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I am in Support of this Bill. No Discriminatory Police Practices shall ever be allowed to take place in Missouri. This needs to cease and come to an end!



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If online testimony is allowed, JCRC will speak briefly on support of this bill from the Faith Perspective.



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The Jewish Community Relations Council (JCRC), guided by Jewish values, advocates, educates, collaborates and mobilizes action on issues important to the Jewish community, 60,000 strong in St. Louis. We are committed to pursuing religious tolerance, civic discourse and social justice in St. Louis and beyond. Jews also believe in the concept of B'tzelem Elohim, we are all created in the image of God. This includes police officers, community members, those suspected of committing a crime, and those guilty of a crime. The events across the country this past year, along with challenges in Missouri, have shown us the need to establish standards for law enforcement to treat all communities with dignity and limited use of force against minority communities. Jews have both positive and negative experiences with police and policing. We look to and count on the Police to help protect our places of worship from acts of anti-Semitism and domestic terrorism. However, for centuries we were the target of police violence—and not just in Czarist Russia or under the Crusades but in the United States as well. As recently as 1902 on New York's Lower East Side, police attacked the funeral procession of a prominent rabbi. We have experienced both sides of the coin, and our memory shapes our attitude towards present Missouri's Annual Vehicle Stops report consistently demonstrates the racial discrepancies in those who are stopped and charged on Missouri Roadways. and future police practices. Our state's racial profiling policy has not been revisited in 20 years. House Bill 460 provides common-sense reforms that will help rebuild trust between law enforcement and communities. The bill requires law enforcement officers to provide more comprehensive information on all of their traffic stops and requires law enforcement agencies to have written policy on discriminatory policies, especially in regard to search and seizure. Having a consistent and transparent policy on these issues will provide data that can highlight where discriminatory practices are occurring. The JCRC knows it is challenging to be a police officer and believes common-sense reforms such as House Bill 460 make that job easier. Because this bill helps communities and law enforcement, we urge members of the committee to support this legislation.



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Requiring police departments to create and implement a policy on discriminatory policing will help build up the trust of the community toward police departments in our state. Those policies will also make it clear that discriminatory practices are not acceptable.



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House Special Committee on Criminal Justice Chairman Dogan HB 460 March 9, 2021 Dear Honorable Committee Members, Thank you for allowing me to present written testimony today. On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri and our approximately 15,000 supporters statewide, I would like to express strong support for HB 460. This legislation will increase transparency in policing and rebuild trust in our communities. This legislation came about as a result of conversations throughout the state with academics, advocates, and police officers. Racial profiling is patently illegal, violating the U.S. Constitution's core promises of equal protection under the law to all and freedom from unreasonable searches and seizures. Just as importantly, racial profiling is ineffective. It alienates communities from law enforcement, hinders community policing efforts, and causes law enforcement to lose credibility and trust among the people they are sworn to protect and serve. Today, according to Missouri's most recent vehicle stop report, African Americans were 95% more likely than whites to be stopped based on their respective proportions of the Missouri driving-age population in the 2010 Census. This has increased almost every year since we began collecting data in 2000, reaching a record high this past year. Both Hispanic and African American drivers were more likely to be searched than their white counterparts despite having a contraband hit rate which is lower than it is for White drivers. In part, it is the presence of racial profiling in Missouri that caused the NAACP to issue a travel advisory against the state in 2016. In the 2015 vehicle stops report, the Attorney General affirmed that "It is time for the General Assembly—which ordered the collection of vehicle stop data 16 years ago—to decide how to make the annual vehicle stops report more meaningful... If there is to be any meaningful change in response to the growing disparity indices identified over the last decade and a half, the Legislature must act." Our current Attorney General wrote in a recent report that, "As the Attorney General for the state of Missouri, my job is to protect each and every one of our six million citizens from crime, abuse and fraud, no matter their race, creed, zip code or religion. I take this responsibility very seriously." It is time to act. HB 460 asks for simple changes that would improve police accountability and foster a culture of trust between law enforcement and the communities they serve. The bill prohibits discriminatory policing, a defined term that would remove ambiguity surrounding what a "race-based" traffic stop is, and requires that officers document consent before searching an individual. Once data is collected, HB 460 requires an annual, rather than "periodic" review of the information collected and asks that the attorney general provide the information in an accurate, informative format. Unlike the current law, this bill would require that agencies submit their data and, if that data highlights challenges, that those challenges be met with review and retraining. If a law enforcement agency refuses to make any good faith efforts to improve, the agency may face a penalty to its fines and fees revenue. The lost revenue will go directly to additional training for law enforcement officers. This bill is a pro-accountability measure. We support finding an equitable way

forward that can shift the tenor of the conversation in Missouri. We know that the first step to healing our communities is to understand the challenges faced by both communities and those they serve. We urge you to let this conversation continue. It is imperative that we respect the constitutional rights of all Missourians and ensure that each of us has the opportunity to live in a state that recognizes our shared humanity. I urge you to vote in favor of this legislation and look forward to answering your questions. Best,
Mo Del Villar
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March 9, 2021
To: Chairman Dogan and Members
House Special Committee on Criminal Justice
From: Sarah Owsley, Policy and Organizing Manager at Empower Missouri
RE: Our support for HB 460
On behalf of our staff, board, and the members of our Smart Sentencing Coalition, I ask that you vote 'do pass' on HB 460. This bill strengthens the required data that is publicly shared yearly known as the Vehicle Stops Report (VSR). The VSR requirements were initially passed in 2000 as a way to gain insight into which drivers are stopped in Missouri and what happens in the course of these stops. We have seen disproportionate stops and post stop searches along racial lines each year since the law has been implemented. 20 years later, it is time to strengthen this report and the required actions from law enforcement agencies. There may be improvements which could be made to strengthen the language in HB 460. However, we cannot let the perfect be the enemy of the good in this case. Missouri residents deserve insight to how our law enforcement agencies operate with all Missouri drivers, and special care must be exercised when discrepancies, racial or otherwise, are identified. Empower Missouri acknowledges that policy changes can be one way we can lessen the impact of explicit bias, or biases which individuals hold that they may not have awareness of. In this bill, documenting driver consent to search is one such policy which can help lower racial discrimination on post stop searches. In addition, the required investigations into individual officer conduct and the training on bias free policing could positively impact the experience of drivers of color in our state. We thank you for your support on this bill and encourage any members of the committee to reach out to our office with any questions.
Sarah Owsley



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