

# Holly Rehder Extremism Spotlight

**As a State Representative, Holly Rehder took at least \$175k from a prominent anti-labor mega-donor family and pre-filed right-to-work legislation.** According to KSMU, “The start of December is the start of Missouri lawmakers pre-filing legislation for the 2017 legislative session. One that has been controversial for some time is the effort to limit the power of labor unions by turning Missouri into a so-called right-to-work state. The effort in the House is being led by Holly Rehder, R-Sikeston. ‘I’ve been told that it is one of the governor-elect’s top priorities,’ she said. ‘I truly look forward to it being one of the first, second, or third bills that gets through (this year). Holly Rehder ran unopposed in both the primary and the general elections. Even without opponents in either race, anti-labor mega-donor David Humphreys donated \$150k to Rehder's campaign in June and December 2016. Humphrey’s sister, Sara Atkins, donated an additional \$25k to Rehder’s campaign. David Humphreys individually donated over \$7 million to candidates that cycle. [KSMU, [12/1/16](#); Missouri Ethics Commission, [Accessed 10/5/16](#)]

**After more than two-thirds of Missouri voters defeated the Right-to-Work referendum, Holly Rehder vowed to continue pushing the unpopular anti-labor legislation.** According to Missouri.net, “The Missouri House sponsor of the 2017 right-to-work bill indicates she’ll continue to push for the measure. Tuesday’s right-to-work referendum, which was Proposition A, was rejected by Missourians. The vote was about 937,000 to 452,000. More than 67 percent of Missourians voted against Proposition A. Veteran State Rep. Holly Rehder, R-Sikeston, who sponsored the 2017 House right-to-work bill, issued a statement to Missouri.net on Wednesday. Voters in both Mississippi and Scott counties in her district rejected right-to-work, which says that a person cannot be required to join or refrain from joining a labor organization as a condition of employment.” [Missouri.net, [9/8/2018](#)]

**In 2022, Senator Holly Rehder sponsored legislation critics said criminalized homelessness.** Senator Holly Rehder sponsored SB 1106, which would have banned people from sleeping on state-owned land and allowed Missouri’s attorney general to sue local governments that didn’t enforce the ban. According to the Pitch, “In explaining her amendment during the Senate debate, Rehder focused solely on funding mental health services for people experiencing homelessness. She made no mention of the penalty provision in the bill that seeks to make it a Class C misdemeanor to sleep or camp on unauthorized state-owned land. No senator spoke up in opposition to the amendment.” SB 1106 died in after being voted “Do Pass” in the Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee [[SB 1106](#), Voted Do Pass S Seniors, Families, Veterans & Military Affairs Committee, 3/30/2022; The Pitch, [5/30/2022](#)]