

## Drugs

Law enforcement officers play an integral role in Southern Missouri and the protection of our communities. Every day, these brave men and women put their lives on the line to ensure the safety and security of Southern Missouri's residents. In Congress, I have worked to make their job easier by supporting federal programs that provide assistance to officers and law enforcement agencies. I also have supported tough penalties for criminals who break the law.

### Methamphetamine

Methamphetamine is an extremely dangerous and addictive drug that has a disastrous effect on those who use it. Every year, Missouri is at or near the top of the nation in methamphetamine lab seizures. While this may be an uncomfortable statistic for some, it shows Missouri's law enforcement officers are successful in shutting down meth labs and incarcerating those who manufacture and sell methamphetamine. It is also important that we focus on changing the lives of drug addicts who have succumb to meth and offer them assistance to overcome their substance abuse problems.

### Sex Offenders

In Congress, I have supported tough laws that punish sex offenders for their horrible crimes. I also supported the federal government's efforts to maintain a database with the locations of sex offenders. It is important that parents know the whereabouts of sex offenders in their neighborhoods or close to places their children visit and prevent any interactions.

### Helpful Links:

U.S. Department of Justice: [www.usdoj.gov](http://www.usdoj.gov)

Federal Bureau of Investigation: [www.fbi.gov](http://www.fbi.gov)

National Sex Offender Registry: [www.nsopw.gov/Core/Conditions.aspx](http://www.nsopw.gov/Core/Conditions.aspx)

Missouri Department of Public Safety: [www.dps.mo.gov/home/dpshome.htm](http://www.dps.mo.gov/home/dpshome.htm)

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