



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>BRAD JONES</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-619-3077</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS (NFIB)</b>		TITLE: <b>MISSOURI STATE DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>308 E. HIGH ST.</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
EMAIL: <b>Brad.Jones@nfib.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/8/2021 11:07 AM</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>CHARLES PIERCE</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-635-2722</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI SOCIETY OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>PO BOX 1073</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65102</b>
EMAIL: <b>chuck@pierce-co.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/8/2021 2:07 PM</b>

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The Missouri Society of CPAs supports the provisions of the legislation that address premises and employer exposure to potentially frivolous litigation related to COVID exposures.



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>DAVID KENT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI BANKERS ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>207 EAST CAPITOL AVE</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
EMAIL: <b>dkent@mobankers.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/23/2021 8:07 AM</b>

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The Missouri Bankers Association supports HB 997, and we urge lawmakers to pass legislation that will protect businesses from liability against COVID-19 exposure claims. As an essential business, banks remained open throughout the COVID-19 crisis while adhering to ordinances and recommendations issued by local, state and federal agencies. Many of our members worked diligently to ensure customer and employee safety by installing plexiglass barriers, requiring masks and limiting lobby traffic. In some cases, banks took the extreme measure of providing services via drive-thru only or by requiring an appointment to visit with staff inside the building. Our members remain diligent to ensure the safety of the general public, customers and employees. However, we are concerned about the potential risk to banks from frivolous litigation because current Missouri law does not provide adequate protections for businesses. Protecting businesses from these types of lawsuits will provide peace of mind to our members, as well as to the businesses and customers they serve. Again, we ask that you support HB 997 and the effort to protect businesses from potential litigation for remaining open during the COVID-19 pandemic.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>DAVID OVERFELT</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-636-2524</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MO RETAILERS ASSN; MO GROCERS ASSN; MO TIRE INDUSTRY ASSN</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>618 E CAPITOL</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
EMAIL: <b>dave@moretailers.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/23/2021 11:14 AM</b>
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**HB 997 creates a reasonable method to protect individuals and small businesses from questionable Covid-19 harassment claims.**



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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHN BRYAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-761-5610</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI POULTRY FEDERATION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>225 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
EMAIL: <b>poultry@socket.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/23/2021 1:32 PM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MATTHEW PANIK</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-3511</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>428 EAST CAPITOL AVENUE</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>RAY MCCARTY</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-2246</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF MISSOURI</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT/CEO</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>3234 W. TRUMAN BLVD.</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65109</b>
EMAIL: <b>rmccarty@aimo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/22/2021 6:49 PM</b>

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Fully support this bill that provides certain factors that must be proven to create liability for exposing another person to a virus.



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**We strongly support providing protection to businesses that took proper precautions to try and stop the spread of COVID-19.**



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<b>REGISTERED LOBBYIST:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>RICH AUBUCHON</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-616-1845</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI UNITED SCHOOL INSURANCE COUNCIL, AMERICAN PROPERTY CASUALTY INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, MISSOURI CIVIL JUSTICE REFORM COALITION</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>121 MADISON STREET</b>			
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<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>arniedienoff@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/23/2021 5:29 PM</b>

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**I am totally Opposed to this Bill by giving a Free-Pass to Bad-Actors of people acting wreckless.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVO</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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**I am Opposed to this Bill. This Bad Public and Judicial Policy. This Bill Protects Big Insurance Companies.**



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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>KENNETH BARNES</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>816-674-9979</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF TRIAL ATTORNEYS</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT-ELECT</b>	
ADDRESS:			
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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>NIMROD CHAPEL, JR.</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>816-309-5009</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI STATE CONFERENCE OF THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>111 WEST HIGH STREET</b>			
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