

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.

Steve Butz – *High Impact*



Low	Medium	High 
I. Social Determinants of Health	II. Racial Equity in Maternal Health & Mortality	
III. Racial Equity in Infant Health & Mortality	IV. Equitable Health Care	

Data from self-assessment only, no partner input

State Representative of District 81, Steve Butz received an overall High Impact level. That means that on several issues he was the champion of a cause. 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 this issue. 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:

- Listen to the asks of Black moms and babies and follow through.
- Use your platform to prioritize care.
- Work with businesses and organizations to prioritize community voice: How are their biases hurting communities of color? What can they do to pursue racial equity?

I. Social Determinants of Health: 76 out of a possible 94 points

Low = 0 to 31

Medium = 32 to 63

High = 64 to 94

Steve Butz had a High impact level when it came to Social Determinants of Health. Steve speaks on and votes for raising the minimum wage every chance he gets. Infrastructure in general and improving the access of public transportation are priorities for Representative Butz and as a member of the Transportation committee, he has an educated voice. He is a huge advocate of building healthy, affordable housing. He also knows that Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) work and has voted to restore the program. For Representative Butz, supporting early childhood education is the #1 issue, and tying into that comes his strong emphasis on working to end hunger for children and families. The following table lists the policies that Steve Butz rated himself on.

Policy	Averaged Impact (out of 5)	Importance on Impact Matrix (out of 4)	Total Impact
Raising Minimum Wage	4	2	6
Creating Universal Child Development Accounts	1	2	3
Strengthening the Community Reinvestment Act	1	2	3
Identifying Priority Transportation Projects for the St. Louis Region	4	2	6
Promoting Use of Public Transit	4	2	6
Building Healthy, Affordable Housing	4	4	8
Improving Use of Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) Funds	4	3	7
Using Federal Funds in Strategic Maximally Impactful Ways	3	3	6
Expanding the Statewide Housing Trust Fund (HTF)	4	4	8
Prioritizing Transit-Oriented Development	3	2	5
Supporting Early Childhood Education	5	4	9
Ending Hunger for Children and Families	5	4	9
			=76

II. Racial Equity in Maternal Health & Mortality: 52 out of a possible 59 points



Steve Butz had a High impact level when it came to Racial Equity in Maternal Health & Mortality. Steve currently serves on the insurance committee. Representative Butz promotes both the implementation of anti-bias trainings and the promotion of trauma-informed support services. He also advocates for paid family leave for all families, and his own company provides 12 weeks paid family leave. Representative Butz also absolutely supports access to birth control. The following table lists the policies that Steve Butz 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	5	4	9
Disaggregating Data	3	2.5	5.5
Applying a Racial Equity Framework	3	4	7
Implementing Anti-Bias Trainings	4	4	8
Promoting Trauma-Informed Services Through Support Services	5	4	9
Promoting Paid Family Leave	5	1.5	6.5
Promoting Reproductive Justice	3	4	7
			=52

III. Racial Equity in Infant Health & Mortality: 12 out of a possible 15 points



Steve Butz had a High impact level when it came to Racial Equity in Infant Health & Mortality. That means that on several issues he was the champion of a cause. This means that Steve Butz held office hours/town halls, sat on committees or boards of organizations that are working on addressing these policies, and utilized his platforms to elevate this issue. The following table lists the policies that Steve Butz 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	3	1	4
Promoting Home Visitation and Community Health Workers	4	4	8
			=12

Equitable Health Care: 31 out of a possible 34 points



Steve Butz had a High impact level when it came to Equitable Health Care. Representative Butz supports the expansion and extension of Medicaid eligibility. He also believed that 100% enrollment of kids qualified for the Children’s Health Insurance Program (CHIP) is essential and should be simple. He believes that the lack of investment in upgrading the IT capacity at the state level is a huge impediment to this. The following table lists the policies that Steve Butz rated himself 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	3	2	5
Breaking Down Barriers to Care	4	4	8
			=31



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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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