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Sellers should not be subject to product liability lawsuits over products sold decades ago, products that were deemed safe for their time. Many states have already adopted a 10 year limitation. Plaintiffs should bear the burden of proof on whether a retailer even sold the product in question.



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February 2, 2021 The Honorable Bruce De Litigation Reform House Special Committ Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairman I Litigation Reform: On behalf of the Spring businesses, please accept this letter of su repose for product liability, in contrast wit puts many of our Missouri businesses at a regarding previously produced products f create a reasonable timeline of 15 years to strengthen our business climate. Ultimate growth, competitive with our surrounding bill is an important step in the right directi	ee on Litigation Reform DeGroot and members o field Area Chamber of C upport for House Bill 474 In many surrounding sta a disadvantage and expo for which regulations ha b bring a claim for dama ly, we want to be a state states and attractive to	201 W Capitol Av f the House Spector commerce and out Missouri currentes. The lack of a posure to undue ling ve since changed ges and is an imp that is conduciv new businesses.	renue, Room 304-B cial Committee on in over 1500-member atly has no statute of a statute of repose ability, specifically d. HB 474 would portant change to e to business . The passage of this

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THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM O'Reilly Auto Parts is a Missouri Company						
operates 203 stores in Missouri, and appre employing thousands of people across Mi pleased to support HB474. As a matter of perpetual liability exposure for products the exposure that extends twenty, thirty, forty, stream of commerce. Rather than focusing retailers." Innocent retailers, like O'Reilly, the packaging and warnings for products. these things. Requiring innocent retailers unfair, because it places a burden upon the have any obligation to provide warnings for the manufacturers' product after the manufacturers' product after the manufacturers decades later. The former owners and en locatable, and any relevant product inform situations, it is the Missouri retailer that is challenging litigation environment in Miss non-economic damage caps• The proposed bill is appropriate and will help while still preserving the ability of those we beyond the 15 year period if a defendant is where the useful life of the product is beyond	issouri, and tens of thou policy, it believes that M hey sell past an appropri- or even beyond fifty ye og on manufacturing, O' , do not design products . Universally, innocent r to defend someone els ne retailer to defend prod or. Furthermore, the ret ufacturer has long since nployees from those man nation or documentation s left to defend itself and souri that includes:• ne ability to seek unlimite protect both Missouri be who are injured to make s involved in fraudulent	usands beyond M Missouri business riate period of tim ears after the proc Reilly's focus is of s, manufacture pro- retailers depend of se's product in the ducts it didn't eng- cailer may be called been out of busi fundfacturers are of n is also long sind d someone else's Joint & Several life ed amount of pur usinesses from p claims for a reaso	issouri. O'Reilly is ses should not have he, and certainly not ducts enter the on "innocent roducts, nor provide on manufacturers for ose circumstances is gineer, make, nor ed upon to defend ness – sometimes often gone or not ce gone. In these product in a very ability• A lack of hitive damages. The erpetual liability, onable period - even			



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I emailed my statement separate to the members of the committee. I incorporate that written testimony herein.In brief summary, I include a portion of my full testimony as follows: There is a fundamental tenet of society that someone who causes harm is responsible for that harm. The statute of repose would take that responsibility away when a manufacturer causes harm to Missouri citizens and families.A statute of repose is not about preventing frivolous lawsuits. It is not about encouraging plaintiffs or defendants to settle claims. A statute of repose completely takes away the right of the victim to hold the manufacturer accountable. When is ever unjust to hold a wrongdoer accountable for harm inflicted on others?The fundamental right to jury trial was recognized by our Founders as an "inalienable right" "endowed by [our] Creator" enumerated in the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights. Most of us are familiar with at least some of the grievances listed in the Declaration of Independence: most notably "For imposing Taxes on us without our Consent." The very next grievance listed is "For depriving us in many cases, of the benefit of Trial by Jury." Those seeking to limit - or even eliminate the right to jury trial are on precisely the same footing as King George leading up to the American Revolution. A statute of repose would not merely limit the right to civil jury trial; it would eliminate that right completely.WHAT IS A STATUTE OF REPOSE? A statute of repose completely eliminates a product manufacturer's responsibility for its product after an arbitrary deadline has passed.

There are important differences between a statute of limitation and a statute of repose. A statute of limitation begins to run when the injury occurs - when the victim has notice of the harm. A statute of repose begins to run when the product is first sold and may run completely before an injury ever occurs. Under a statute of repose, a victim's claim may be eliminated before the injury ever happens.HOW ARE "OLDER" PRODUCTS JUDGED IN A PRODUCT LIABILITY CLAIM? A common misperception is that older products – automobiles, for example – may be judged in a product defect lawsuit based on the benefits of hindsight or in comparison with modern technology. This is not true. I want to make clear: A product designed and sold in 2000 is not judged to be defective based on the technology and practices in place today - in 2021. A product - whether it is a motor vehicle or any other product – is judged based upon the technologically and economically feasible designs available at that time.I want to make clear: Someone injured by a defective product must prove that the product is substantially the same condition as when it was first sold. There cannot be modifications that change the character or performance of the product. There cannot be such deterioration that it changes the character or performance of the product. Manufacturers are not responsible for defects related to those kinds of changes to the product. Products will not be judged defective based on use, abuse, or later modification. The Missouri Approved Jury Instructions require a plaintiff to prove that the product was "substantially the same condition" as when it was originally manufactured. Under the current law, every product is judged based on the standards and technology available at the time of

manufacture.WHY IS A STATUTE OF LIMITATION WRONG FOR MISSOURI?(1) The Missouri Constitution requires that the "the right of trial by jury as heretofore enjoyed shall remain inviolate." Mo. Const. Art. 1, § 22(a). This right "is one of the fundamental guarantees of the Missouri Constitution". Watts v. Lester E. Cox Medical Centers, 376 S.W.3d 633, 637 (Mo. banc 2012). The term "inviolate" means "free from change or blemish, pure or unbroken." Id. at 638. A statute of limitation violates the Constitution by wholly eliminating a right to jury trial even before the claim arises. (2)

There is a fundamental tenant of society that someone (or some corporation) who causes harm is responsible (or accountable) for that harm. A statute of repose would take that accountability away when a manufacturer causes harm to Missouri citizens. (3) Statutes of repose hit certain Missourians harder than others. For example, a statute of repose hurts teenagers and young people who are saving up for a first car. A teenager is likely to purchase a vehicle that is used, affordable, and older. Statutes of repose hurt first responders and emergency workers - the men and women we count on to keep us safe. For example, the average life cycle of a ladder fire truck is 18.5 years. The average life of a pumper fire truck is 15.5 years. Statutes of repose hurt employers and agricultural workers. Nearly half of heavy farm equipment is more than 15 years old. Most farm families cannot afford to regularly purchase new tractors, combines, trucks, wagons, and other farm machinery.(4) A statute of repose protects corporations that put profit over safety and human life. There is a dirty secret that many (perhaps all) manufacturers conduct economic calculations to determine how much a human life is worth. At a certain point, the value to shareholders overcomes the value of life. The corporation chooses profits over safety and human life. The Ed Ivey Memo is one of the most glaring examples of a company choosing profits over the human lives. GM engineer, Ed Ivey, prepared a two-page memo so managers could "figure out how much [Oldsmobile] could spend on fuel-systems." In the memo, lvey determined it would cost approximately \$8.59 per vehicle to fully protect the fuel system, but it would cost only \$2.20 per vehicle to settle wrongful death lawsuits arising from fuel-system-related deaths. He determined that GM could save \$6.39 per vehicle by accepting the deaths rather than fixing the fuel system. Stated another way, GM could spend up to \$2.20 to make the fuel system safer; anything more would not be cost effective because it was economically cheaper to let passengers burn to death in post collision fires. Ford Motor Company conducted a similar analysis known as the Grush-Saunby Report. Ford created the Grush-Saunby report in response to a NHTSA proposal for new safety standards designed to prevent post-collision fuel fed fires. Ford's report was created to compare the costs of complying with the proposed new standard. The Grush-Saunby report was a key factor in the outrage surrounding the Ford Pinto fire cases in the 1960s and 1970s. However, the same Pinto-style fuel tank design and placement remained in Crown Victoria vehicles (including Police Interceptors) until the vehicles were finally discontinued in 2011.



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Unemployment Dept. My name is Fedra E excellent Customer Care Specialist for F employer. My job primarily was to serve questions for Ameren Missouri customer were asked to work remotely and rumors or furloughed left and right, I was among team, worked every weekend along with fired while working remotely from my ho notification via the portal that I was "not unemployment and benefits from that me 2020 and am literally surviving off the as I have consistently looked for work since pay back \$5,000 when I do not even have rethink this action and consider the man followed the guidelines to turn in their in amount of people are seriously strugglin back on the people when the St Louis Ur a sham to our country. These programs	ranklin Energy Services. the great St Louis area by rs. Over the course of the s spread throughout the o those employees. Althou a fellow employee, receive me. In June of 2020, St L fired" rather I quit volunt oment on. I have not receive sistance that was given the then and still I am unerrise the means at this point y artists, free-lancers, an formation for unemploying and did not commit fra memployment Departmen	I was fired on Mar y addressing and e first couple of we company that peo ugh I had the best yed an award for r ouis Unemployme arily and that I wa ived any assistan o me and this is y ployed. How can to survive? I hope d people like mys nent and did noth ud. This level of r t did not do their of	rch 31st 2020 by my answering eeks in March we ple were being fired t attendance in my my service I was still ent sent me a as denied the ace since June of what they wish back. they expect me to the committee will eelf who simply ing wrong. A large esponsibility to fall own duly diligence is
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