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Chairman Basye and members of the House Committee on Elementary and Secondary Education: On behalf of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and our over 1500-member businesses, please accept this letter of support for House Bill 101. Developing and training the state's future workforce is the key to our economic growth. As the state works to continue pandemic recovery efforts, access to qualified workers is a top priority for businesses. Missouri has made significant process to enhance the state's workforce efforts and become more competitive with other states, and HB 101 would increase and enhance these current efforts. The Springfield Chamber supports several provisions included in this legislation, including Department of Elementary and Secondary Education-approved innovation waivers in K-12 schools and the required completion of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to graduate high school. School innovation waivers encourage creativity and innovation and could help improve student readiness for employment, job training, higher education and more, which enhances the state's workforce development efforts. Requiring the completion of the FAFSA would provide additional awareness and potential financial access to students who may not have known eligible aid options in pursuing higher-education or training. Several other states have either passed or are considering legislation that would require the completion of the FAFSA to graduate high school, with appropriate exemptions, and have seen a drastic increase in filing rates. We encourage your support of HB 101, and specifically the above-described provisions. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Matt Morrow President and CEO Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce 202 S John Q Hammons Parkway Springfield, MO 65806



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We particularly support two provisions in the bill. First Section 167.903 requires students to develop an Individual Career and Academic Plan. We believe this will help students become aware of the training they need to acquire skills to meet their career goals. Second, we support the provision allowing two additional years for retired teachers to continue teaching without impacting their retirement income. Using teachers that have skills that have been developed over time can only benefit students.



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My name is Zachary Racy, and I am in my third year at the University of Central Missouri in Warrensburg. In addition to being a full-time student, I also have the great honor to serve as the student representative on the UCM Board of Governors. The reason that I am here today in support of HB 101 and SB 265 is to share the importance of every student filling out the FAFSA, also known as the Free Application For Federal Student Aid, to ensure each graduating high school student and their family are aware of the resources available to finance a post-secondary education. I can confidently say, that without my family and I filling out the FAFSA ever year for the past 4 years, I would not be in the situation I am in today, with just a short time remaining before my graduation from college. In my senior year of high school, my family and I went through the process of filling out the FAFSA, as many of you have probably done with your children or even yourself. Fortunately, in my situation, I was eligible for several federal and states grants and resources that allowed my family and I to recognize the post-secondary opportunities. In addition to that, the FAFSA, more specifically the EFC which is FAFSA's suggested "Estimated Family Contribution" was required on dozens of outside scholarships from private foundations and charities that I applied for. One example of this would be the Kaufman Foundation's Kansas City Scholars \$10,000 dollar renewable scholarship which I was awarded for my freshmen year of college. All of these opportunities that I received including federal aid, state aid, and outside scholarships were a direct result of the completion of the FAFSA in high school. Unique to my situation, my family's income was adjusted during my freshmen year of college which meant that I was no longer eligible for any type of state aid, federal aid, or the outside scholarships I qualified for my freshmen year including the funds from the Kauffman Foundation. Even with that, my family and I still completed the FAFSA because we understood that regardless of my family's financial status, my institution, UCM, still required the FAFSA to be filed every year in order to retain academic scholarships from the school that are based on ACT Scores and GPA. Additionally, having a FAFSA completed also impacts the amount of loans students are eligible to take out, which is based on the Estimated Family Contribution, as I mentioned is a portion of the FAFSA. To wrap up for today, I want to restate the most important piece of my testimony. Requiring every high school student to fill out the FAFSA, a key component of HB 101 and SB 265, will allow every student and family to fully understand what forms of financial assistance including federal aid such as the Pell Grant, state aid such as Access Missouri, institutional aid at their choice of schools which are often based on merit, and other outside scholarships such as the Kauffman Foundation as in my case. Regardless of a student's financial situation, every student should take advantage of the opportunity to fill out the FAFSA.



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I am in Opposition to this Bill. This is a Duplication of Service and Programs