



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
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I am in Support of this Resolution and State Constitutional Amendment to abolish this tacktic. Money can be spent better with other patrol tacktics



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WITNESS NAME: FRANK HARRIS		PHONE NUMBER: 202-688-1194	
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March 30, 2021 MADD opposes HJR 11 weakening the impaired driving law Dear Chairman Baker and Members of the House Downsizing State Government Committee, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) urges you to oppose HJR 11, which would permanently take away the option for law enforcement to utilize sobriety checkpoints to stop drunk and drugged driving. According to preliminary data from the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration for the first nine months of 2020, traffic fatalities increased by 5 percent even though the number of vehicle miles traveled decreased by 15 percent. (NHTSA, 2020) This increase in carnage on our roadways is one the biggest hikes in a generation. Now is not the time to decrease traffic safety enforcement and to ban a tool that is proven to stop drugged and drunk driving that is also protected by the Constitution. HJR 11 bans sobriety checkpoints, a tool constitutionally protected and utilized by law enforcement in 37 states. Since 2017, the General Assembly has prohibited the use traffic safety dollars provided by the federal government to be used for sobriety. Sobriety checkpoints are a valuable tool for law enforcement. Checkpoints not only catch drunk and drugged drivers but also deter impaired driving. Sobriety checkpoints can help law enforcement find and charge those endangering public safety. As a result, people who have been or plan to drink may choose not to drive because the enhanced enforcement increases their fear of arrest. In a comprehensive study, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found that well-publicized sobriety checkpoints decrease alcohol-related crashes and fatalities by more than 20 percent. The CDC looked at a variety of cities, counties and states in both urban and rural areas and found conclusively that sobriety checkpoints work in reducing alcohol-related fatalities. Sobriety checkpoints do not inconvenience drivers and only require the amount of time it takes at a stop light for law-abiding people. More importantly, checkpoints save lives. MADD urges you to oppose HJR 11 and allow law enforcement to conduct sobriety checkpoints. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact MADD Director of Field of Operations Meghan Carter at Meghan.Carter@madd.org or 314-426-1595. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. Sincerely, Alex Otte MADD National President P.S. For information on sobriety checkpoints, please visit: <https://www.madd.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/Sobriety-Checkpoints.pdf>.