

# 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.

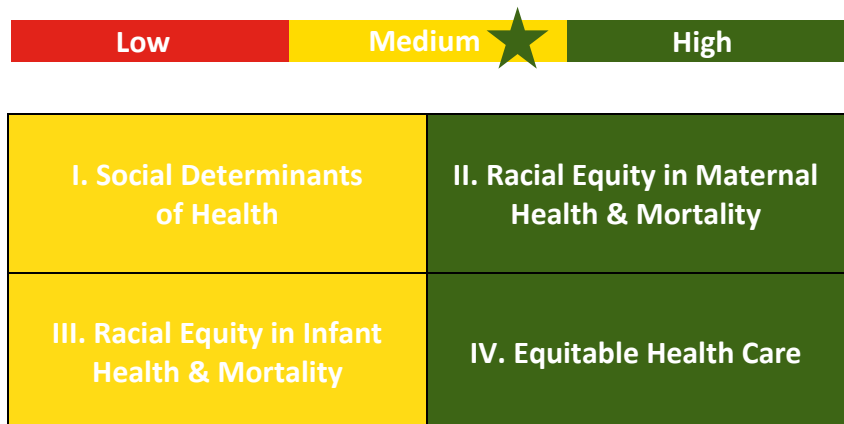
## *What can I do with this?*

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.

## Peter Merideth – *Medium Impact*



State Representative of District 80, Peter Merideth received an overall Medium Impact level. That means that Peter Merideth had slightly above average impact. He holds office hours/town halls, sits on committees or boards of organizations that are working on addressing these issues, and utilizes all his platforms to elevate these issues. However, he is not quite a champion for all these issues yet. This report shows the breakdown of the policies he was a real champion for, as well as those areas in which he could do better.

## Recommendations for Improvement:

- Use your platform to help others understand what Racial Justice is.
- Speak with and listen to Community Health Workers and Home Visitors and act on what they say is important.
- Work with State offices to disaggregate all data by race.

## I. Social Determinants of Health: 63 out of a possible 94 points

**Low = 0 to 31**

**Medium = 32 to 63**

**High = 64 to 94**

Peter Merideth had a Medium level impact when it came to Social Determinants of Health. Peter always votes in favor of raising the minimum wage and uses his social media platform to advocate for it. He has met with advocacy groups to discuss ways to achieve this goal. Representative Meredith met with advocates for the creation of universal child development accounts and posted about it on his social media. He is on the General Laws Committee, which heard this bill and voted it out to be heard on the floor. He is a strong supporter of public transit and advocated for more appropriations in the budget and speaks about it on his social media. Representative Meredith meets with advocates for early childhood education and advocates for more funding on the budget committee. The following table lists the policies that Generate Health’s partners and Peter Merideth rated himself 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	3	2	5
Strengthening the Community Reinvestment Act	2	2	4
Identifying Priority Transportation Projects for the St. Louis Region	3	2	5
Promoting Use of Public Transit	2	2	4
Building Healthy, Affordable Housing	2	4	6
Improving Use of Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Funds	2	3	5
Using Federal Funds in Strategic Maximally Impactful Ways	3	3	6
Expanding the Statewide Housing Trust Fund (HTF)	1	4	5
Prioritizing Transit-Oriented Development	2	2	4
Supporting Early Childhood Education	3	4	7
Ending Hunger for Children and Families	3	4	7

**=63**

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



Peter Merideth had a Medium level impact when it came to Racial Equity in Maternal Health and Mortality. Representative Meredith often meets with advocates for the improved access to affordable and equitable health care. He often meets with advocates for the promotion of paid family leave. He is a strong advocate himself and often speaks about it on the budget committee and on the House Floor as well as on his social media. Representative Meredith always supports reproductive justice in committee and on the floor. He often meets with advocates at the Capitol and uses his social media to speak out on the issues. The following table lists the policies that Generate Health’s partners and Peter Merideth rated himself 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	3	4	7
Disaggregating Data	2	2.5	4.5
Applying a Racial Equity Framework	2	4	6
Implementing Anti-Bias Trainings	2	4	6
Promoting Trauma-Informed Services Through Support Services	2	4	6
Promoting Paid Family Leave	3	1.5	4.5
Promoting Reproductive Justice	3	4	7
			<b>=41</b>

## III. Racial Equity in Infant Health & Mortality: 9 out of a possible 15 points



Peter Merideth had a Medium level impact when it came to Racial Equity in Infant Health and Mortality. Representative Meredith advocates for Community Health Workers to receive more funding in budget and meets with representatives from the field. The following table lists the policies that Generate Health’s partners and Peter Merideth rated himself 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	3	4	7
			=9

**Equitable Health Care: 26 out of a possible 34 points**



Peter Merideth had a High impact level when it came to Equitable Health Care. Representative Meredith has always spoken out in favor of Medicaid expansion. He has filed several bills and always advocates for it in Budget hearings and on the House floor. He meets with advocates and posts about it on his social media often. Representative Meredith has always spoken out in favor of increasing health insurance coverage in the various ways possible. He fights hard against bills that would add cruel and unnecessary burdens. He has meetings with advocates on this and supported a bill that would have made the application for Medicaid much shorter. The following table lists the policies that Generate Health’s partners and Peter Merideth rated himself on.

Policy	Averaged Impact (out of 5)	Importance on Impact Matrix (out of 4)	Total Impact
Expanding/Extending Medicaid Eligibility	3	4	7
Increasing Health Insurance Coverage and Access	3	4	7
Providing Gap Coverage	3	2	5
Breaking Down Barriers to Care	3	4	7
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**Our Mission**

Generate Health mobilizes and inspires the St. Louis region to advance racial equity in pregnancy outcomes, family well-being, and community health.

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