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On November 1, 2016, I was riding my bicycle on Highway HH in Pemiscot County, when I was attacked by a large dog. The dog charged into my front wheel, causing me to flip over the handlebars and wreck in the middle of the road. I was taken to the St. Francis Medical Center Emergency Room and evaluated for injuries to my head, back, leg, and hip. I was diagnosed with a broken pelvis and held overnight for observation. I was unable to go to my office for a week, spent four weeks on crutches, an additional three weeks on a cane, and spent the next several months regaining my original fitness. I still carry scars and stiffness from the incident. In addition to the physical toll, I incurred over \$20,000 in medical expenses, broke a \$250 helmet, and damaged other gear worth over \$100. Fortunately, my bicycle only suffered a few scratches. I called the Pemiscot County Sheriff's Department in hopes that they would be able to talk to the owners of the dog and either remove it or force the owner to contain it on his property. I was informed that since the vicious and dangerous dog statutes only refer to dog bites, and I wasn't bitten in the attack, neither the sheriff nor the prosecutor would be able to help me. As a result, the dog is still loose and free today, and continues to pose a threat to public safety. It is worth noting that had I landed differently, this incident could have been life threatening, and there is no guarantee that any future victim of this dog will be as "lucky" as I was. It may also be worth noting that this particular road has in recent years been the route for a popular bicycle tour (Ride the Fault Line) that gains national attention in the cycling and travel press. In conversations with other cyclists, it has become clear that this is far from a unique problem. Many cyclists have had similar experiences with dogs that leave their owners' property to chase or attack cyclists on public property. I've talked to motorcyclists, runners, and pedestrians who have had similar experiences as well. If the language referring to dangerous dogs in 578.024 was changed to include dogs that simply cause injury to persons lawfully on public property, law enforcement and prosecutors would have a valuable tool to deal with situations like mine, and our public roads would be safer for the estimated 2.8 million Missourians who ride a bicycle and 140,000 motorcyclists who drive in our state each year. I believe this legislation could give law enforcement a useful tool to deal with threats to public safety without placing an undue burden on law enforcement or dog owners while simultaneously preserving private property rights and respecting local customs with regard to dogs and their control.



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**\*\* HB 992: The Danger of Loose Dogs for People Who Bicycle - Additional Testimony (First-hand Stories and Experiences)**Running into loose or uncontrolled dogs is a very common situation for people who bicycle. Nearly every cyclist can recount a few dangerous dog stories.Below is a sampling of stories we have received from our members and supporters.About half of dog/bicyclists injuries involve bites and half are crashes caused by running into the dog or trying to avoid it. The crashes, on average, result in more serious injuries than the bites. And of course, when a person on a bicycle crashes into a dog, it is not kind to the dog, either.\*\*\*\*\*BigBAM Cross State Bicycle Ride, 2018: Serious injury and airlifted to hospitalOn BAM 2018 a cyclist on the ride from Oklahoma was seriously injured on Route 66 between Waynesville and Newburgh, near Devil's Elbow. Two dogs ran out into the road and the cyclists hit one. The dog was killed and the cyclist was airlifted to Springfield. We were right behind the accident and two of our friends who are nurses stopped to give aid, I don't know the gentleman, but he did recover. Reported by Chrysa Niewald, OwensvilleThe dog was not trying to bite someone, but just dumbly decided to cross the road in front of a bunch of cyclists. The cyclist was seriously injured and had to be airlifted to a hospital in Springfield. Gregory WoodOwner/Publisher, Missouri Life MagazineBigBAM annual cross-state bicycle ride organizer \*\*\*\*\*Matt Nowak: Dog Bite and Dangerous Chaselt was many years ago, but I was attacked by a dog while I was riding who actually bit me and broke skin on my right butt flank. I was always a strong rider and I rode past where she felt it was her territory and when I got home, I went to the hospital emergency room to get stitches and have the wound cleaned. I was fortunate to not have to have rabies shots. On another occasion I was riding in the country and a dog ran from his farm house across a field to attack me and bite at my right heel and calf. Luckily I was able to ride out of his territory before he took me down and did serious injury.On both occasions I was riding my paperboy special Schwinn bicycle, which was a very heavy bike with good-sized tires. I am certain that the stability of the heavy bike saved me from falling with the bike. I suspect that if I was riding my present "skinny tire" lightweight bike that it would be more likely for me to tumble. We should at least be able to use bear spray or even shoot any dog that attacks us while riding and the owner should be fined severely.Matt Nowak\*\*\*\*\*Alan Eubank - Jefferson City: Hitting dog results in broken scapula & shoulder pinIn the summer of 1994 several of us in the Capitol City Cycling Club were on a ride to prepare for CAMP. We were on Scott Station Road going down the first big hill as you come off of Truman Blvd. Two dogs ran out from the house on the side of the hill. They chased the girls ahead of me and then stopped in the road in front of us. One of the dogs turned in front of me. I hit it broadside and flew over the handlebars. My helmet was cracked on one side about three or four inches long and all the way through. That helmet may have saved my life. The fall broke my scapula and I had to have a pin put in my shoulder. A neighbor to the woman who owned the dogs, gave me a ride to the hospital. He said the dog I hit was named Vicious. The

woman who owned the dogs was forced by her insurance to get rid of the dogs and the insurance also paid me a settlement. I was also chased more than once by dogs on other rides. One I was able to pepper spray and that gave me great satisfaction.

**Alan Eubank** Jefferson City \*\*\*\*\* **Robert Blakley - Lee's Summit:** Cornered by a pack of loose dogs Having been an avid cyclist for over 60 years, loose dogs have been more problematic to my enjoyment in road cycling than angry motor vehicle driver interactions, and which have been completely unexpected and intimidating. In year 2000, when I had recently moved to Kansas City from New York state for an employment opportunity, I was exploring the south Kansas City-Lees Summit area, where I was looking at residential houses for purchase for my family to move to in the summer. I rode my bicycle down a street south from Bannister Road, near Noland Road, thinking that I could go under the I-470 highway, and get access to the western area of Lees Summit (Lowenstein). I soon realized the street was a dead end, terminating north of the highway, but had been a through-route prior to the highway's construction. I also soon became aware of numerous large, loose dogs, perhaps 9 or 10 in number, that acted in a way that made me very fearful of attack or accidental contact, leading to my injury or worse, being mauled to death. There was a moment when I realized that I needed to stay calm, even though loose, unrestrained barking and growling dogs were threatened by my mere presence. My only thought was to slowly return the way I came to the dead end, and hope that they wouldn't attack. They were spread out along the street, so it was like riding through a gauntlet of unfriendly animals, so this strategy was likely to induce what I feared - either direct injury from a running attack, or an accident by one or more hitting me or me hitting them on the road. I slowly proceeded in retreat, shouting "Go Home", until I passed several large loose dogs jogging along the street in the same direction as I was riding, so I was behind them. I stopped shouting for a moment as I approached them, then accelerated as fast as I could while riding in the middle of the narrow street, sort of a stealth strategy. Fortunately, my strategy worked, as I passed the dogs at a speed faster than they could run, and began shouting again as they realized I was escaping their territory. There were no injuries that fateful day, but the very thought that I could have died from a "dog gang attack" made me be grateful of being alive. I have had at least three other encounters on south KC-Lees Summit streets, where I knew where the streets went (not dead-ends). In both cases, I was surprised by a large, loose dog that was unexpected and threatening that caused me to retreat (turn around) in order to avoid a likely undesired interaction with an unrestrained dog that acted to defend its territory.

**Robert Blakley** 818 NW Game Creek Lees Summit, MO 64081 \*\*\*\*\* **Joe Ferguson, Owner, Revolution Cycles, Washington MO:** A serious issue in rural areas, hospitalizations This is an issue in our rural setting quite frequently, to the point that some cyclists, and also runners, are afraid to ride certain roads. We have had several of our friends hospitalized as well as bicycles broken. Most have been "lucky" in that they have healed well, and had their bicycles replaced.

**Joe Ferguson** Owner, Revolution Cycles Washington, Missouri \*\*\*\*\* **Ryan Metcalf, St Louis:** Repeatedly chased by dogs I knew not to ride in front of this house unless I'm doing at least 18mph. Why? Because the two labradors that live there chase me every time. Even if the dogs don't bite, I've come close to wrecking. Shouldn't the law cover accidents caused by dogs too?

**Ryan Metcalf** St Louis \*\*\*\*\* **Laura Vie, Columbia:** Hit a dog at 35 mph I was injured by a dog a number of years ago. I was riding downhill about 35 mph when a dog ran out from its house on a 2 lane highway. The dog tried to go around the front of my bike and wasn't quite fast enough. I t-boned it and went over the handlebars hitting the pavement with my chin, splitting it open. My friend wiped me off the pavement and went to the dog's house to get help. I made her take me to the hospital to get sown up, but that was on my dime. She was apologetic, but that was as far as it went.

**Laura Vie** Columbia \*\*\*\*\* **Mark Langenfeld, Cape Girardeau:** Loose dog chases and bites During a bicycle ride on our tandem just north of Cape Girardeau in 2017 a dog ran toward us from a roadside house. On previous occasions when we passed this house the dog had been chained. This particular day the dog was loose. It crossed the road to reach us and instantly bit my wife's leg. We stopped to take a look at the injury. The owner came out of the house and instantly called to us, "my dog never bites." We replied that there was injury that showed otherwise. Several teeth broke the skin; there was minimal bleeding. Not knowing the dog's vaccination status, we called the county sheriff. The owner was able to show the sheriff some records that confirmed rabies shots for the dog. Thus, my wife was spared the necessity to get the rabies shots series.

**Mark Langenfeld** Cape Girardeau, MO \*\*\*\*\* **Howard and Sandy Andrus, Rogersville:** 7 days in hospital My husband and I were living in Rogersville, Mo approximately 10 years ago and was riding our regular bike route on Farm Road 205. We had just crested a hill and two dogs ran out in front of my husband and I. They caused him to wreck. He hit his head on a concrete culvert and had to be transported via ambulance to Mercy. He had 4 broken ribs, a punctured lung, broken collar bone/ separated shoulder, concussion and had to have a chest tube placed. He spent 7 days in the hospital and missed 2 months of work.

**Howard and Sandy Andrus** Rogersville, MO \*\*\*\*\* **Rogersville, Missouri:** Fatal mauling of person riding a bicycle A Christian County man accused of letting his boxer dogs run free before the pets allegedly mauled a passing bicyclist to death accepted a plea deal Thursday that will keep him out of prison.

**Joseph Brink,**

38, pleaded guilty to third-degree assault and was sentenced to 2 years of unsupervised probation. Brink was originally charged with involuntary manslaughter, a felony. This deal allowed Brink to plead to a lesser misdemeanor charge, and he will also be able to get the conviction off his record if he successfully completes probation. After Vogt was killed in 2017, authorities originally suspected coyotes as the cause of the attack. But cyclists in the Rogersville area told authorities that loose dogs in the area had attacked many cyclists, leading authorities to DNA test many dogs in the area. By the time authorities matched DNA with two of Brink's dogs, the couple had given away two more dogs they owned at the time of the attack on Vogt to unsuspecting owners. The Brinkers later reached a \$300,000 settlement with the Vogt family over the death. Dog attacks are a serious problem for cyclists, especially in the rural roads of Missouri, and we have been working with some dog attack victims and legislators for several years now to improve Missouri's state law on loose dogs. Though Brinks was convicted under current Missouri law, the incident illustrates just how dangerous loose dogs can be for bicyclists and people afoot in Missouri. Often a single dog or dog owner is responsible for repeated incidents and attacks. Source: <https://mobikefed.org/2019/08/christian-county-dog-owner-convicted-assault-avoids-prison-case-fatal-mauling-elderly>

\*\*\*\*\*Gerald Lindhorst, St Louis: Attacked and chased on the Katy Trail One beautiful Fall day, I was riding my recumbent bike with a friend on the Katy Trail. I was enjoying nature in a remote wooded area and fell behind my friend who was then a good half-mile ahead. Suddenly out of the woods, two large dogs were barking behind me. I turned around and saw they were closing fast. I pushed my pedals as hard and as fast as I could, but the dogs were catching up with me. It raced through my mind that my recumbent bike is built low with bike seat only 18 inches off the ground. This meant that I would be easy prey for the dogs. I began to speed up, which is difficult to do with a recumbent bike on gravel, but now the dogs were barking and growling near my rear tire. My tire pump was on the bike's frame and I thought about using it to beat off the dogs, but I could not reach it. My water bottle was closer. I remember how frightened I was as one of the dogs snapped at my arm, while I was trying to steer and keep the bike on the trail. The dog behind me was snapping at the rear tire. I started yelling and threw my water bottle at the dog alongside me hitting it in the rib area. It started yelping and stopped. The other dog stopped too to see what had happened. I kept pedaling, but they came at me again. However, I had enough speed to get away. I consider myself very lucky. I carry protection now when I'm riding out in rural wooded areas. I have also been attacked in my suburban area, but was on pavement and could escape.

Gerald Lindhorst St Louis \*\*\*\*\*Bob Amlie, Springfield: Unrestrained dog chases; even if no contact chasing dogs can cause crashes or injuries Two years ago, I had just ridden to the top of a steep hill, when a cattle dog from a residence caught up with me and grabbed at my shoe, and nearly took it off. The owner's kid was calling the dog, but it paid no attention. That's not the only encounter I've had, either. I like dogs in general, but aggressive animals should be kept under restraint, and not attacking random passersby. Even if the dog doesn't make contact, one that comes close can cause you to swerve in the path of a vehicle or crash on the pavement. They are a hazard, and owners need to be made aware of it. Police can do nothing, if there aren't rules in place.

Bob Amlie Springfield \*\*\*\*\*Mark Frazier, Kansas City: Surrounded by dogs in rural town I was riding on the Frisco Highline Trail a couple of years back, and rode into one of the little towns to check out historic buildings. I rode up to an old church and stopped in the street, and was immediately surrounded by four dogs. I picked up my bike and wielded it like a shield as the pack kept trying to flank me. It was about a 15 minute standoff until 3 of the dogs left. The whole time, the lowlife dog owner sat on his porch and made no attempt to call the dogs off. The last dog followed me snapping at my heels a mile down the trail.

Mark Frazier Kansas City \*\*\*\*\*Lou Rawls: Knocked down & bitten There are a lot of great country roads to bike ride in Missouri! I stay off of them and ride the busy, high traffic roads. People on busy roads keep their dogs behind a fence or on a chain. For me, having been knocked down twice, bitten twice, and terrified too many times to count, the country roads are a hostile environment as a cyclist.

Lou Rawls \*\*\*\*\*Michael Britton, Saddlebrooke: Bitten and knocked down at speed I've been bitten once and knocked down at speed once. It's definitely a real problem.

Michael Britton Saddlebrooke \*\*\*\*\*Paul Lovern, Columbia: Dog killed while chasing cyclist I was riding down West Blvd. To my left down a side street was a kid and a lady walking by a large dog. The kid had a rolled up leash in his hand not attached to the dog. The dog saw me and instantly broke into a fast run straight towards me barking loudly and hair on the back of the neck sticking straight up. When the dog got to the street it was run over by a car going the opposite direction.

Paul Lovern Columbia \*\*\*\*\*Gregory Woods, Boonville: Cervical disk rupture trying to avoid dog attack I was riding through an area where a dog had tried to bite several times before. I thought to arm myself with a big stick. When the dog approached, I swung the stick so hard that it caused a cervical disk rupture in my neck. The rupture was so severe I had to have disk replacement surgery and fusion to correct it. Thankfully it worked.

Gregory Woods Owner/Publisher, Missouri Life Magazine Boonville \*\*\*\*\*Scott Baas: Wounds and bruises from dog the owner allowed to escape and chase This is what happens when you talk to the owner of the pit bull after the fact and he tells you he thinks its funny that the dog can jump the fence and chase motorcycles [photo enclosed of wounds

and bruises]. I was on a bicycle and didn't fare as well out running the dog. On another note I go thru a can of tactical pepper spray a month during riding season to chase away many more close calls by roaming dogs. Scott Baas \*\*\*\*\* Karen Winterhalter: \$20,000 dog bite while riding tandem bicycle This incident occurred on a road called Scenic River Road. Two pit bulls chased after the tandem bicycle. I was on the back. We were going up a hill. I saw the dogs running towards us. Usually from the back of the tandem bicycle I can squirt them with water in their face. This stops them. I stopped the first one, turned around and saw the other bite my leg. There was no pain--the pit bull had bitten through the nerves in my leg. I had emergency plastic surgery at the hospital for two hours. Two weeks later I had another plastic surgery because the remaining skin on my leg died. Skin was sliced off my stomach to cover my leg wound. I could not sit up straight, had to sit and stand curled over because I had barely enough extra skin to cover the leg wound. I had 15 follow up visits with the plastic surgeon. The wound took 4 months to close up. The scar is 5X5 inches. And a noticeable inch deep. I am now petrified when I hear a dog bark. It was a \$20,000 bill for this bite. The dog is still out there till he bites another person. I have pictures if you would like to use them. I have never seen them myself. I had plenty of nightmares without seeing them. It took me two months to look at my leg. Read this to the politicians. My contact information is below. Karen

Winterhalter Bikebark@yahoo.com \*\*\*\*\* Anonymous, Fredericktown: Nine scary dog encounters in just one month! I've got several scary dog incidents in just 1 month of riding in Madison County and in Fredericktown. Story one: I was actually bitten by a dog in town which was running loose near it's home. The dog was near the street at edge of the front yard. Because it was near the street as I approached it was easily able to run into the street before I could react. I was bitten in the lower leg which required a doctor visit, antibiotics and 1 month recovery. Story two: 2 dogs in a home just outside of Fredericktown that are often in yard but not restrained will, 100% of the time, if outside when I ride by, chase and bark. Have come into street during such chases. Dogs seem potentially aggressive in manner but may just be in "chase mode". In one such incident oncoming traffic was present. Story three: A single dog 1 mile from Fredericktown has been in front yard twice and given chase into the street. This has occurred at least one time when cars were very near me and when dog came to within 5 feet but was unable to catch me due to my speed. On this occasion this dog seemed to be aggressive and beyond just a casual chase. Story four: One of two unrestrained dogs routinely gives chase with semi-aggressive barking. Sometimes stays behind fence, has also come into street. Home and dogs at the bottom of a steep hill with a very sharp L curve. Story five: A beagle near usual route will often chase and bark but does not seem aggressive. Story six: Unknown breed on a less used route (ridden twice) was unrestrained in yard one of two times and gave chase into street, barking, seemed very aggressive. Story seven: Same route as six, further along on route, 3 unrestrained dogs in two homes gave chase to street but were out ridden. Story eight: Two large dogs often bark and one has chased numerous times to street, barks. Barking does not seem aggressive, more like a trained dog covering it's property. Usually does not come into street. Story nine: Dogs on a rock county road, unrestrained, chased and barked as I road the road downhill. One nearly catching me and causing a near accident on the downhill gravel which is less stable at higher speeds. The above instances have all occurred in a relatively small sample area on two routes that I regularly ride. One route is my only bicycle safe road to town and unavoidable. I've purchased air horns which offer some deterrence but difficult to say the long term effectiveness. More aggressive dogs continue chase without deterrence, stories two and three above.



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Testimony regarding HB 992: Loose dogs causing injury (Rep. Burger) Dogs running out in front of bicyclists injure 450 Missourians annually—counting only those injuries serious enough to require an emergency room visit. This is one of the top six causes of injury to people who bicycle. Just the out-of-pocket medical costs for those emergency room visits total \$1.4 million annually. Including time off work, follow-up medical bills, and other related costs we estimate the total cost of those injures around \$2.8 million An unfortunate loophole in current Missouri law means that owners of dogs that bite are held responsible, but if dogs cause injury in some other way, for example, by running loose in front of bicycle riders, the same law does not apply. Non-bite dog injuries are actually more common among people who bicycle than bites. The non-bite injuries—which usually involve a crash of some sort—are, on average, more damaging and more costly than the bite injuries. HB 992 closes the loophole by making dog owners responsible for injuries caused by their animals, whether by biting or any other way. We strongly support HB 992. Loose dogs and bicycles—facts: \* Nationwide, dog-bicycle crashes and bites/attacks represent about 1% of bicycle crashes and injuries \* Nationwide, all bicycle crashes and injuries cost Americans about \$14 billion per year. So the 1% of all crashes/injuries resulting from dog/bicycle encounters represent about \$140 million annually in injury costs nationwide. \* 49% of dog/bicycle injuries are bites, 51% are other causes—chased by a dog, hit a dog, swerved or tried to avoid a dog. \* The most severe injuries were among those who swerved/tried to avoid a dog, or hit a dog. Bites resulted in less serious and less costly injuries, on average. Dangerous Dogs and Bicycles - Information Sources: \* Missouri emergency room visits: - Injury MICA data from Missouri emergency rooms, Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. Online at <https://health.mo.gov/data/documentation/injury/injury-general-info.php> \* Percentage of bicycling injuries related to dogs, percentage of injury due to bite vs other causes, relative cost of bite vs non-bite injuries: - Injuries to Cyclists due to a Dog-Bicycle Interaction by RT Loder & AP Yaacoub AP. In Veterinary and Comparative Orthopaedics and Traumatology, 2018 May;31(3):170-175. Online at <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29679952> \* Total cost of bicycle injuries nationwide: - Estimated total costs from non-fatal and fatal bicycle crashes in the USA: 1997–2013 by Thomas W Gaither, Thomas A Sanford, Mohannad A Awad, E Charles Osterberg, Gregory P Murphy, Bruce A Lawrence, Ted R Miller, Benjamin N Breyer. In Injury Prevention, Volume 24, Issue 2. Online at <https://injuryprevention.bmj.com/content/24/2/135>



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I was attacked by a dog while cycling on the Katy Trail near St. Charles. I was nearly killed. I broke every bone in my face and also broke two vertebrae in my neck. My spinal cord was damaged and as a result I have permanent limited use of both hands. The dog was running with its owner and it pulled out of its harness. It attacked the front wheel of my bike causing me to go over the handlebars. I was hospitalized for one week and spent six months recovering. No one called the police. I was unconscious. The owner of the dog called 911 and the paramedics took my unconscious body to the emergency room



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**I myself as a cyclist have been chased by a loose dog on numerous occasions and I 100% support this bill.**





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I have been chased several times by dogs, bitten on the ankle twice, and nearly knocked over once. Getting knocked over will injure a cyclist, maybe kill them, and a bite is not needed to incur these injuries.



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EMAIL: <b>gkwelds@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/26/2021 5:44 PM</b>
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Living in a rural area means there are a lot of off leash dogs. I've been chased numerous times while running or riding a bike. The response from the owners has always been to tell me that they are a nice dog or to feel free to kick the dog away. One dog it happens multiple times with and it would be nice if there was a legal course of action.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARTIN PRIGGEL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>mpriggel@alanwire.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/28/2021 1:39 PM</b>

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**I just want the owners to be responsible for their dogs & any damages they cause.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ROBERT UREN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>boburen@msn.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/28/2021 4:00 PM</b>

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**Been chased many times by dogs not leashed. Rode yesterday in fact 3/27/21 and almost crashed as a dog came out in the rode chasing me on CR 205 in Cape County. Dogs a bigger fear for me than cars!**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SOHEEL A. KHAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a cyclist, I have been chased by dog many times. One of the scariest was when I chased by snarling dogs while riding on the katy trail a few miles northeast of St. Charles. I believe the owner lives adjacent to the trail.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>SUZANNE DUPLISSEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>suzanne1964@sbcglobal.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/26/2021 3:09 PM</b>
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I've been chased numerous times by dogs while riding my bike. I carry with me an air horn so they don't bite me or run into the front of my bike causing me to wreck. Having to do this in of itself can cause a wreck. Thank you!



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCAT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I am Opposed to this Bill. This bill needs a lot of work and Amendments. Needs to be more towards the middle of the Road and also needs to take Argriculture into effect.**



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REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI FEDERATION OF ANIMAL OWNERS</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
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CITY: <b>ELDON</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65026</b>
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HB 992 is so loosely written that the definition "physically injures" or "physically injured" could mean nearly anything involving a dog. Slight impairment of any function of the body or temporary loss of use of any part of the body could be something as simple as a dog jumping up to greet someone and that person falls or a finger gets scratched, etc. The possibilities are endless and could simply be used by someone who dislikes dogs.