



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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**I am in Support of this Bill.How ever I am opposed to the second to the last paragraph of the Bill's Summary by the First Filing shall negate the second action taken.**



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Missouri NEA Testimony on HB 515 to the House Downsizing State Government Committee February 17, 2021 Otto Fajen, MNEA Legislative Director The Association appreciates the opportunity to present written testimony regarding HB 515. The Association opposes the bill as filed. HB 515 would attempt to limit the ability of local public officials and school employees and other public employees to testify for or against or even provide education on any matter pending before the legislature. The Association believes that the members of a school board must be charged with the responsibility of promoting public understanding of the schools. The Association is concerned that HB 512 could interfere with the proper function of school boards in promoting public understand of the schools, since it would limit how school officials and employees could interact with legislators. The language of the bill is not clear. The bill seems to only clearly allow school officials to testify before the legislature and only if their job description includes lobbying. Other authentic engagement of board members and employees to educate and advocate with the legislature in less formal ways might be subject to restrictions and financial penalties under the complex provisions of the bill. This kind of restriction could have an unwanted and unneeded chilling effect on communication of local concerns and interests and will generally be a hindrance both to local engagement and the legislative process. For these reasons, the Association opposes the bill. On behalf of the Association, I thank you for the opportunity to offer our testimony on this bill. Otto Fajen MNEA Legislative Director



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