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I am in opposition of this Bill. This awesome Park "11-Points" shall remain public Lands and Not be sold! The Settlement Agreement was money for the State to invest and make the Community and Oregon County a better place. This Case is still before the Supreme Court of Missouri. This would be wrong from allowing the Division of Administration to sell this valuable property.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>COLUMBIA AUDUBON SOCIETY</b>		TITLE:	
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Columbia Audubon Society would like to voice our opposition to HB 1046, the proposed authorization to sell the Eleven Point State Park. Missourians love their state parks, and have shown that by supporting the Parks, Soils, and Water sales tax in 2016, with over 80% of voters approving. Having public space available in all corners of the state is important to birders, hikers, photographers, hunters, anglers, educators, and children. That was especially apparent during the pandemic. We stand with the many Missourians who have attended public hearing sessions voicing their opinions to not sell our state parks. We urge you to not advance HB 1046. The mission of the Columbia Audubon Society is to preserve the natural world and its ecosystems, focusing on birds and other wildlife, and the earth's biological diversity through education, environmental study and habitat restoration and protection. Preserve the Eleven Point State Park.



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Our State Parks matter. They matter to families and future generations. They matter to voters. Missourians love our state parks and natural areas. They are a shining part of keeping Missouri a great place to live. I urge you – do not advance HB 1046. Missouri voters overwhelmingly support protecting our natural resources at the ballot box – for decades. The precedent of selling public park land, especially one as important as the Eleven Point State Park, a national wild and scenic river, should never be considered. The citizens of Missouri have let their voices be heard on this issue – 80% of voters supported the Missouri Parks, Soils and Water tax. Public hearings around the state showed Missourians oppose the sale of ANY state park. Listen to the people of Missouri. Purchase of public lands is never ‘arbitrary and capricious’ as the judge stated in his ruling. These projects take years of thoughtful study and negotiation with landowners. As a Board member and volunteer of the Platte Land Trust, I fully support landowners that voluntarily protect their land, whether with a federal, state, or local agency or a nonprofit organization. As a canoer, you understand the water laws of the state and don’t trespass onto private land. Using Eleven Point State Park as access for boaters and fisherman to a scenic river, is not in conflict with other property owners along the river. What a huge loss the sale of Eleven Point State Park land would be to Ozark communities that use and depend on recreation – fishing, hunting, camping, river floats, hiking – to support their families, schools, and community. Vote “No” on HB 1046.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DANA RIPPER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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On behalf of more than 1000 Missourians that are constituents of the Missouri River Bird Observatory and the Missouri Birding Society, I am writing to express opposition to HB 1046. We are in agreement with various individuals and organizations, such as the Conservation Federation of Missouri, that have expressed their reasons for opposition. Missouri's public lands are a gem, are supported by the vast majority of state residents, are a source of income, and have never been proven more important than during the past 11 months. Please do not vote yea on HB 1046.





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WITNESS NAME: <b>GREG SWICK</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-209-0652</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>GREATER OZARKS AUDUBON SOCIETY; GREEN LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR DIVERSE EVOSYSTEMS</b>		TITLE: <b>GOAS PRESIDENT</b>	
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Greater Ozarks Audubon would like to voice our strong opposition to HB 1046, the proposed authorization to sell the Eleven Point State Park. This bill is misplaced as current legal proceedings on the property have an unknown outcome and this bill would be based on speculation and unknown circumstances. Beyond that, Missourians love their state parks as was evident by the 80.1 % of voters that supported the Missouri Parks, Soils and Water tax. It would be nearly impossible to find a more bi-partisan issue that could achieve favor with over 80% of the voters. If that was not enough, the three public hearing sessions held around the state a couple years ago were very well attended with another overwhelming majority against any proposed sale of ANY State Park, including the newly purchased ones. Our State Parks matter. They matter to voters, children, families, schools and they matter even more so during a pandemic. The precedent of selling public park land, especially one as ecologically and culturally important as the Eleven Point State Park should never be started. You often only have one chance to save something. On behalf of the almost 700 members of Greater Ozarks Audubon, who enjoy and support our State Parks, we urge you to not advance HB 1046. The citizens of Missouri have more than let their voices be heard on this issue. Greater Ozarks Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City represents almost 700 members in the Greater Springfield area. We are an all volunteer organization with a mission to promote birds, nature, natural history, education and the conservation of habitat. Respectfully, Greg Swick, President Greater Ozarks Audubon Society, Inc.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>HEARTLAND CONSERVATION ALLIANCE</b>		TITLE: <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
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CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64131</b>
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Heartland Conservation Alliance is an urban conservation coalition of more than 100 partners in the Kansas City metropolitan area. As a non-profit organization we are independent and non-partisan and work to protect nature and opportunities to connect to the benefits of nature for all citizens. We ask you to oppose House Bill 1046, which would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to sell or transfer Eleven Point State Park in Oregon County. This bill does not reflect the high standard of stewardship and value that Missouri citizens place on public lands as demonstrated by passage of the Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax by 80% of voters. This stretch of the Eleven Point River is an integral part of the Eleven Point National Wild and Scenic River and an opportunity to interpret the diverse natural and cultural history of the lower Ozark region. The Department of Natural Resources legally purchased the property from willing sellers along the Eleven Point River to preserve, restore, and interpret one of the state's most outstanding natural landscapes —identified in park plans since 1992 — and to provide recreational opportunities for public use and enjoyment. This property also has significant cultural resources, both Native American and recent, including a 1920s Ozark Giraffe-style rock ranch house characteristic of the region, in which the Beatles stayed during their only American tour in 1964. Today, more than ever our state's citizens rely on our state's assets for community health and vitality. We need opportunities to recreate and restore our mental health. Missourians need natural resources that provide resiliency to challenges we are facing from climate change. Missourians deserve to have a sense of place and pride afforded by its public parks. Missourians expect our elected officials to be stewards of our natural resources for the economic benefit of all, not the few. The value of this public park extends beyond the sale price. The land is irreplaceable and we are counting on you to protect this and leave a legacy for our future generations. We ask you to please oppose HB 1046 and any legislation that would put our natural heritage in jeopardy. Thank you for considering this request.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI PARKS ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE: <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
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Date: February 23, 2021 Committee: House Corrections and Public Institutions Bill: HB 1046 Position: Oppose

Chairman and Members of the House Corrections and Public Institutions Committee: My name is Kendra Varnis Wallis. I am the Executive Director for the Missouri Parks Association, a non-profit citizens organization – independent and non-partisan – dedicated to the protection, enhancement and interpretation of Missouri State Parks and Historic Sites. On behalf of our members and volunteers that enjoy and invest in Missouri, I ask you to oppose House Bill 1046, which would authorize the Department of Natural Resources to sell or transfer Eleven Point State Park in Oregon County. This bill does not reflect the high standard of stewardship and value that Missouri citizens place on public lands as demonstrated by passage of the Parks, Soils and Water Sales Tax by 80% of voters. This stretch of the Eleven Point River is an integral part of the Eleven Point National Wild and Scenic River and an opportunity to interpret the diverse natural and cultural history of the lower Ozark region. The Department of Natural Resources legally purchased the property from willing sellers along the Eleven Point River to preserve, restore, and interpret one of the state's most outstanding natural landscapes —identified in park plans since 1992 — and to provide recreational opportunities for public use and enjoyment. This property also has significant cultural resources, both Native American and recent, including a 1920s Ozark Giraffe-style rock ranch house characteristic of the region, in which the Beatles stayed during their only American tour in 1964. In addition to the cultural and natural resources, and recreation benefits, this park property along the Eleven Point River will be a significant benefit to the local economy. A 2012 study of the economic impact of our Missouri state parks revealed that for every dollar invested in state parks, \$26 was returned to the state's economy. In 2020, an estimated 21 million people visited state parks to hike, bike, paddle, camp, fish, watch wildlife, and enjoy the best of the best that our state has to offer. In a time when Missourians need parks the most, the legislature should not be setting the precedent of trying to deprive citizens of outstanding public resources. As citizens of Missouri, we all have a stake in the future of the Missouri State Park system. This system not only represents our state's heritage to current citizens, but to all future generations as well. On behalf of the almost 3,000 members of Missouri Parks Association, we oppose HB 1046 and any legislation that would put our natural heritage in jeopardy. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kendra Varnis Wallis Executive Director MPA Fact Sheet, 2-23-2021 SAVE ELEVEN POINT STATE PARK • The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) purchased the property along the Eleven Point River to preserve, restore, and interpret one of the state's most outstanding natural landscapes—identified in park plans since 1992—and to provide appropriate recreational opportunities for public use and enjoyment. • The funds used to purchase the property came from a Superfund settlement that provided approximately \$35 million to compensate the public for loss of natural resource values resulting from former lead mining activities in southeast Missouri by the American

Smelting and Refining Company. These funds can only be used to restore or replace damaged natural resources or to acquire equivalent resources, which is what DNR did by purchasing the park. A larger settlement fund has been set up for the US Environmental Protection Agency to clean-up the damaged sites to public health standards, a process still ongoing. •Opponents of the park claim the state's purchase of the property will result in a significant loss of property tax revenue for the county. The park property was not a significant source of property tax revenue before DNR purchased it. According to the Oregon County Collector, taxes on the parcels comprising the more than 4,000-acre park were about \$4,542. The state park along the Eleven Point River will provide a boost to the local economy that will certainly far outweigh the loss of this property tax revenue. •The park property along the Eleven Point River is good for the local economy. A 2012 study of the economic impact of our Missouri state parks revealed that the system, which operates on a budget of about \$60 million annually with a staff of fewer than 600, contributes more than \$1 billion in sales, \$300 million in payroll-related income, 14,535 jobs, and \$123 million in taxes to Missouri's economy. For every dollar invested in state parks, the study found, \$26 was returned to the state's economy. •Missourians value and strongly support funding state parks. Three-fourths of state park operating funds are provided by the one-tenth-of-one-percent parks, soils and water sales tax, of which parks gets half. The tax was approved by a vote of the people in 1984 and has since been renewed four times by citizen vote, most recently in 2016 by an astounding 80 percent of Missouri voters, with a majority in every county. •Missouri's state park system, though only middling in acreage and funding, attracts more than 20 million visitors a year and has repeatedly been recognized as one of the four best in the nation due to the quality of the natural and cultural resources it protects, excellence of management, and strong citizen support.



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Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City would like to voice our strong opposition to HB 1046, the proposed authorization to sell the Eleven Point State Park. This bill is misplaced as current legal proceedings on the property have an unknown outcome and this bill would be based on speculation and circumstances that have not yet played out. Beyond that, Missourians love their state parks as was evident by the 80.1 % of voters that supported the Missouri Parks, Soils and Water tax. It would be nearly impossible to find a more bi-partisan issue that could achieve favor with over 80% of the voters. If that was not enough, the three public hearing sessions held around the state a couple years ago were very well attended with another overwhelming majority against any proposed sale of ANY State Park, including the newly purchased ones. Our State Parks matter. They matter to voters, children, families, schools and they matter even more so during a pandemic. The precedent of selling public park land, especially one as ecologically and culturally important as the Eleven Point State Park should never be started. You often only have one chance to save something. On behalf of the almost 2,000 members of Burroughs Audubon that enjoy and support our State Parks, we urge you to not advance HB 1046. The citizens of Missouri have more than let their voices be heard on this issue. Burroughs Audubon Society of Greater Kansas City represents almost 2,000 members in the Greater Kansas City area. We are an all volunteer organization with a mission to promote birds, nature, natural history, education and the conservation of habitat.



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