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Re: Testimony in Support for HB 876Dear Committee Members:I am writing to urge you to support Representative Dogan's HB 876. This legislation provides common sense reforms to help rebuild trust between the police and the communities they serve by:

Banning sexual conduct by officers on duty

Certifying out-of-state officersPlease support this bill.Thank youAnne Litwin



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I Support this Bill.However, I am Opposeed to and asking that the Committee strip-out the Section entitled, "Regonizing automatically of Out-of-State Peace Officers."The City of O' Fallon (In Saint Charles County) just hired a Police Chief from Conroe, Texas with cover-ups of Crimes of Domestic Assult for his best-friend and was uncovered in a 2018 Investigative Report of the Texas Rangers, the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Montgomery County, Texas District Attorney's Office. The State Office of P.O.S.T. under the Department of Public Safety Approved his Application last month.



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Dear Honorable Committee Members, Thank you for allowing me to present written testimony today. On behalf of the St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America, I would like to voice our strong support for HB 876. The bill would be a vital first step in building trust between the Latin American community and Missouri police officers. As people of faith and good will, IFCLA believes that all people have sacred dignity and worth. We are called to act when we see that dignity threatened. The murder of George Floyd this summer sparked a collective realization of the need for substantial reform in policing that has led to the introduction of HB 876. The changes it proposes to our law enforcement system will make both officers and communities safer. In 2020 the killings of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor by law enforcement officers triggered nationwide outcry over harmful and sometimes deadly police discrimination against Black people. Their deaths reopened deep wounds left in the St. Louis community by the 2014 murder of Michael Brown, IFCLA stands in solidarity with our Black neighbors in their fight for accountability from police in the wake of these killings. Racial profiling is a lived reality for Black and Brown residents in our community. Overpolicing in areas with large Brown and Black populations leads to more arrests and more situations that threaten community members' lives. Missouri police officers exhibit racial biases against Latino/a/x and Black people that heighten tensions and propagate fears, leading to a deep mistrust of law enforcement. A 2017 report on traffic stops by the Missouri government found that compared to white people Latino/a/x people were 1.45 times as likely to be pulled over by police and were 1.62 times more likely to be arrested, despite being .78 times less likely to have contraband in their vehicle (MO Times). Statistics like these confirm that the lived experiences of police discrimination among members of our community point to a larger pattern of racial inequity in our state law enforcement system. Due to these biases, Latino/a/x lives are threatened by police discrimination. HB 876 would begin the process of reckoning with the harmful racism that persists in Missouri law enforcement. Bill 876 places a much-needed ban on chokeholds. The murder of George Floyd demonstrates the tragic cost of allowing the use of chokeholds by police officers. This dangerous maneuver is unnecessary to secure arrestees, and undermines our belief that all people should be treated with dignity and respect, free from oppressive and harmful practices. We urge you to support HB 876 because we care deeply about the safety of all Missourians. This bill will save lives. HB 876 also closes loopholes to ban so-called "consensual" sex and sexual contact between officers and detainees. That such behavior could be allowed presently is abhorrent and greatly damages the trust of our community in the police. We urge you to pass this bill to prevent these horrible violations of the rights of detainees. Finally, HB 876 requires the Director of Public Safety to annually report a list of officers whose licenses are on probation, suspended, or revoked. All Missourians deserve this transparency. It will begin to restore their faith in the police as protectors of their communities. HB 876 will make Missouri safer for both officers and the communities they protect. Together, HB 876's bans

on chokeholds and on-duty sex, as well as its requirement for police transparency, will strengthen the trust of Missouri's Latino/a/x community in their law enforcement agencies. That trust will ultimately make the job of police easier as people become more willing to work with law enforcement for the safety of the community. Far from hindering police work, HB 876 will improve policing by encouraging practices that honor human rights, and building community trust for law enforcement. We envision a world in which our civic institutions govern with justice and mercy and reject the criminalization of people of color. HB 879 is a necessary step towards that vision. Thank you for your consideration. Best,The St. Louis Inter-Faith Committee on Latin America



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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 and future police practices. House Bill 876 provides common sense reforms that will help rebuild trust between law enforcement and communities. For example, it will ban chokeholds and sexual conduct in the course of public duty. Both of these important reforms will help rebuild trust between communities and law enforcement. One very important provision of HB 876 is the certification of out-of-state officers, which is similar to the decertification that takes place in other professions, such as with lawyers, doctors and accountants. We must hold bad actors on the force accountable. As of 2018, 46 states allow for the revocation of police officer license or certification after the officer has engaged in serious misconduct. Similar to language recently passed in lowa, the provision is crucial in addressing bad officers hopping from one municipality to the next when they should be off our streets. The JCRC knows it is challenging to be a police officer and believes commonsense reforms such as House Bill 876 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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To: Rep. Lane Roberts, Chairman and Members of the Crime Prevention CommitteeFrom:

Christine Woody, Senior Policy and Organizing Coordinator

Empower MissouriRe: Our support for House Bill 876Founded in 1901, Empower Missouri advocates for the well-being of Missourians through civic leadership, education, and research. As part of our work, we organize a state wide coalition called the Smart Sentencing Coalition. This coalition is made up of individuals and organizations who are working for a smarter criminal justice system that works to decrease recidivism, decrease the prison population, decrease Missouri's criminal justice costs all while ensuring our community is safe and treated equitably with in the criminal justice system. We thank Representative Dogan for sponsoring HB 876. The events of the past vear have brought into the light the need for reforms within in our policing system. House Bill 876 is a great first step to making some much needed changes so that trust can be rebuilt between communities and police as well as establish standards for law enforcement to treat all the communities with dignity and limit the use of force against those communities. For example, House Bill 876 will put in place policy changes that bans choke holds, bans sexual contact by law enforcement, adds deescalation training for officers and puts into place measures that require certification of out-of-state officers. These are positive first step changes which Empower Missouri supports. Empower Missouri, and the Smart Sentencing Coalition, support bills like HB 876 which implements changes to our policing system that will make the system more just, fair and safe. We are asking you to please vote Do Pass on HB 876Sincerely, Christine Woody Empower Missouri And the Smart Sentencing Coalition



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It is vital to prohibit chokeholds, prohibit soliciting detainees for sex, and that we keep officers that have committed misconduct away from the power law enforcement holds. Chokeholds are barbaric- we don't even allow our children to do them when roughhousing. Having worked in roles that required me to restrain people over a foot taller than me and much heavier, while I have feared for me safety and had to keep my head, and never using a chokehold I can confidently say there is no need for officers to employ these techniques. People in situations like the power imbalance that comes with arrest or stings cannot consent. Any attempt at soliciting sex from people imminently at risk for arrest or further down the pipeline is coersion at best, intimidation and a threat of assault in most cases and outright rape if acted upon. Anybody that abuses the power law enforcement is given should be barred from holding any LE role, including clerical work. They are a danger to the culture and integrity of others doing their best and sow immediate distrust of officers in those watching from the community. No person's career is work risking community policing possibilities, increasing the likelihood of violence and further widening the gap between officers and their communities.



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My name is Kelli Lowe. I'm President of the National Police Wives Association, and also the wife of Sgt. Charles Lowe of the SLMPD. I along with other Spouses here in the state of Missouri want to express our support for this Bill. We appreciate that our Legislators took the time to sit down with Law Enforcement and come up with compromises that would be suitable for Officers and the Community. This will definitely go a long way in opening up lines of communication between all parties who are seeking to have better crime prevention for Missouri Citizens. We appreciate Representative Dogan for also inviting Spouses and families to the table to express our concerns and compliments to this bill!! For us that is so important because families of Officers are often not asked how these changes could affect the home life of Officers which ultimately effects their mental wellbeing!!



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Salutations to the Chair and committee. I am Kendall Martinez-Wright, representing myself, and I want to go on record in full support of this legislation HB 876. When it comes to law enforcement upholding duty and honor, we must hold accountability when it comes to use of force and ensuring both parties are in a position that won't be perceived threatening. This legislation will increase the need to also make sure that the public trust in various communities be established.



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As an educator for 30 years. I did not complete my law degree. I attended Southern Illinois University eventually returning to education. However, I became an advocate once I learned of the case of Leonard Peltier at law school and joining a church that is predominantly African American in 64127 zip code after relocating to KCMO.My lifetime commitment has been to raise the voices of ALL American citizens. This bill addresses chokeholds and sexual misconduct as well as authorized use of force. We disagree on some things, but I am convinced that militarizing the police financially has led to the need for this current legislation before your committee. Do whatever you can to include the voices of all Missourians mostly those who deal with issues of mental instability. I have two daughters with mental illness. Intervention by an EMT rather than police lends credence that we expect too much of law enforcement. I hold a higher standard than this bill suggests when lethal response is justified. Training is essential.. I am someone who makes a point of stopping and observing when law enforcement stops a citizen. I see it as a duty to witness the reactions of those who are overwhelmed with responsibilities. As I tell my grandkids if they are stopped by police as white citizens, and they have trouble controlling themselves, they have a responsibility for the next person who will be stopped by police. It takes a village...I support sections on sexual assault and chokeholds, but I expect more on controlling the use of lethal force.



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The Municipal League of Metro St. Louis supports HB 876. All but 3 municipal police departments in St. Louis County are either accredited or perusing accreditation through The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, (CALEA) or the Missouri Police Chiefs Association. Setting high standards for our public safety employees helps insure the general public has confidence in the men and women who are working them 24 hours a day 365 days a year.



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Dear honorable committee members: This is a good police reform bill. It still allows police the use of less lethal lateral vascular holds to restrain, but sends a clear message to citizens that officers using deadly force of restricting airways when deadly force is not necessary, will not be tolerated. The fact that a law still needs to be passed to protect those in custody from sexual misconduct by an officer is unbelievable. An officer comes into a situation with any citizen with an authority of power and any sexual advances are inappropriate. I also believe the third provision of this bill is equally important. The standard that an applicant must not have a previous felony charge and must not have lost their certification in another state seems like a reasonable accounting of past decision making skills and would prevent 'problem' officers from moving around to avoid disciplinary actions.



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Dear Honorable Committee Members:Thank you for allowing me to provide testimony today. On behalf of the American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri and our approximately 15,000 supporters statewide, I would like to express our strong support for HB 876. HB 876 would be the first step in long-needed police reform to rebuild trust and safety in our communities and in our police departments. The events of the past year have brought two truths for Missouri to the forefront: we must reign in violent crime in our state and we must build back trust between state actors and the communities they serve. To that end, our state has passed countless measures looking to give police every tool in the toolbox to address homicides and other violent offenses, but we have failed to move the needle on relationships between law enforcement and those they serve. We need police accountability to build trust, solve crimes, and move forward. Our society is fractured around what should be a shared goal: safety. The ability of each Missourian to feel safe in their communities and to feel that those tasked with protection are trustworthy. HB 876 is rooted in the need for law enforcement to implement transformative reforms that lead to humane and equitable policing across communities. These reforms will keep both officers and communities safer. The bill would enshire in law a ban on chokeholds, prevent the use of sex as a coercive tactic in our criminal justice system, ensure that problematic officers are not retained or rehired, and add needed transparency. These reforms are common in conservative states and have been developed over nearly a year of discussion among advocates, law enforcement groups, lawmakers from both sides of the aisle, and other stakeholders. As was amplified in the officerinvolved death of George Floyd in May 2020, maneuvers involving chokeholds and other neckrestraints can easily turn to an excessive, harmful, or violent use of force, and even lead to death. Chokeholds must not be used against citizens detained for questioning and/or during arrests. Chokeholds are an abuse of power by police that have resulted in the unnecessary death of too many citizens. This bill prevents any peace officer or security guard, while in the performance of their official duties, from using a chokehold that restricts a person's breathing and creates the felony offense of aggravated strangulation in the first degree by a peace officer or security guard. We must create a statewide ban to keep Missourians safe. The decision being left to individual police departments has allowed for differing definitions and possible loopholes when this could be a uniform message from law enforcement agencies across the state to members of our community saying: we hear you. This change is neither liberal nor conservative, with states as diverse as lowa and New York outlawing the practice. This bill would ban so-called "consensual" relationships or contact between officers and those they detain. There is NO consent to sexual acts when an officer or corrections officer is exercising their law enforcement powers over another person. This bill explicitly closes law enforcement officers' loophole in officer-detainee sexual contact and eliminates consent as a defense

for sex while on duty. We ask for these changes to hear fewer stories like that of Millicent Williams of St. Louis County. The wife of a retired St. Louis City police officer, she was pulled over by an officer late at night. Upon approaching the vehicle with his hand on his gun, he immediately commanded her to exit the vehicle and made her stand spread eagle as he ran his hands over her body. She felt panicked as he felt across her breasts and down her legs. She was then handcuffed. She had yet to be told why she was pulled over or even asked for her identification. She was let go with no charges and no ticket, but the lasting memory of this assault. This bill requires that the Director of Public Safety produce an annual public report including a list of officers from each law enforcement agency whose licenses are on probation, suspended, or revoked. Missourians have the right to know if the officer patrolling their neighborhoods are in good standing. We expect this in a wide range of industries, from restaurants to doctors. Officers who have the duty to uphold the law, must be pillars of lawful activity. If they are not, they should not be enforcing the law and their communities should be able to rest assured that they are not. Police officers are meant to protect and serve the community—not abuse or intimidate it. These basic reforms lead our state in the right direction towards appropriate and necessary accountability of our law enforcement officers while allowing them to perform their duty. I strongly urge this committee to support this bill. I am available to answer any questions that you might have going forward. Thank you again for your consideration. Best, Sara BakerLegislative and Policy **Director American Civil Liberties Union of Missouri**



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Passage of this bill should be a no-brainer.



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Testimony in Support of HB 876I am an advocate for children. I am an independent active voter, I am always learning. I have been victimized but I amnot a victim. I believe that we have to make children a priority in our society/political system. I believe we need to lookat every law and every action through the eyes of a child to make this world a place where we all are free to live and feelsafe. We are all unique spiritual beings who have a place in this world. We are all children of god who are meant to lovenot hate. I also work with the children society has deemed are too violent or out of control so they are sent to a facility to helpthem learn to control their actions. All of these kids share two things in common, they do not feel safe and they do nottrust adults. These kids have seen violence in their homes and communities, they especially do not trust the police. They see the police as enemies who have taken their parents away or who have restrained and/or handcuffed them. We as a society need to do better. House Bill 876 provides some of the common-sense reforms needed to help rebuild trust between law enforcement and communities. Banning chokeholds is an important first step to make sure these children do not witness that type ofbrutality being used against their loved ones or have it used against them! Having clear disciplinary actions around sexual conduct in the course of public duty is also a good step, however, it isappalling to me that anyone who has sworn an oath to serve and protect needs to be told that having sex on duty is notacceptable. That is telling in itself. These important reforms are a step in the right direction to build trust between communities and law enforcement. Ithink there is more to be done but we need to move forward on these.I would like to see changes is 590.040. 1. (6) 3. "shall include at least thirty hours of training in the investigation andmanagement 32 of cases involving domestic and family violence". Thirty hours is not enough and this type trainingneeds to have continuing education and re-certification. The changes in provisions 590.080.1, 590.195.1 and 590.520.1 are crucial in addressing bad officers hopping from onemunicipality to the next when they should be off our streets. We definitely do not want offices like the one in Floridawho body slammed a 16 yr. old girl knocking her unconscious or the NY officer who handcuffed and pepper sprayed anemotionally distraught 9 yr. old girl. I know it is challenging to be a police officer, I have family members who are police officers and I believe common-sensereforms such as House Bill 876 make that job easier for those officers who are committed to being safe and fair. This bill helps the communities and law enforcement. I urge members of the committee to support this legislation, forthe sake of all families especially the children. Victoria Godfrey-Zeller, Magaw for all Childrenhttps://voteforkids.wordpress.comhttps://www.facebook.com/Magaw-for-all-Children-102940631091081