



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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BILL NUMBER: HB 1362		DATE: 4/14/2021	
COMMITTEE: Elections and Elected Officials			
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCAT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am Opposed to this Bill. People trying to do the right thing by mailing or dropping off Applications shall not be misconstrued in trying to involve all voters in our Election Process.



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WITNESS NAME: DAN KENT DEPLOIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: DON CROZIER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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In September and October of 2020, I registered voters in a non-partisan tent set up in the parking lot of a local restaurant. I handed out dozens of applications for absentee ballots to voters who were appreciative that they could take them home and complete the process without putting themselves at risk of contracting Covid-19.



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WITNESS NAME: JOAN GENTRY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Dear Members of the House Elections and Elected Officials Committee:My name is Joan Gentry. I live in Springfield, Missouri.I am writing you in opposition to HB 1362. This bill, if it becomes law, will have an adverse effect on older folks, disabled folks, infirmed folks, and others who are unable to go to the polls and vote. By prohibiting individuals or organizations from distributing unsolicited applications for absentee ballots by mail, email, or other means takes away one of the means by which the voting process can be made easier for those who are unable to go to the polls. I am 76 years and there may come a day, sooner rather than later, when I will look forward to an individual or organization who values my role as a voter and makes sure that I have the necessary application to obtain my absentee ballot. Sincerely, Joan Gentry



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WITNESS NAME: MARSHA LERENBERG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am strong opposed to HB 1362 placing restrictions on individuals or organizations prohibiting distribution of unsolicited applications for absentee ballots by mail, email, or other means. There is no justification for making it harder for Missourians to even request an absentee ballot. It is a shameless attempt to make it harder to vote absentee by mail and we know that this will negatively affect our most vulnerable populations such as our seniors and the disabled. HB 1362 is unnecessary and harmful to those who need mail-in absentee voting the most and I urge the committee to vote no.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY HELLWIG		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to HB 1362 because I believe our right to vote is the basis for all other rights and I am opposed to deliberate barriers to voting. This bill, 1362, would erect deliberate barriers because it is designed to make it more difficult to access an absentee ballot. Why would legislators want to make it difficult even to access a ballot? There was no issue of fraud in Missouri with absentee ballots. What possible reason could be behind this than wanting to prevent certain voters from voting. At the risk of attributing bad intent to those behind this bill, I would answer my own question by stating that a desire for voter suppression is behind it. I urge the committee to vote against this assault on our basic right to vote.



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WITNESS NAME: MO DEL VILLAR		PHONE NUMBER: 816-929-6166	
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WITNESS NAME: PAUL LEYKAMP		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is simply another way of trying to suppress voters. It would seem this would stop County departments from sending these forms out. Are we eventually going to stop allowing counties from sending out sample ballots? This comes off as a solution looking for a problem



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WITNESS NAME: SHELBY BUTLER		PHONE NUMBER: 417-886-1188	
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empower: abilities would like go on record in opposition to HB1362 for many reasons. We would oppose anything could interfere with one's choice to vote absentee and many times find that they did not know they had an option as a senior or someone with physical limitations until we talked with them. We serve individuals specifically who might be limited and need that option to vote. Non profits who are non partisan and promoting voter registration and education only want the individual to get the best information about their voting rights. We meet people who are not able to get out of their homes because of their health or situation and they want to vote and feel as though they are able to fully participate in the process. They don't have any other way to get the information and so we are the link to that. I'd be happy to provide examples or further information if needed. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN GIBSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is clearly a voter suppression bill.			