the 2018 midterm elections by providing arts advocates, arts leaders, elected officials, and media with needed information to effectively advocate for the arts.