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COMMITTEE: Local Government			
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
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HB 563Land BanksHouse Local Government CommitteeCity of Springfield RequestThe City of Springfield asks that you support HB 563 in its current form for the following reasons:1) Missouri continues to struggle with low incomes and high poverty rates. This is certainly a concern for Springfield.2) A significant impact of poverty is the continued decay and neglect of housing stock and other properties due to a lack of repair, upkeep of basic building systems and occasionally, outright abandonment.3) These property conditions are fairly widespread and plague most Missouri cities like Springfield, that desire to have healthy, safe and desirable neighborhoods.4) The Springfield City Council has established the revitalization of declining neighborhoods as a key objective of its Quality of Place priority and the City's Renew SGF initiative.5) Land banks are very common across the country and provide an essential tool to help cities improve aging, dilapidated housing stock and other properties.6) Springfield is in desperate need of the Land Bank tool, but is not currently listed among those cities enabled by RSMo 140.83 to utilize it.7) By allowing our community to create a Land Bank, we can better stabilize our failing neighborhoods by leveraging public-private investment into our declining building structures. We truly believe this tool can get us one step closer to significantly benefitting our community's health, safety and quality of place. It is for these reasons we respectfully ask the House Local Government Committee to support HB 563 in its current form. Thank you for serving and for your consideration of our request!!



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I am Opposed to this Bill. Allow the Private Market and Land-owners to Redevelop or other useages.