

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S IMPACT REPORT

What is this?

This is a tool to increase transparency and accountability between elected officials in the St. Louis region and the communities they represent.

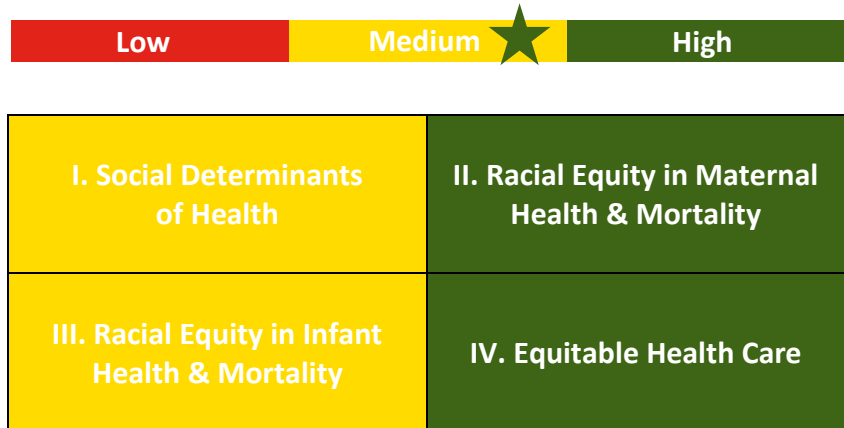
What can I do with this?

Read through this report and then take action. Contact your elected official and thank them for the positive work they have done. Hold them accountable for the policies they advocate for and demand they create change.

Why is this important?

Black mothers and babies in St. Louis are dying at twice the rate of white mothers and babies. We need to do more.

LaDonna Appelbaum – *Medium Impact*



Data from no self-assessment only, no partner input

State Representative of District 71, LaDonna Appelbaum received an overall Medium Impact level. That means that LaDonna Appelbaum had slightly above average impact. She holds office hours/town halls, sits on committees or boards of organizations that are working on addressing these issues, and utilizes all her platforms to elevate these issues. However, she is not quite a champion for all these issues yet. This report shows the breakdown of the policies she was a real champion for, as well as those areas in which she could do better.

Recommendations for Improvement:

- Work with State offices to disaggregate all data by race.
- Speak with and listen to Community Health Workers and Home Visitors and act on what they say is important.
- Listen to the asks of Black moms and babies and follow through.

I. Social Determinants of Health: 58 out of a possible 94 points

Low = 0 to 31

Medium = 32 to 63

High = 64 to 94

LaDonna Appelbaum had a Medium level impact when it came to Social Determinants of Health. LaDonna believes the minimum wage should be raised to \$15 an hour. That is what she pays her campaign staff. She has attended rallies and her vote both at the polls and on the floor supports a minimum wage increase. She also is a strong supporter of public transportation. LaDonna believes it strengthens our communities. She tries to show leadership in this by taking the train between Jefferson City and Kirkwood. The following table lists the policies that LaDonna Appelbaum rated herself on.

Policy	Averaged Impact (out of 5)	Importance on Impact Matrix (out of 4)	Total Impact
Raising Minimum Wage	3	2	5
Creating Universal Child Development Accounts	1	2	3
Strengthening the Community Reinvestment Act	2	2	4
Identifying Priority Transportation Projects for the St. Louis Region	4	2	6
Promoting Use of Public Transit	4	2	6
Building Healthy, Affordable Housing	1	4	5
Improving Use of Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Funds	1	3	4
Using Federal Funds in Strategic Maximally Impactful Ways	1	3	4
Expanding the Statewide Housing Trust Fund (HTF)	1	4	5
Prioritizing Transit-Oriented Development	1	2	3
Supporting Early Childhood Education	2	4	6
Ending Hunger for Children and Families	3	4	7
			=58

II. Racial Equity in Maternal Health & Mortality: 41 out of a possible 59 points



LaDonna Appelbaum had a High level impact when it came to Racial Equity in Maternal Health and Mortality. Representative Applebaum is a champion for quality affordable health care. She is on the Health and Mental Health Committee where she uses her voice and votes to support improving the health care system. LaDonna also strongly supports Planned Parenthood and women's reproductive rights. She voted NO on the disastrous HB 126. The following table lists the policies that LaDonna Appelbaum rated herself on.

Policy	Averaged Impact (out of 5)	Importance on Impact Matrix (out of 4)	Total Impact
Improving Access to Affordable and Equitable Women's Healthcare Before, During, Between and After All Pregnancies	5	4	9
Disaggregating Data	1	2.5	3.5
Applying a Racial Equity Framework	2	4	6
Implementing Anti-Bias Trainings	1	4	5
Promoting Trauma-Informed Services Through Support Services	1	4	5
Promoting Paid Family Leave	2	1.5	3.5
Promoting Reproductive Justice	5	4	9
			=41

III. Racial Equity in Infant Health & Mortality: 8 out of a possible 15 points



LaDonna Appelbaum had a Medium level impact when it came to Racial Equity in Infant Health and Mortality. She voted to expand access to Nurse Practitioners. Representative Applebaum also voted in favor of the statewide prescription drug monitoring program (PDMP). The following table lists the policies that LaDonna Appelbaum rated herself on.

Policy	Averaged Impact (out of 5)	Importance on Impact Matrix (out of 4)	Total Impact
Promoting Safe Sleep Practices and Infrastructure Capacity	1	1	2
Promoting Home Visitation and Community Health Workers	2	4	6
			=8

Equitable Health Care: 27 out of a possible 34 points



LaDonna Appelbaum had a High impact level when it came to Equitable Health Care. Representative Applebaum fought hard for Medicaid Expansion. She also fought so hard for the Affordable Care Act that her story was presented to the United States Supreme Court in an amicus brief for the King vs Burwell case. The following table lists the policies that LaDonna Appelbaum rated herself on.

Policy	Averaged Impact (out of 5)	Importance on Impact Matrix (out of 4)	Total Impact
Expanding/Extending Medicaid Eligibility	5	4	9
Increasing Health Insurance Coverage and Access	5	4	9
Providing Gap Coverage	2	2	4
Breaking Down Barriers to Care	1	4	5
			=27



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