



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of House Bill 1030. Missouri Century Foundation is an organization created to promote free market, forward-looking policies that will ensure the health and stability of our state for our current and future generations of citizens. Year after year, we see attempts to force private non-profit organizations to disclose the personal information of their donors. This type of legislation threatens to undermine the Constitutional protection of the First Amendment rights of speech, assembly and association from government restriction. House Bill 1030 creates the Personal Privacy Protection Act, a proactive measure that would bar any public entity from disclosing personal information, not including that already required by law, which would identify someone as a member or donor of a non-profit organization. We are unfortunately in a time when the cancel culture trend has grown so out of control that there is a real fear of retaliation for supporting private causes. Without protection, support for organizations like Missouri Right to Life, Planned Parenthood, the NAACP, and even homeowners' associations will be known to our friends, family, neighbors, and co-workers and used against us in any number of ways by those seeking to intimidate us from supporting those organizations in the future or to cancel a person for their previous support. Six states have already passed their own versions of the Personal Privacy Protection Act and another seven, including Missouri, have introduced it in their current sessions. Missouri must take a stand and fight back against cancel culture. Non-profit organizations, on both sides of the political spectrum, serve an important role in helping individuals voice their opinions and encourage the exchange of free speech and ideas in our society. We believe the entire state will benefit by working to protect free speech and association rather than working to silence our opponents' views.



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I am in Support of this Bill. Personal information of Missourians needs to be Protected in Today's Day and Age, especially with Technology Advances.



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Americans for Prosperity supports HB 1030.			



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I am in opposition of any legislation that includes layers that protect hidden political funding, especially to nonprofits.



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I am opposed to this as it will make it impossible to know what groups or individuals are providing financial support of the organization thus decreasing transparency.



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All money should be accountable to the citizens of the state and should be public record.



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I am a civil rights and constitutional attorney in Missouri who strongly believes in privacy. I also strongly believe in transparency and accountability in our government. Individuals and organizations who attempt to buy our government from the shadows should not be able to avoid disclosure. This bill, which includes specific provisions for 501(c) organizations, would prohibit Missouri from requiring that those organizations disclose the names of their donors in the event they are active in our elections. Unfortunately, these organizations already use these tax-exempt structures to hide the identities of big political donors, and We the People have to subsidize them in buying our elections through these hidden dark money schemes. This committee should not support this attack on our Republic and should vote no on this bill. We've seen the consequences of this policy of political concealment in Missouri. Former Governor Eric Greitens started his own dark money 501(c)(4) dark money organization that sold his office to the highest bidder without the public seeing who was doing the buying, and a bipartisan committee of this chamber found wrongdoing and referred him to investigation by law enforcement authorities. It's unfortunate that he was never brought to justice on this issue in particular. Perhaps in part as a result, we have seen hidden dark money flow into many elections in our state. Missourians do not want more secrets in our politics. Bans on dark money and requiring political disclosure are extremely popular throughout the country. It should be popular with our elected officials too. Even beyond representing what your constituents want, Republicans and Democrats in Missouri have been hit with big dark money spending. It is a serious problem in our state. In Missouri, we do have tools to require disclosure of dark money spending in our politics. I do appreciate this bill's carveouts for Chapters 130 and 105. But there are others in our law too, including the Attorney General's consumer protection authority under Chapter 407, corporate requirements in Chapter 355, and constitutional tools. Moreover, the use of 501(c) status means that taxpayers are subsidizing this activity, and we should be encouraging more, not less, disclosure when taxpayer subsidies are used in our elections. America also has a long history of requiring transparency in our elections. The United States Supreme Court in the Citizens United case held on an 8-1 vote that states can require disclosure of political donors, including those giving to organizations like the one this bill is protecting. Other states, like Montana, which is on the forefront of this legal fight, have made their elections more transparent. Missouri can be a leader in transparency and accountability too. We can reestablish trust in our public institutions and return our government to We the People, not to Them the Powerful. I encourage this committee to vote no on this bill, and I encourage each member to advocate for the Missouri End Dark Money Act and make Missouri a national leader on transparency in our elections. Please feel free to contact me.



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Any bills that seek to further cloud and hide dark money contributions to politicians, or their associated PACs, is anti-democratic. Full and complete transparency of all contribution sources that enable elected officials or candidates to seek or retain office must be achieved.



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