Dear ACLU-MO Supporter,

As leaders of the ACLU of Missouri, we’re tasked with determining how to allocate our affiliate’s finite resources. We’ve chosen a path of deep focus. During the 2022 fiscal year, the ACLU of Missouri steered that focus to two strategic areas: voting rights and equity in our state’s education system. With this focus in mind, we still work to cover the waterfront of civil liberties issues in our state. There are many.

In this report, you’ll see our deep, long-term focus leading to lasting change. You’ll see how our small but mighty team creates

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tried again to limit our initiative petition process. A statewide coalition of organizations including the ACLU of Missouri came together to stop them. Thanks to the advocacy of many, the initiative petition process remains unchanged.

Individual students, their parents, and the Missouri NAACP joined in to stop the removal of books that are by and about communities of color, LGBTQ people, and other marginalized groups. The case continues.

Sincerely,

Emily Alvarez

Art credit:
“Represent,” by Emily Alvarez

Emily Alvarez is a Kansas City-based Latina artist whose passions include visual storytelling, children’s media, illustration, horror and mural painting. Among many things, her love for lively compositions, vivacious color and exaggerated motion inform her art. She graduated with a BFA in Illustration from the Kansas City Art Institute in May 2018 and her work has been featured by PBS among others.

VOTING RIGHTS & THE RIGHT TO REFERENDUM

Two statutes impeding Missouri’s right of referendum were challenged by the ACLU after the Missouri Secretary of State stymied our efforts to referendum the 2019 ban on abortion.

In 2021, the Missouri Supreme Court found the statutes were unconstitutional, thereby restoring this constitutional right to voters.

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