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Missouri needs McCaskill to turn economy around

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Editor, the Tribune: When a private company looks at its balance sheet or income statement and sees losses, it must decide what to do to cut expenses or raise revenue.

In Jefferson City, we are hearing "cut employees or education and raise taxes."

Draft Claire McCaskill!

It's another version of don't ask, don't tell. More than 77,000 jobs were lost last year in Missouri - the most in the nation - while other states like Arkansas had net job gains. Most of the people in our state who lost jobs are not paying income and sales taxes. The problem is we have hundreds of economic development employees, yet we have no economic plan for our state.

Many companies will not hire or expand their operations when they are worried about the future of an area. We need to attract and expand businesses in Missouri, including a possible technology park, and maybe even cut businesses' taxes after we turn things around! We can set a general tone for business expansion if we want to. More business activity would balance the budget.

Draft Claire!

We need leadership change in Jefferson City, and that is why we are spreading the Draft Claire for Missouri Governor movement statewide. Please e-mail citizenformccaskill@hotmail.com or see www.draftclaire.4t.com or call Jeff Kenkel at (417) 485-2867 or (417) 832-8458.

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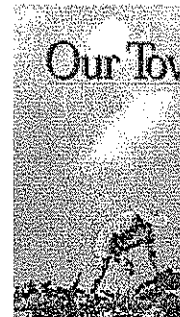


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