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BILL NUMBER: <b>SB 26</b>		DATE: <b>3/22/2021</b>	
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**I am in Support with a majority of this Bill. However, I am opposed to #4 of this Legislation-Traffic Interference. The heavy penalties needs to be Removed!**



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**As a member of Laborers Local Union #663 I strongly oppose SB-26 Eigel as it will silence all union members and their right to peacefully protest which is a right guaranteed to all people by our state and federal constitutions.**



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I strongly oppose this bill as it criminalizes peaceful assembly and free speech. Those with felonies in MO lose their right to vote and BIPOC who protest are much more likely to be arrested and charged with heavier penalties than white protesters. This is a racist bill and should not be passed.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ANDREW GONDZUR</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Don't Cancel Us! Republicans want to ignore our communities, shut us down, and silence us. Through SB 26, these politicians are working to restrict our freedom to come together to address injustices.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ANDREW PUECHNER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I am opposed to this bill, as it obstructs the right of citizens to assemble peaceably in protest.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ANDREW QUAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill works to disenfranchise all but the most privileged. All those voting in support of this bill are removing an important non-violent way of disagreeing with the status quo. When all non-violent ways are removed, do not be surprised when violent methods are taken by the most disenfranchised.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>ANITA GUESS</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**I believe individuals should have the right to peaceful protest and assembly without further risk to their lives. I also oppose further protections for police, leaving civilians at continued and greater risk.**



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The ability to safely assemble to share our values is a VITAL and FUNDAMENTAL right that our country was built on. To try to smother these actions is actively against what we stand for as a country and the legislature's role in supporting free speech.



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Missouri should be protecting and encouraging people to peacefully gather and demonstrate in favor of our community values, and in opposition to oppression. This bill would criminalizing peaceful assembly and FREE SPEECH (!) is—and I say this without hyperbole—fascist. It would also inevitably allow LEO to disproportionately target Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, and other marginalized communities for arrest -- the very same people who are disproportionately affected and targeted for harassment, hate, and discrimination throughout Missouri and the country as a whole. Prioritizing the unrestricted access to public thoroughfares over the rights of people to gather and peacefully protest, to have their voices heard, is ridiculous. I encourage every one of you to vote FOR the American value of free speech by VOTING AGAINST SB 26. Thank you.



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The fundamental basis of a free democratic society is freedom of speech, and the right of citizens to peacefully gather to make their voices heard is the very definition of that freedom! Deny that right and we can no longer pretend to be a free democratic society, and not only will the voters of this country know it, but it will be made tragically plain to everyone else in the world that we've lost the moral high ground we've been so proud of.



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**This legislation is unconstitutional and an affront to all Missourians. It must be defeated!**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>BRIANA ANDERSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am completely against SB 26. As a female, as a scientist, and as a supporter of Black lives, I have participated in several peaceful protests in my home state of Missouri. These peaceful assemblages are critical for opening the minds of our citizens, educating about current events, and creating positive change. Missouri does not have the right to criminalize peaceful assembly or free speech. These two things are at the very heart and foundation of this nation. We need the ability now, more than ever, to stand up for what is right.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>CARRIE PAULETTE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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People deserve to be able to make their voices heard- this is how our democracy works. This bill would make standing up for civil and human rights more dangerous.



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This is another way for White people to set up other races who have every right to protest to be arrested and put into jail for their skin color, cultural background and beliefs. If to many people are gathered police should be brought in to protect them from getting hurt. It is the police's job to protect not only the vehicles driving by but the rights and physical safety of gatherers. Be honest this is another way to push people down by creating a law that will easily punish the oppressed. You can say it is for the safety of people in cars driving by but everyone teaches their children, pedestrians have the right of way. Lets not change this because their skin may be a different color or they stand for something that is different than what we believe.





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WITNESS NAME: <b>CATHERINE ARMBRUST</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I believe that the portion regarding protesting/traffic blocking should be removed from the is bill as it has nothing to do with any of the other parts. This paragraph is meant to impede the federally protected rights of citizens to protest--it is punitive and will only lead to more tax dollars spend to support an already problematic and unequitable justice system. Rather than create more reasons to punish people asking to be heard, perhaps better communication could be a way forward. The portion regarding vandalism should also be removed. Both these things should be addressed in a different manner than slipping them into a bill about supporting police officers. I oppose this bill and ask you all to do so too.



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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. To that end, we stand in strong opposition to Senate Bill 26, which is being considered by the House Crime Prevention Committee. Our Jewish community believes in the power of dialogue and debate. From our earliest Biblical stories in which Abraham argues with God against destroying the people of Sodom and Gomorrah, we have a model of leadership that recognizes the importance of speaking out and demanding justice. Sometimes, like in that story, those objections are ultimately overruled. Other times, like later when Moses advocates on behalf of the Israelites in the desert, God relents. Regardless of the answer, though, what remains consistent is the process. Indeed, it is the very liberties of the First Amendment afforded by this country that has enabled our Jewish community to find a home in America when our co-religionists were attacked and even killed in other places. Freedom of speech is the cornerstone of American democracy for all who reside in her midst. And even when history has shown the answer to be no, the speech nevertheless remains essential. Further, Jews believe in the concept of B'tzelem Elohim, we are all created in the image of God. This includes police officers, community members, those involved in protest, 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. SB 26 does just the opposite. It effectively undermines the freedoms of the First Amendment and silences the very discourse that makes our country and our region strong. It creates new crimes and enhances existing penalties in a direct attempt to limit speech. • It is already illegal to obstruct traffic. By increasing obstructing of highways to a felony with lengthy prison sentence – it will lead to the targeting of protestors for arrest and lengthy prison terms for non-violent free-speech offenses. • It eliminates probation or parole for individuals who are convicted of assaulting law enforcement during a protest. • This bill included provisions that would make it exceedingly difficult to hold to account police officers who have acted abusively during protests. It puts onerous requirements on individuals who wish to bring a complaint against an officer and changes that way that investigations against officer conduct can be investigated. It further shields officers against civil claims made against them in their official and individual capacities, which reduces officer accountability. Protecting the due process rights of all is important; however, equality before the law is paramount. We must not afford law enforcement officers particular privilege simply by nature of their employment, especially when they are being investigated for failures in the course of their duty. SB 26 sanctions violence against protestors while misusing the criminal justice system to jail those who dissent. Moreover, this law, and others like it, will disproportionately prosecute already

marginalized voices who use protest as a mechanism to be heard in institutions where they are voiceless—indeed, the very intention of our founding fathers who protested their own oppressors. SB 26 is an overreach of the state's power. It is bad for Missouri. The JCRC of St. Louis urges you to oppose SB 26.



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This bill is only an attack on first amendment freedoms, as well as a grab for the voting rights of those who would stand against the current injustices found in every level of our governing systems. The fears are imagined, the safety risk is made up, the threats it addresses are not reality. I have lived in Missouri my whole life, I earned the rank of Eagle Scout in Fenton, graduated high school in Cedar Hill, got my Criminal Justice degree in St. Charles (where the concerns prompting this bill come from); I have lived with police officers, been best friends with them for years, and I have police in my family. I have never seen such a complete moral breakdown as I have in the support of this bill. I have been blocked by protests long before ever being involved in them, and I have blocked roads and interstates as a part of protests. When blocked I felt no fear, and when other Missouri residents were blocked by protests on the interstate, they left their vehicles and joined the protest eagerly. Never has a protest in Missouri blocked emergency vehicles, nor any vehicle who voices an emergency need. Protesting is not for fun, it is not an attempt to cause harm, it is simply to get a message heard. A bill like this will not result in less blocking of the roads, but will create an even larger need to. Injustice is the cause for protest. This bill is a great injustice. There are already laws to make blocking traffic illegal, there is no need for this bill. The bill is a targeted effort to not only get protestors hurt, but to criminalize protest ultimately resulting in the revocation of voting rights. I am so ashamed of our Missouri lawmakers who might support such disgusting and devolved ideas. These days I spend my time at the protests as a trained street medic; the people who organize and train the street medics for protests are paramedics and trauma surgeons, and those people organize and train for those efforts because it is well known that the people who need the most support in the streets, and deserve the most support, are the ones fighting for justice and fairness and progress. This bill is a transparent attempt to get a specific group of Missouri residents hurt, criminalized, and unable to vote. The Missouri residents will forever see the laws their state has made, they will know who is responsible for the destruction of democracy in Missouri, and this bill will be high on the list of dangerous and radicalizing policy. What a shameful thing to support, and what a disappointing thing to make a life's work which instead could be used to actually create a legacy of progress and betterment for all of Missouri.



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I'm writing today to urge you to vote no on Senate Bill 26. I have taken time to do so because this is a bad piece of legislation that should not become law, and I want to make sure that this committee realizes that it faces strong opposition in all corners of the state. Missouri faces a host of problems that deserve your attention, and despite the fact that in its current form it would provide greater resources to address one real problem, it would create more problems than it would solve. The provisions in this bill providing greater support for public servants facing mental health crises as a result of their service are admirable, but they are coupled with poison pills that make the bill unacceptable. I oppose this bill because it will do three things that will be bad for Missouri. In order of appearance in the bill these are: pre-empting the ability of local jurisdictions to manage their own budgets based on local needs and priorities; creating a new, unnecessary felony charge for citizens who engage in protest activity that historically has proven highly effective in advancing the struggle of Americans to gain full civil rights and participation in our democracy, especially those of Black people; and hindering the ability of law enforcement professionals to investigate and hold accountable officers who engage in unethical, unprofessional, or unlawful behavior that harms our people. I am writing because I love the people of Missouri and the people of my community and I love democracy, and I wake up each day on a mission to make this state a better place to live for all of us. I live a life of service to others, and I have served my community as a social worker, and one of the focuses of my work in that area has been the issue of homelessness. I have researched the issue in my community and became very familiar with it in my service as the chair of the Homeless Count Taskforce of the Ozarks Alliance to End Homelessness, I addressed the Governor's Committee to End Homelessness about how better to understand the problem in our communities, and I have directly served adults and youth living on our streets in a professional capacity and as a volunteer. Most recently, I worked as a volunteer overnight one night a week last winter, supervising a crisis cold weather shelter and I volunteered with a local church's street outreach team two nights a week, to help ensure that none of my unhoused neighbors lost life or limb during this winter's crisis. In Springfield where I live, we have an unprecedented number of our neighbors living on our streets, and poverty levels above the state average. One reason that many live in poverty and cannot secure housing for themselves is previous felony convictions. Many employers and landlords throw job applications and rental applications in the trash if the applicant was previously convicted of a felony. These convictions create barriers that prevent people who have gone wrong but who have paid the costs of their mistakes from gaining employment and accessing basic housing to survive. When people have no money and nowhere to go, they end up trespassing to try to survive. They end up doing what they must to get food to eat and shelter. They end up in crisis in our emergency rooms. They end up medicating themselves with drugs and alcohol to try to escape the pain of freezing temperatures and the loneliness of being cast out and unwanted. Our police officers often end up in contact with our unhoused neighbors, and they spend a

lot of time assisting and sometimes arresting them. This is a burden that they are not properly trained or equipped to bear, and it's not their job. But this bill would preempt my community's ability to shift funding away from policing problems like homelessness, mental health crises, and nuisance crimes stemming from addiction, which is the most expensive way to deal with these issues, and prohibit us by law from putting it into solutions where funds are used inefficiently that could actually get people through crises and into achieve stability, helping to reduce the need to allocate taxpayer funds at all over time. That doesn't make any sense, and it's not what we sent you here to do. Your job is to solve problems, not to create them by tying the hands of local leaders, so that they can't set their own budgetary priorities. Pre-empting local control over our own budgets won't help us make the job of law enforcement more manageable, and its provision creating a new felony charge for walking in the street will actually make it harder. When I have seen people out in the streets in protest in this state, it has been a strategic choice to bring about accountability from public servants in government. The first amendment to our constitution explicitly enumerates the rights of the people to do so, and it does not specify where or when the people are allowed to peacefully assemble and seek redress of their grievances. The rights of Black people and women and workers, rights which we consider cornerstones of the American way of life were won in part by strategically taking to the streets en masse to demand that the government listen. You were not sent here to limit those rights and make criminals of us for exercising them. Two years ago, the General Assembly passed a deeply unpopular law limiting women's access to healthcare, and as a result of that action, a protest happened in my community. During that protest, police stood by and watched as a violent street preacher engaged in counter-protesting verbally abused and assaulted protestors. This preacher was recently arrested and charged with domestic violence against his partner, which surprised none of us who have followed his years of anti-social behavior on our streets. One example of what I mean is that on the day of the protest I described, witnesses claimed to observe him shoving protestors, spitting on them, and striking them in the face with a block of wood, which he had disguised to look like a Bible. One victim of these assaults was a local minister, a white person, who was arrested without violence by police after he pushed back in self-defense. However, another protester who claimed she was assaulted that day by the street preacher was a slender young Black woman, who also acted in self defense. Police stepped in when she did so and violently arrested her, throwing her down with great force onto the street, which led to several onlookers jumping to her defense. The street preacher was led to safety by police during the melee that ensued when they attacked the young woman, and he was not arrested or charged with any crime. Many people in the community were appalled at the apparent disparity in treatment by the police of the protestors and the street preacher who was counter-protesting them. This was only one of many high-profile, racially-charged incidents in our community that spring, and many believed that too many local leaders were turning a blind eye to racism in our schools, on our streets, and in our government. The following weekend, a march and rally took place, calling on local leaders, including local law enforcement to hold themselves accountable to address systemic racism and to remember that they are there to serve all of us. Hundred turned out to march, including several of the same local clergy and community servants who this winter have been lauded publicly for their work sheltering our unhoused neighbors. That march took place in the street and went directly past our local police station, and this bill would make each participant, including those treasured community servants into felons. Last summer, another march in support of the uprising across the country seeking justice for Black people took that same street. It drew over 3,000 Springfieldians. This bill would turn those 3,000 Springfieldians into felons. That is a misuse of the power vested in you by the people of Missouri, and is a law that if passed would be deeply unpopular, even in Springfield, which is not known as a hotbed of liberal discontent in Missouri. Voting yes would be a serious mistake. Finally, I want to turn my attention to the final provision of this bill that makes it unworthy of your support. When I began my comments, I pointed out admirable provisions that on their face would support law enforcement, so I am puzzled by the provisions later in the bill that seek to make more difficult the job of officers assigned to investigate wrongdoing among their colleagues. I've been told many times that good officers don't like the bad ones and they want them disciplined or fired, because they make everyone else's jobs harder to do. That's why I am concerned that this bill appears to side with the bad apples against the good ones, limiting the power of investigators to effectively question colleagues accused of misconduct and forcing them by law to provide bad apples with time to cover their tracks when they find out that they're under investigation. To be clear, the protests that this bill seeks to criminalize are demanding police accountability, so if that happened the protests would be unnecessary. Criminalizing them won't create accountability, so it seems doubtful that this bill would stop them from happening. What seems like it would stop them is empowering and supporting investigators who are charged with uncovering bad behavior and making accountability possible. This says it wants to support law enforcement, but when you really look into it, the bill seems not only to want to make it illegal for protestors to call attention to what gets swept under the rug, but also to make it harder for law enforcement officers to clean their own house, and officers themselves tell us

that bad colleagues make their jobs harder. Given that, despite its good points, this bill seems to do relatively little to support good, hard-working law enforcement officers, and a lot to tie the hands of local government, of citizens, and of law enforcement officers themselves who are working together to make the system better. For all these reasons, I urge you to vote no.



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**As a Missouri resident I think it is important to protect the right of assembly. Any attempt to prevent assembly is anti-constitutional.**





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**No elected government should be encouraged to take steps toward criminalizing peaceful assembly and free speech.**



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I am horrified by the overt attempt to limit free speech rights through this Bill, a despicable and un-Christian effort to silence the voices of the marginalized in our society, most notably our BIPOC brothers and sisters - who rightly cry out for equity and justice. I am ashamed that such legislation is even under consideration and, with all that is in me, urge its opposition.



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I suggest striking the changes to 557.045, as those correspond to SB74 and should have been considered with that bill instead. I would also suggest striking all of 574.045, as I believe this violates the Bill of Rights laid out in the Constitution, and will be unenforceable if it's brought to the Supreme Court. I have participated in peaceful demonstrations with or without governmental permissions, and both were safe. The more police officers involved, the less safe the event felt; they brought drones, firearms, and the threat of lethal force. Protections of public structures and monuments- see 574.085 (7)- are being employed to apply stricter punishments for people defacing monuments to leaders of the Confederate States of America. There is already a provision -see 574.085 (2)- which punishes those who deface anything which "memorializes the dead." Either strike or revise 590.192 "988 Public Safety Fund." Sen. Eigel neglected to do what Sen. Bean's SB74 did, which was to consider additional aspects of public safety, so without including fire fighters and first responders in this portion of the bill. It's clear he cares about punishing the public, not public safety. Strike 590.502. These provisions hardly mention the claimant. Denying confidentiality to the claimant when they are a fellow officer will decrease the already low rate of complaints against officers who don't do their job correctly. Thank you for your time, Daniel Young



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I'm very concerned that SB 26 could be used intimidate peaceful protesters. The citizens of our democracy have a long tradition standing with our communities for what is right. Our parents and grandparents used protests to build the labor movement, to expand suffrage, to fight segregation, and to end child labor. We continue the tradition of protest to fight racism, protect workers, and save our democracy. Thank you.



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**SB 26 is yet another move by the Legislature to weaken the rights of citizens to organize on behalf of persons in our society with already diluted rights and influence in government policy-making. This is first then an affront to the undocumented residents, poor citizens and all who have been ignored in allocating health care, education and training. Additionally, it constitutes along with other recent bills passed or contemplated by our State representatives an assault on rule by the majority of people in our democracy. How long do our legislators think their support of rule by the wealthy and well positioned can be kept hidden?**



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I'm a woman of color in the Kansas City Metropolitan area who has been harassed on the basis of race, and have witnessed members of my family endure public, racist violence. I value the right to protest acts of harm, injury, and violence in peaceful ways. The passage of this legislation—specially the portions relating to the obstruction of traffic—in the wake of this summer's peaceful protests represents an attempt to inhibit the non-violent activism of people of color. As such, this law is racist in its implications, as the passage of this law at a time when people of color across the country are constantly driven to protest by the harm, harassment, injury, and violence inflicted upon them, including the recent murders of Asian-American women in Atlanta, cannot be divorced from context. Any legislator who votes in support of this law should be aware that they are participating in implicit, structural racism, and communities of color are aware of and deeply troubled by those implications. We demand that our legislators oppose this racist measure. I'm a citizen of the Kansas City Metropolitan area, and the passage of this law would serve only to inflict further division among our communities.





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I am a Faith Leader and educator in the city of St. Louis. I understand the concern for safety that prompted the submission of this legislation. I also would like to speak to the fine work our law enforcement has done in the past to safeguard the rights of our Missouri citizens to gather and freely speak their minds. These two issues need not be separate. This bill unfortunately emphasizes safety to the violation of the rights of citizens to gather and exercise their freedom of speech. I ask our elected leaders to wisely avoid the suppression of free speech entailed in this bill, and protect the rights of citizens, while also continuing to support our safety measures.



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<b>First-amendment rights to assemble must NOT be interfered with.</b>			



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My name is Elad Gross. I am an attorney in Missouri. Over the last several years, I have worked with both law enforcement officers and those protesting for change in Missouri's justice system, especially when it comes to accountability. Accountability is important for both civilians and first responders. Accountability allows our state's residents to trust their public servants, and it allows officers to trust one another. That trust is crucial for a functioning justice system that encourages cooperation, leads to convictions of dangerous criminals, and improves public safety. One of the most important parts of accountability is transparency. This bill significantly reduces that transparency by exempting specific public records from Missouri's Sunshine Law. As this body knows, some of these records are already subject to Sunshine Law exemptions. The exceptions currently in the Sunshine Law already permit departments to keep sensitive information of ongoing investigations confidential. Keeping those records hidden from the public forever helps no one, especially not the officers this bill appears to be designed to protect. Hiding records of investigations into misconduct can only engender less trust in our police system. Additionally, clamping down on protests instead of providing additional funding to oversight organizations like POST or increasing transparency will lead to more, not less disappointment, disagreement, and unrest. Reasonable Missourians agree that our state needs additional accountability, that local government should be controlled locally, and that no one should be above the law, including those sworn to uphold it. I highly encourage this body to accept accountability and local civilian oversight into our justice system and shift its priorities to those measures we know work. Thank you for your service.



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<b>The people have a right to protest! Do not take that away! Please vote NO on SB 26.</b>			



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**How else can we voice our concerns for humanity and environment? If governments and corporations control every aspect of our lives, we must resist. Protest is essential.**



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**This bill would discourage the expression of first amendment rights. No elected government should be encouraged to take steps toward criminalizing peaceful assembly and free speech.**



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Please don't trample on our freedom, vote no on SB 26. I have collected signatures for three citizen initiative petitions and, as the rules stand at this moment, it is very difficult and time consuming, but rewarding. Voters who sign are informed voters. They always want it explained before they sign and some many need to do more research before they sign. I urge you to not change this process and vote no.



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<b>We have a right to be heard</b>			





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If this bill were in effect in 1965 it would have made the actions of the nonviolent civil rights protesters marching from Selma to Montgomery to gain civil rights guilty of a crime. This bill would provide a legal basis for arresting and jailing people like this in Missouri, in the twenty-first century. This is abhorrent to any person who believes in justice and civil rights. Sometimes nonviolent civil disobedience is the only tool available to oppressed people. Do not criminalize those who seek freedom from oppression.



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Our Greene county family strongly opposes SB26. The bill is unnecessary. It threatens our right to express our voices and assemble peacefully. Criminalizing peaceful protest and our basic human rights is unacceptable. We also believe that this bill is unconstitutional. We don't need this overreach in our community. This bill will also unfairly target minorities and create more barriers to their right to gather and raise their concerns.



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As a Missouri citizen and mother of a young child, I greatly oppose this bill. Any person who is protesting in a matter of great importance to them should have an area designated safely for protesting. However, many times we have seen protesters locked into an area by law enforcement and they are then forced to move in different directions which could include a street. If any person is knocked off a sidewalk accidentally then under this bill, they could get a felony. It is not fair and I believe it goes against a person's right to protest. If my child decides to protest about an issue as she gets older, she has the right to do so. She is three years old now and I want her to grow up in a state and country that listens to her and allows her to be an advocate for change by means of protest. Thank you.



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In the Bill of Rights, we are given the right to free speech to express our feelings about how we as citizens are treated by the government. Peaceful protest is an extension of that expression that is used to bring awareness to organizations, companies, and individuals of privilege who have otherwise not been aware of an issue. This is criminalizing peaceful protests and the right for people to ensure they are seen and heard by their government.



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**Please fight this legislation. It is a transparent effort to chill activism, and would not, in my view, result in greater public safety. The ability to protest peacefully is sacred to the activist community, and the state should not level the threat of felony conviction in a political fashion. Thank your for your consideration.**



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We have had two Walks for Justice in our Lakewood neighborhood in Lee's Summit Missouri, to raise awareness of the discrimination some of our neighbors are experiencing and to support them. We will have another this spring because we need to let people know we have neighbors who are harassed when they walk their dogs down on our sidewalks. This legislation in no way helps us make our neighborhood safe for everyone. The last thing we need is limits on our right to assemble. You are focusing your efforts on the wrong side of this issue. What we need is protection for the vulnerable and justice for all.



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**Whether your ideological leanings are left, right or center, no elected government should be encouraged to take steps toward criminalizing peaceful assembly and free speech. This bill is wrong.**





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This legislation is too restrictive against the right to assembly and, if enacted, would violate the federal constitution. Were this legislation to be enacted, it would be legal to arrest a group of people marching if any stepped outside of a crosswalk or if the light changed before all of them crossed. Further, it attempts to decriminalize deliberately targeting pedestrians with a vehicle. The rights of people to assemble should not be abridged in the name of convenience.



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Missouri House Committee on Workforce Development Chair Representative Henderson Honorable Representatives of the Committee, The Missouri AFL-CIO, the largest organization of workers in the State, respectfully opposes House Bill 1265. House Bill 1265 will allow workers' compensation insurers to circumvent payment to the health insurer. Absent direct payments to health insurance plans, there leaves a potential of the health insurer to resort to collection efforts against the employee out of the often paltry financial recovery in a workers' compensation claim. This would in turn shift the cost of what should be incurred by the workers' compensation coverage, instead becoming an added burden to the health insurer. This will create a shortfall in the amount of dollars per hour from which to bargain for wages, pensions, and fringe benefits. Also, this bill would parse out a current injury without considering the need to treat the problems arising from a combined effect of prior injuries. Not all injured workers are eighteen years-old with a history of being in perfect physical condition. Currently, those who have prior injuries from any cause including work, and conditions such as arthritis in joints, presently are entitled to treat the result of the compensable or accepted work-related injury. This bill could create a scenario that allows the employee to get an incorrect form of treatment due to only considering the last injury and not the combination effect of the work injury and the previous injury. For these reasons, the Missouri AFL-CIO respectfully urges a "No" vote on HB 1265. Jacob Hummel President Missouri AFL-CIO



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Dear Senators, Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony today. My name is Jae Shepherd. I am an organizer with Action St. Louis. A local grassroots organization that strives to build political power for Black people in St. Louis. I am writing to express my strong opposition to SB 26. This bill will silence our voices and criminalize Black Missourians who stand up for our communities. Our right to assembly, free speech, and protest are foundational to a democracy for the people. SB 26 will damage first amendment rights. Senate Bill 26 is trying to silence us and keep us from coming together for justice and our communities. It is a direct attack on past movements like the civil rights movement and present outcries for change like the Ferguson Uprising. Missouri has a long history of protesting to increase minimum wage, fight segregation, protect workers rights, and end police violence. This bill is trying to make it so people stay complacent to oppressive structures and institutions. Under Senate Bill 26, taking part in direct action will result in server penalties. This is a direct attempt to criminalize democracy. Protestors could be fined and potentially imprisoned for democratically showing up and speaking out. Under Missouri law it is already a misdemeanor to obstruct traffic without a permit. People have and continue to face arrest for highway shutdowns. SB 26 will make obstructing the highway a felony charge with higher fines and a prison sentence of up to 7 years. So for example someone protesting their own mistreatment by police could lose almost a decade of their life confined behind bars. Instead of creating solutions so people don't have to protest, our lawmakers propose a bill that will only lead to the increase in people arrested and incarcerated. The bill also provides protections for law enforcement under investigation for misconduct or excessive force. It is saying that because you have a badge you deserve no accountability for the violence in harm you cause. SB 26 is a lack of accountability. SB 26 is not democracy. I hope you will stand with the people and oppose SB 26.



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Today we continue the tradition of protest to fight racism, protect workers and save our democracy. But some politicians in Jefferson City want to restrict our freedom to come together to address injustice. Instead of listening to our voices, they want to silence us. **ACT NOW** to stop Senate Bill 26! This dangerous bill would restrict our freedom to join together and demand justice for our communities! Under Senate Bill 26, taking to the streets for actions like union picket lines, rallies for healthcare, or marches for Black Lives Matter could result in severe penalties. Senate Bill 26 is an attempt to silence our voices and criminalize democracy. We could be fined and potentially imprisoned for democratically showing up and speaking out. That is downright unAmerican we won't stand for it!



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I'm in opposition of this bill because it infringes on the constitutional right to protest and it is against the cornerstone of this nation's history which is the protest. The fact that this bill is introduced after a summer of anti-racism protest begs the question of the true motives of the senator and every representative who endorses this. This bill supports voter suppression, oppressive police behavior, and systemic racism. This bill aim to target Black Lives Matter protesters and will be used to further incriminate people of color by taking away their voting rights. We need to uphold the first amendment. We need to act in the interest of all Missourians. We need to stand up against systemic racism and voting against senate bill 26 is the best way of doing so at this moment.



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**3-17-21:** Until about 2006 St. Louis and other parts of the state had a terrible record of using eminent domain to take one person's property and give it to others for private use. Neighborhood Enterprises, our housing ministry, lost 24 buildings with 60 apt. homes. The reasons offered for taking our buildings, were removal of blight or economic development. Both were mostly bogus. The real goal was to remove lower income, mostly black, residents and replace them with upper income people. When there is an issue or injustice that is not apparent to the legislature or rejected by the legislature, there needs to be a reasonable way that citizens can petition to redress it. The current requirements are already hard to meet. It is simply wrong to make the appeal process more difficult.



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It should be our right to assemble peacefully in protest. Blocking traffic, while inconvenient, is one way for protestors to gather attention to their cause in a safe way. It is obvious this is in direct response to the 2020 protests. It is one thing to address the violence (on both sides), another thing to address a persons right to gather and protest.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JANE LONG</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>longel@sbcglobal.net</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 12:17 PM</b>
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I think this bill greatly infringes on our right to legal protest. In a democracy the voice of the people must have a means of expression. I think that our police officers need more training in how to work with protestors. Everyone is responsible for their actions - both police and protestors. The answer is not in restricting the rights of Americans to legal protest. This bill will ultimately put people of color at greater risk for arrest and punishment. Are you trying to discriminate against people of color with this legislation?





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WITNESS NAME: <b>JANICE COLT</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>janicecolt@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 10:30 AM</b>
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I urge you to oppose SB 26. The foundation of a healthy democracy is to be free to peacefully gather and make our voices heard without undue hardship or fear of reprisal. At this time in our history it feels especially egregious to attempt to restrict our freedom to come together to address injustices. Thank you for your attention.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JAY PITTS-ZEVIN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jay.zevin@gmail.com</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 2:01 PM</b>

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**Protest is a part of the fabric of American Democracy. Writing laws to limit and discourage protests is authoritarian and anti-democratic. It is shameful that this bill is in the Missouri House of Representatives.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JEAN C KNAPP</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>tjknapp1984@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/22/2021 10:44 AM</b>
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This bill is being heard by the Crime Prevention Committee but it will not prevent crime, only set up circumstances for crimes to be committed and police violence to be treated differently from violence from any other citizen. We entrust law enforcement officers with great power. Because of this, the public must be able to hold law enforcement accountable for any abuse of this power. Officers are often put in untenable situations of violence but must follow the same rules as any other citizen regarding lethal force. This is especially true when police are in situations with people of color, as exemplified by George Floyd's death. Please do not take away transparency and fairness from the police conduct review committees. I am concerned as well about the possibility that I could be hit by a car while crossing a street with a group of protesters as I did last summer in Springfield. I am a senior citizen, retired physical therapist, and a grandmother. Please do not allow people to drive into a crowd of protesters and then be shielded by prosecution. I do not deserve that kind of treatment in any way and law enforcement is very able and willing to intervene such as they did in Springfield last summer. They did a great job of managing the protests. Please leave it to law enforcement, not a vigilante in a vehicle who is angry he/she has to detour around a protest. Please do not support SB 26.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JENNIFER HOWARD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>willjenhoward@kc.rr.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 12:24 PM</b>

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**I believe that the right to assemble is important and should be protected. I do not want vigilantes to be able to go unpunished for breaking up protests.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JENNIFER LAYTON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>glinda2317@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 12:13 PM</b>
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The right to peacefully protest is enshrined in the Constitution of the United States and this bill is trying to take that right away from certain groups because protests can inconvenience other populations. This bill is designed to silence certain voices and that is a distinctly Un-American way of governing. Just because you disagree with what someone is protesting for or the form that protest takes inconveniences you does not give you the right to take away their ability to voice their dissent. No one should end up with a criminal record for taking part of a peaceful protest in the United States. Then there is the issue of penalizing jurisdictions who decide to reduce the budgets their police departments. I think it should be left up to the individual jurisdiction to decide what is best for their individual community and the state should not dictate what they are allowed to do. That is an egregious example of government overreach. I thank you for considering my comments.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JENNIFER ONO</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jeniono@msn.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/22/2021 7:25 AM</b>
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Senate Bill 26 and other bills like it are undemocratic and working to silence the strength that comes when voices join together in our communities to enact changes in law, voice dissent and fight for racial and social justice. From the beginning of our country's history, America has been shaped by protest. People coming together to demand change is how we fought segregation, ended child labor, protected the environment and expanded the right to vote. By restricting Missourians liberty to come together and demand change, SB 26 would diminish what is a fundamental freedom for Americans-the right to protest. It goes against the constitution which protects freedom of assembly and freedom of speech. We know the intent of these bills is to take power away from the people and put it solely in the hands of the party in majority and thereby diminishing or silencing the voices of the oppressed. I therefore implore you to stand for the rights of Missourians and vote NO on SB 26.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JESSE RIZZO</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jesse.rizzo@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 12:54 PM</b>

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I am writing to voice my strong opposition to this bill. The provisions on blocking traffic would only serve to suppress lawful protests and free speech. I don't believe this would do anything to increase public safety.



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<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>JOAN GENTRY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>joangentry2012@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 1:31 PM</b>
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I am writing in Opposition to Senate Bill 26. This bill will adversely effect our rights, as citizens, to came together and participate in marches and other gatherings in order to demand change. SB 26 takes away fundamental freedoms, the freedom of assemble and the freedom of speech. SB 26 will silence the voices of the suppressed members of our society. This is not a Crime Prevention Bill. This is a Citizen Suppression Bill. Please Vote NO on SB 26.





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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOAN LURTZEBORN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JODY L. FLOOR</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>missfloor@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 1:18 AM</b>
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This bill infringes on the Federal constitutional right to protest. It also goes directly against the history of this nation, and against how our nation was founded. The fact that is is being proposed after a summer of anti-racism protests calls to question the motives of the sponsor and every single person who votes in favor of passing it. In case I am being to subtle, this bill supports systemic racism. The person who wrote it is racist. The people who vote in favor of SB 26 are supporting racism. We know from the pattern of arrests after Ferguson that police are more likely to arrest, hold, and charge Black protesters. This bill will be used by the legal system to further the cause of imprisoning Black people, taking away their voting rights, and separating families, which has been a tradition in Missouri and the US since the ratification of the 13th amendment. It is time to break that cycle. It is time to uphold the words of the Declaration of Independence. It is time to truly act in the best interest of all Missourians. It is time to stand up against systemic racism. It is time to vote against SB 26.



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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHN BOWMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-322-4441</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>NAACP-ST LOUIS COUNTY</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>P O BOX 210464</b>			
CITY: <b>NORMANDY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63121</b>
EMAIL: <b>jbowman@naacpstlouiscounty.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>In-Person</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/22/2021 12:56 AM</b>

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**This bill not only attempts to violate individuals civil rights to organize peaceful protests, but also is an attempt to silence people voices.**



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<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHN WILLIAM SIMON</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-636-2822</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF CRIMINAL DEFENSE LAWYERS</b>		TITLE: <b>BOARD MEMBER AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>101 EAST HIGH STREET</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/22/2021 12:00 AM</b>	
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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOHNDA R BOYCE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>johndaboyce@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 9:07 PM</b>
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**I believe it is unconstitutional to treat assemblies and protests in this way. Please do not invite a lawsuit by passing this terrible bill. It will only cost us money and make us a laughingstock among states.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JORDAN SHIPLEY</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>jksy8c@mail.umkc.edu</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 1:53 PM</b>
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It would be an egregious violation of our rights, not to mention immoral, to support SB 26. We, residents of the State of Missouri, are watching closely. As a long time resident of MO I implore you to oppose this legislation. We have the right to express our first amendment rights peacefully in public spaces.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JOSEPH BOGUE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>bogue65201@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 2:55 PM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>KATHLEEN WHILE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>klwhile@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 9:12 PM</b>

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**I think it is my Constitutional right to lawfully assemble. This bill would chill that activity. I vehemently oppose its passage.**





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WITNESS NAME: <b>KELLEY DRAGOO</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>kelleymdragoo@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 3:48 PM</b>

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The first amendment guarantees us the "right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances." This bill seeks to remove that right from us and is therefore unconstitutional.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KEVIN FITZGERALD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>kevinfitz53@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 2:45 PM</b>
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I appreciate the opportunity to voice my objection to this dangerous bill. As we all know, it is already illegal, and punishable to obstruct traffic. This bill would encourage assault. Assault with a deadly weapon. Assault while not being physically threatened. This bill would allow citizens without a legal education, to make decisions currently made by trained law enforcement men, and women.....and/or licensed attorneys. Laws are a reflection of a societies values. This type of law reflects vengeance, bias government interference in the right of assembly, and free speech. Vote NO on SB26.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KIMBERLY H FULLER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>kimhoffmannfuller@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/22/2021 11:38 AM</b>
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**THIS BILL IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL!** As a citizen of the United States, I am guaranteed "the right of the people peaceably to assemble," as stated in the US Constitution. SB26 is designed to prevent peaceful assembly and deny Missouri citizens their right to demonstrate and protest when there is no threat to public safety. (Be clear - I am NOT referring to riots, which do threaten harm.) Lawyers.com states..."As is true for limits on free speech, courts have held that government may set rules on where, when, and how public protests and other gatherings can take place, as long as those rules are:- reasonable-"content neutral," meaning they to aren't an attempt to squelch demonstrations or other gatherings based on their political message, and- are "narrowly tailored," meaning they're designed to serve legitimate concerns (like health and safety) with as few restrictions as possible on constitutional rights." Lets look at these one at a time. REASONABLEThe size limitation is unreasonable. 2 or more people assembling is unlawful? Will I be arrested if I talk to 4 of my neighbors standing on the sidewalk on the Plaza in Kansas City. In theory, as I read the law, we could be. The same website states..."A federal court struck down an ordinance that limited the size of most gatherings in front of New York City Hall and the adjacent plaza, except for city-sponsored public events. As the court pointed out, the ordinance wasn't narrowly tailored to serve the city's legitimate safety concerns, and it could allow city officials to stop people from gathering based on their point of view. (Housing Works, Inc. v. Safir, 101 F.Supp.2d 163 (S.D. N.Y. 2000).) There are no legitimate safety concerns addressed by defining an assembly as 2 or more people. CONTENT NEUTRALWhy now? While I will agree that the wording doesn't not specifically call out specific political views or beliefs, I do believe that the introduction of this bill is reactionary pushback to the outpouring of citizens, across this country, to let their representatives know where they stand on important issues such as policing concerns and systemic racism. I didn't see any such bill introduced when protestors have been gathering to advocate their anti-abortion positions - and there are WAY more than 2 people gathered. This discrepancy indicates to me that this bill is implicitly NOT content neutral. This is intended to silence citizens. Will our only course of action be to send emails to Jefferson City, only to get a canned response back? To leave voicemail messages to which we get no reply? In case you've forgotten, we have a representational democracy which means all opinions need to be heard and discussed. NARROWLY TAILORED, DESIGNED TO ADDRESS PUBLIC CONCERNS (LIKE HEALTH AND SAFETY) SB26 states "'A person commits the offense of unlawful traffic interference if, with the intention to impede vehicular traffic, the person walks, stands, sits, kneels, lays, or places an object in such a manner as to block passage by a vehicle on any public street, highway, or interstate highway.'" That doesn't sound to me to be narrowly tailored nor does it address public concerns of health and safety. We've seen demonstrations in which assembled persons, PEACEFULLY, walked the streets of Kansas City in protest. To completely outlaw all slowing or blocking of traffic does not meet the established bar. And, when permits are granted, the police have a responsibility for re-routing traffic to ensure safety of demonstrators and drivers. I do

notice that you didn't say run so I guess all those marathons that are run on public streets are OK - despite the impeding of traffic, which they certainly intend to do so they don't get hit by a car while running (health and safety concerns). And there are certainly more than 2 people assembling. As a final point, I also believe that this bill will disproportionately impact persons of color, who have been assembling to make their voices heard regarding the deaths of black persons at the hands of police, evictions (who tend to be evicted?), etc. If this is true, it is another law that promotes and supports a racist legislative infrastructure. I do NOT support this bill and urge you to vote NO!



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KIRSTEN GUSTAFSON-IKA</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**The laws we have are sufficient. We need to encourage public discussion and freedom of speech. Vote no on SB26**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KRISTA TAVES</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>417-343-8657</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>ELIOT UNITARIAN CHAPEL</b>		TITLE: <b>THE REVEREND</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>1470 SAINT PAUL RD.</b>			
CITY: <b>BALLWIN</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63021</b>
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As a clergy person who has participated in many protests in the State of Missouri, I am here to testify that this bill is dangerous and discriminatory. Protest is at the heart of a healthy democracy. Protest is often how we protect and enlarge the freedoms upon which this great country is built. It is often the only way those in power listen and are moved to act. This bill is a dangerous infringement upon democracy itself because it criminalizes protest. This bill is about those in power attempting to silence dissent because its message makes them uncomfortable. We deserve more than this from our legislators. We deserve courageous legislators who have the humility to listen. You are here to protect and serve us, the people. I urge you to vote no on this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>KRISTEN LYLE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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This bill is an obvious infringement of our first amendment right to peaceably assemble for the redress of grievances. Please do not waste Missourians' time and money in a legal battle over this. It's very telling that after people have spent a year asking for redress of grievances, there are people in the MO legislature that want to criminalize that activity, or protect those who would attack protesters from harm. I urge you to oppose this bill.



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<b>I oppose this bill as it disproportionately affects people of color.</b>			





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**People should not be criminalized for protesting. Inconveniencing others is not a reason to arrest or prosecute people.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LAURA BLUMENBERG</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**Criminalizing free speech and right to protest peacefully is unconstitutional and unconscionable. As a citizen of this country I demand this bill be put where it belongs - in the garbage.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LAURA FITZPATRICK</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Freedom of assembly is a right stated in the U.S. Constitution. The acts of any elected official to impede such rights is abhorrent. This nation has been build on protest (violent in the revolution) and peaceful since then through the union movement, suffrage, civil rights and more. This is what allows the free expression of the will of the people when elected official--such in this case--seek to abridge the voice and will of the people. This is disgraceful.



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**This measure is unconstitutional and immoral. It is clearly intended to limit the right to protest, and therefore it is racist, classist, and wrong.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LESLIE DOYLE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>lkdoyle@yahoo.com</b>		ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 5:10 PM</b>

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**I want to voice my concerns in opposition of this bill and it substantially limits rights of US Citizens to protest and demand our country uphold our rights to peacefully protest. This measure is overreaching!**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>LILY COSGROVE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**This bill is anti-democratic and is unconstitutional. The United States is not truly a “free country” if people lose their right to peaceful assembly and free speech, which this bill effectively does.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>M'EVIE MEAD</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-604-7611</b>	
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ADDRESS: <b>4251 FOREST PARK AVE</b>			
CITY: <b>SAINT LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63108</b>
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From the beginning of our country's history, America has been made better by protest. People coming together to demand change is how we fought segregation, how we ended child labor, protected the environment and expanded the right to vote. The way to address protest is to fix the causes of it, not to attempt to silence it. SB 26 takes the wrong approach. By restricting Missourians liberty to come together and demand change, SB 26 would diminish what has been a fundamental freedom for Americans for generations. It is a betrayal of the spirit of our constitution, which protects freedom of assembly and freedom of speech as some of the most sacred rights to be protected. We know these bills could be used by those in power to diminish and silence the voice of the oppressed. Please stand for the rights of Missourians and vote NO on SB 26.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MALLORY RUSCH</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-306-8945</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>EMPOWER MISSOURI</b>		TITLE: <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>308 EAST HIGH STREET, SUITE 100</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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Founded 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 statewide 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. A 2019 study published by the National Academy of Sciences shows that police violence is a leading cause of death for young men in the United States. Over the life course, about 1 in every 1,000 Black men can expect to be killed by police. Black women and men are significantly more likely than white women and men to be killed by police. Studies suggest that implicit bias contributes to "shooter bias"—the tendency for police to shoot unarmed Black suspects more often than unarmed white suspects. And yet, we've been slow to address this issue with law enforcement, and every year, outrage in the community grows as we watch innocent Black men suffer at the hands of police officers with little to accountability. As we speak, there is a trial going on in St. Louis City of three white St. Louis police officers who assaulted a Black undercover colleague during the protests surrounding the acquittal of Jason Stockley in 2017. It is right and just for citizens to stand up and protest these and other injustices in our communities. The First Amendment guarantees our rights to the freedom of assembly and the freedom of speech. Blocking traffic is an effective tool utilized by protestors to draw attention to critical issues related to racism, policing, and criminal justice reform. Criminalizing this activity, which may cause an inconvenience (as intended) but little risk of harm to others, is an assault on our fundamental rights. Please vote no on this dangerous legislation.





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**Protect our right to assemble and protest. Oppose SB 26-Eigel**



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**I oppose SB26, because I believe it would be wrong and hypocritical to criminalize citizens for blocking the flow of traffic to free the flow of justice during any rally in any neighborhood in any city in Missouri.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARLA MARANTZ</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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SB 26 is an attempt to limit the Constitutionally guaranteed right to assembly. Our country has a long history of guaranteeing the right to protest, to assemble, and in fact to demonstrate nonviolent civil disobedience. Since our country's beginning, voices that were not heard, those with wrongs and inequities that were not heeded, have depended upon drawing public attention to a righteous cause in order to gain support for positive and necessary change. From the Boston Tea Party, the Suffragettes, abolitionists, the Underground Railroad, the Civil Rights Movement all sought positive change for our country. Ferguson, which seems to be the spark for this legislation, was a touchstone for the nation to begin necessary justice reforms--and no lives were lost demonstrators were lost during these events. This legislation especially targets traditional non-violent tactics for change, even praying in the streets. We already have laws for which to charge people if there are truly dangerous and damaging and life-threatening activities. Making the consequences for non-violent protest a felony, depriving people of yet another voice, voting. Wouldn't this add to a more tense situation, depriving people of a peaceful way to be heard? Finally, this bill fails to anticipate some obvious unintended consequences. For example, what if totalitarian forces, funded by nefarious foreign entities, somehow came to power in one of our towns, or committed acts of intimidation and harassment, or vandalized cemeteries or churches, would you still object to people spontaneously protesting? Also, there is the possibility for abuse. Many a social event--wedding, funeral, or even a holiday event, may be followed by groups spilling into the streets, families gathering by cars. An overzealous bad actor might be tempted to stir up something that would look like trouble, easily targeting those who may be perceived as "the enemy." This is no so far-fetched, as history has shown us. This bill is over-reach and meant to target those who speak out rather help solve the underlying issues that led to the protests in the first place. And, it fails to address the tactics of those who have been responsible for recent real violence and deaths. Please vote no on SB 26



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARQUIS COVAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>420-358-0202</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>EXPECT US</b>		TITLE: <b>ORANIZATION MEMBER</b>	
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**Crazy that you would not allow people to stand up for what they believe in a free country. This will open up so much hate toward minorities and give police so much more legal abuse of power.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MEGAN M MARTINEZ</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: <b>melissa.h.manley@gmail.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 12:45 PM</b>
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I oppose SB 26 because I want to ensure protestors in Missouri are protected and not unfairly charged with higher penalties or felony crimes, which would strip them of their voting rights. The right to assembly and peaceful protest is fundamental to democracy, and blocking traffic has a rich history, including the occupation of the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. Please protect our rights to assemble without facing criminalization and disenfranchisement. Blocking traffic interferes with business as usual, it calls attention, and yes, it carries risk - yet protestors choose to take that risk for a reason. As a protestor, I want to know my right to assembly is protected. As a driver, I respect the message so powerfully delivered by blocking off a street in protest. As a citizen of Missouri, I support the people attempting to make a more fair and just society, and I ask you to join me in opposing SB 26 which would add penalties to those peacefully protesting.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL BERG</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-644-1011</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>SIERRA CLUB MISSOURI CHAPTER</b>		TITLE: <b>SIERRA CLUB MISSOURI CHAPTER POLITICAL DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>2818 SUTTON BLVD</b>			
CITY: <b>SAINT LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63143</b>
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**No matter your political leanings, we need to preserve the right to peacefully protest.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MIRJAM COLLEGEMAN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**SB 26 is anti-democracy and should not be approved. Not only it reclassifies many acts of protests as felonies, it revokes the right to vote from those who are found guilty until they have completed parole. Protests are the voice of unheard, people have to have a right to voice their opposition or support of things that matter. Violence should not be accepted, but peaceful protests are our right. Prayer is our right, too, so kneeling during protests should not be prohibited. This proposal is against freedom of speech and therefore should not be passed.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MO DEL VILLAR</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>816-929-6166</b>	
REPRESENTING: <b>AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION OF MISSOURI</b>		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: <b>406 WEST 34TH STREET, SUITE 420</b>			
CITY: <b>KANSAS CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>64111</b>
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**People need the right to protest. Instead of removing that right, simply set clear guidelines: Can protest during specific hours; cannot block streets; cannot carry any form of weapon. Very simple.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>NANCY J BATES</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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<b>I am against this bill.</b>			



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WITNESS NAME: <b>NATALIE SPICKER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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What is needed in response to protesting and an outcry for justice is not a tightening of laws, but legislation that protects and uplifts communities that have historically been ignored, marginalized, and strategically devastated. This legislation only serves to make more avenues to imprison BIPOC individuals who are disproportionately affected by police violence and mass incarceration.



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This bill is an attack on democracy. The people of MO deserve to have avenues free to express ourselves and speak out against injustices. This is an attempt to silence the people of MO. Our state is not the perfect state any of us want it to be and people should always have the right to speak against wrongdoings. Please oppose this bill and stand with the people of MO.





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WITNESS NAME: <b>NATHANIEL BOZARTH</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The right to peacefully assemble is sacrosanct. The right of Missourians to gather together to demand change and to oppose unjust practices must be preserved. Any infringement upon these sacred rights is unconstitutional and a flagrant flaunt of democratic ideals of constituent voice. At best, sb26 is in service of the status quo. At worst, it is white supremacy in action. Down with sb26.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>NEHEMIAH ROSELL</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I write in opposition to SB26. This is America, the land of the free, and I think it is outrageous that the Missouri government would be in the business of restricting peaceful free speech. People from across the political spectrum deserve the right to be able to peaceably assemble and express their opinions.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>NIMROD CHAPEL, JR.</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>816-309-5009</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI NAACP</b>		TITLE: <b>PRESIDENT</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>211 WEST HIGH STREET</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>PASTOR LLOYD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The ugly intent behind this entire Senate Bill 26 and any like it will backfire. It create more voter involvement in politics than anything that has been tried before in the area of voter suppression. Thank you for giving individuals such as myself and other concerned and involved citizens more of a reason to encourage others to vote, to stand against, and defeat these ugly efforts. They are definitely designed to prevent a great number of qualified voters to cast ballots, I pray that they are decisively defeated.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>PATTI PARKER</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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**This goes to far. People should have the right to assemble.**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>PHYLLIS AGNES JACOBSON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>phyllisajacobson@att.net</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>		SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 5:07 PM</b>
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I suppose that most of you favoring this bill would consider yourselves to be Godly people who take the Bible seriously. Do you know that there are over 500 Justice passages in the Bible? Why do you think that it should be against the law to have to gather to cry out for justice and an end to 400+ years of oppression? Do you know how many people of faith, very much including clergy, are out there risking themselves to stand in solidarity with the oppressed? Read the justice laws in the books of Moses, the Psalms, the prophets, the Gospels. Be convicted about all your efforts to deny history and take away the voice of the people. Read one example verse - Isaiah 1: 16: "Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil; learn to do good; seek justice; rescue the oppressed." ..By the way, for all your concern about abortion, there is not one verse in the Bible that specifically speaks to this, and as to homosexuality, the few verses cannot compare with the overwhelming message about justice, Please try to make laws that will do important good for the citizens of this state.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>RACHEL OHLHAUSEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a Missouri resident who values my right to assembly - both for religious worship, for family gatherings, and for protest and advocacy - it is clear this bill harms the freedoms of all individuals, regardless of political leanings. It should not be a crime to protest, including blocking traffic peacefully. This bill in original form sought to legalize vehicular manslaughter. Even with adaptations, this bill hurts freedom of all kinds. Do not pass this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>REV DR CASSANDRA GOULD</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-368-1246</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI FAITH VOICES</b>		TITLE: <b>EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>311 W DUNKLIN</b>			
CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>65101</b>
EMAIL: <b>cassandra@missourifaithvoices.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/21/2021 11:57 PM</b>	
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**MISSOURI FAITH VOICES**

**311 W. DUNKLIN**

**JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65101**

**WWW.MISSOURIFAITHVOICES.ORG** March 22, 2021 Dear Senators: We are writing to express our disappointment in the proposed legislation in Senate Bill 26. This bill is a direct attack on the tradition that has been a part of the fabric of America, the right to assemble publicly and engage in direct action from the Boston Tea Party to the March on Washington and other acts during the historic Civil Rights Movement this tradition has been a tool of working toward democracy. We oppose this bill and we hope that you will too. As faith leaders it has been important to us to be in solidarity with those in our pews, our communities and any who are vulnerable. We hold dear not just the memory of great religious leaders like Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King and Rabbi Abraham Heschel and lay people of faith like Rosa Parks but the model of the work they engaged in whether marching in Selma, the streets of Birmingham, DC, St. Louis or Jefferson City. As faith leaders we have engaged in sacred acts of protests from the Boot Hill to Kansas City. We have kneeled in the street, prayed in the street and on the sidewalk; we have stood with protestors, protested and worked toward justice by engaging in non violent civil disobedience, marching, praying in the street and the Capitol. This bill not only jeopardizes our right to do so but it also seeks to criminalize those of us who follow the advice of the great abolitionist Fredrick Douglas and pray with our feet. We urge you to consider the costs to religious leaders, innocent, hard working and courageous Missourians like those who fought for tenants rights in the early 1900's and those of us who fight for equity, fair wages and justice now to ensure that all of GOD's children have what they need. Faith leaders across Missouri have been called to the street to make protestors feel safe, to pray with protestors and law enforcement and to be in solidarity and work toward justice. This bill means we would be forced to choose between being a criminal or not being faithful to our call and our GOD, who in words of the prophet Micah requires us to "do justice, love mercy and walk humbly." Many rights were fought for in this country and this state by those who stood in the street, kneeled on sidewalks and streets, marched on bridges and highways to fight for freedom and justice. We believe that we have the right to assemble, to pray, to practice our faith in the public square without fear of being criminalized which would also impair our right to vote. Please guard our democracy and our faith and oppose Senate Bill 26. Missouri Faith Voices is the only statewide, non partisan grassroots organization in Missouri; we are non partisan, multi-faith and multiracial and represent more than 120 member congregations in 5 cities. Yours in Faith, Rev. Dr. Cassandra Gould, Executive Director Rev. Dr. Rodney Williams, Board Chair Pastor of Swope Pkwy Church KC Anne Schneider, Esq. Secretary First Presbyterian Church Jefferson City Rev. Darry Commings, Treasurer Bethany Christian Church St. Louis Rev. W.T. Edmonson, Assistant Pastor Second Baptist Jefferson City Rev. Maureen Dickmann Retired DOC Pastor Columbia, MO Rabbi Doug Alpert Congregation Kol



**Ami Kansas City, MO Rev. Dr. Bob Hill, Retired Kansas City, MO Rev. Tina Harris Columbia, MO Michelle  
Watley, Board Member Kansas City Rev. Russell Ewell, Pastor Pitts Chapel Springfield, MO**



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WITNESS NAME: <b>REV. KIM MASON</b>		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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As a minister in the St. Louis area, I have been witness to the power of public protest on a variety of issues facing Missourians and the residents of St. Louis. Our forefathers used protest as a tool against the British government to good effect, and today's protestors are leading from their example and the example of leaders of many civil rights movements before them. This bill concerns me as it would criminalize the ability to have the voices of the marginalized heard.



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**I respectfully request a NO vote against this bill. Protesting is a right to be protected not criminalized.**



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I believe Citizens should be free to gather to together and to organize about subjects that they all believe in. Citizens need to gather & speak about the minimum wage together before it is voted by the congress. They need to gather together to speak about the racial problem. The need to gather together about up coming bills that are to be voted on by congress which effect them.



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I testify that as an individual with many family and firends who live in Missouri I hope you are opposed to this bill. This is not what Missourians voted for. It is not supportive of working people. It is not what was voted for by missourian. This bill takes away rights of missourians voice to publically demonstrate or express publicly their opinions/views without attempting to charge individuals. This attempt to silence voters, another ploy to take away rights is deplorable. Many in my Missouri family and friends and a host of other voters OPPOSE BILL SB 26. As a representative on boards working with many Missourian This Bill is an outrageous attack on Missourian's rights.





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The front page of the Springfield News-Leader 3/19/21 reports a lawsuit against the Ava, MO Police Department, claiming a wrongful death caused by Officer Kaleb Berkshire who knelt on the back of his detainee for several minutes, perhaps causing positional asphyxia death. I was struck, not only by the gruesome details of the incident, but by this statement about Officer Berkshire: "Ava Police Chief Reggie Johnson said Berkshire is no longer employed by Ava Police. He said Berkshire resigned and took a job with another department." Regardless of Berkshire's "fault" or lack thereof in this case, the fact that he could resign and then go elsewhere for law enforcement employment is a concern. SB 26 seems to reinforce due process protections for law enforcement officers without addressing accountability and transparency issues that seem paramount in restoring the public's trust in this vital profession. There are some good proposed bills that would increase licensure standards, provide for databases to track excessive use of force and officer malfeasance, and give law enforcement administrators better tools for maintaining departments that demonstrate the highest integrity and accountability. SB 26 does not seem to be one of those proposals. I encourage your thoughtful consideration that SB 26 does not contain the elements of training, licensure, accountability, and transparency that could help restore public confidence in Missouri's law enforcement. Instead, it seems potentially to provide cover for officers who do not comply with good standards. Thank you. Sherry Buchanan, Ph.D. Joplin, MO



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SB26 is problematic for some of the following reasons:- It takes away local control on budgetary policy. Communities that may find efficiencies or cost savings in local public safety will be penalized. Furthermore, if a community takes an alternative approach to funding law enforcement, they will still lose state funding even though their approach may still be effective and their crime rates low. This lack of state funding could have ramifications of public health issues such as COVID.- A protest is a public event and there are members of the public who are also at that location. People are standing or passing through on streets that could include members of the press who are trying to get a vantage point for the event. There are also bystanders or people passing through who are not involved in the protest. Blocking or hindering traffic could be an unintentional act. You could be potentially criminalizing bystanders and people doing their jobs.- Furthermore, the bill specifically states one of the actions that is considered unlawful is kneeling, which clergy people often do in a posture of prayer. Members of the clergy also have First Amendment Rights.- It defines an unlawful assemblage as 2 or more people. This definition is a slippery slope and could potentially criminalize a long list of everyday activities. - Who is charged for a felony if there is significant property damage? Again, a protest is a public event. Organizers may have one intent, a peaceful demonstration, yet there are opportunists not associated with the protests who use the event for cover for nefarious activities. Should the organizers be charged because there was a co-occurrence of two events? Additionally, what happens if police officers or the National Guard causes property damage while trying to perform crowd control. Sometimes military tanks are used. Tanks are rough on streets and other infrastructure. Do LEOs and the National Guard get charged with a felony?- I would like to echo the concerns of St. Louis Police Commissioner, Colonel James Hayden - "Senate Bill No. 26 significantly interferes with our ability to meet the expectations of Missouri residents with respect to holding officers accountable for sustained allegations of employee misconduct." Granted, the intent should be to allow for individuals to exercise their First Amendment rights while maintaining public safety and minimizing property damages. Unfortunately, this bill creates larger problems than the issues the bill is attempting to resolve.



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The First Amendment to the United States Constitution prohibits the United States Congress from enacting legislation that would abridge the right of the people to assemble peaceably. The Supreme Court of the United States has held that the First Amendment protects the right to conduct a peaceful public assembly. I therefore write in opposition of Eigel as state legislation that represents government overreach, which contradicts and attempts to inappropriately restrict the principles of assembly and free speech that are enshrined in the U.S. Constitution and affirmed by the Supreme Court.



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The right to peacefully assemble is an inherent good that needs to be protected. Protest and demonstration are crucial in making statements, seeking accountability, and making change in broken systems. In addition, this law would broaden the group of people who we classify as “felons” and disenfranchise. I am AGAINST this bill.



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SB 26 is an attempt to keep people of color from peacefully protesting. The threat of criminal penalties, potential felonies and even arrest is being used to deter black or brown citizens from publicly voicing their opinions. This law is Jim Crow like and I am asking representatives to vote against it. The gathering of 2 or more people as stated in this law is ridiculous. This law is just another way to suppress our 2nd amendment rights and another way for black and brown people to be charged with a felony and lose their rights. You don't have the courage to pass gun control. You can carry a gun on a public bus but the thought of 2 or more black or brown people gathering using their voices for change is so frightening that it should be against the law? VOTE AGAINST SB 26



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Committee on Crime Prevention Chair Rep. Lane Roberts Vice-Chair Rep. Barry Hovis March 22, 2021  
Dear Representatives of the Committee: Thank you for allowing me to provide written testimony. My name is Stephen Eisele, the Executive Director of PROMO, Missouri's statewide (LGBT) lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender advocacy organization. On behalf of our organization, I am expressing our opposition to Senate Substitute for Senate Bill 26 being heard in committee this morning. The fact that I am able to present my voice to you today, an out- gay executive, is not without a deep history in our country of gay and transgender people exercising their first amendment rights to be viewed as equal among fellow Americans. It has often been through marches, protests, and raising their voices, that our community has been able to stand up against violence, persecution, and discrimination while making progress towards being viewed as equal under the law. Our work for safety and protecting our communities continues into the present. As noted by ACLU of Missouri and others, regulations already exist that restrict certain aspects of protest and create a distinction between protest and unlawful assembly. Senate Bill 26 would unnecessarily create new crimes and enhance existing penalties to directly limit speech while endangering the lives of those exercising their first amendment rights to speech. Designed to protect lives, this bill would likely have the opposite effect. The right to define an 'unlawful assembly' should be left to those trained in the law and not private citizens. We have seen the misuse of 'unlawful assembly' orders at demonstrations throughout Missouri in recent years and broadening its interpretation fails to create safer communities. I highly encourage the committee to vote against SB 26, this legislation is a threat to constitutional values. We know that too often in our state, and in our nation, legislation heightening penalties are used to prosecute marginalized voices, like LGBT Americans, including Black and Brown Americans, who rise up time and again to reject discrimination and have continued to be silenced. Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions. Sincerely, Stephen Eisele, MBA Executive Director, PROMOSTephen@PROMOonline.org (cell) 417.848.3285



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I am a retired attorney. I have handled only a few criminal defense cases. That was not my field of practice. I strongly support the police in my community. They are excellent and communicate with our citizens appropriately and well. This bill, however, has many provisions that may be well-meaning, but will undermine the good cops and protect the bad ones found in some other districts. This bill needs much greater study. I urge you to keep it in committee for further study and to send it to the appropriate departments at UMSL and St. Louis University for study, comments and suggestions. Thank you for considering my request.



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Protesting is as American as apple pie. From the founding of our country, the United States has been made better by protest. The way to address protest is to fix the causes of it, not to attempt to silence it. SB 26 takes the wrong approach. By restricting Missourians freedom to come together and demand change, SB 26 would diminish what has been a fundamental freedom for Americans for generations. It is a betrayal of the spirit of our constitution which protects freedom of assembly and freedom of speech as some of the most sacred rights to be protected. This bill could be used to diminish and silence the voices of the oppressed. Please stand for the rights of Missourians and vote NO on SB 26.





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Without protest, the US would still be a colony. Without protest, we would still have slavery. Without protest, we wouldn't have unions. Without protest, women would not be voting. Without protest, we wouldn't have civil rights. Without protest, we would not have the Americans with Disability Act. Without protest, women wouldn't have control over their bodies. Without protest, women couldn't take back the night. Without protest, there would be a pipeline going through sacred indigenous land in the Dakota's. Without protest, high school students couldn't have gathered to say they don't want to die at school. Without protest, not as many people would know about climate change. Without protest, the people of Puerto Rico would still be under the corrupt governance of Gov. Ricardo Rosselló and wouldn't have emergency aid after Hurricane Maria. Without protest, Missourians are voiceless. Without protest, the people are oppressed.



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I am the Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieleley. As a Christian activist for justice for 25 years and a priest for 17 years, participating in civil disobedience is core to living out my faith in Jesus Christ and my calling as a priest in the Episcopal Church. As noted in the letter signed by almost 200 Missouri faith leaders, SB 26 is "a direct attack on the cherished America traditions of assembly, petition, and direct action [and] it also criminalizes those whose conscience calls them to practice their faith by praying with their feet in the street. As Rabbi Abraham Heschel wrote in 1965, 'For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying.' We agree with Rabbi Heschel that protesting and marching with those struggling for justice is a sacred act of religious devotion. Protest is prayer, and as prayer, it is essential for our land's healing. As scripture says, 'If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.' We are grateful for the brave people in our nation's history who prayerfully protested on buses, bridges, interstate highways, and city streets for voting rights, civil liberties, access to healthcare, fair pay for working families, and equal respect and dignity under the law. By blocking the flow of traffic, they made way for the flow of justice. Senate Bill 26 would criminalize each of them, including recognized American heroes like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Ida B. Wells. Senate Bill 26 would also criminalize Jesus Christ himself, because as the Gospels tell us, Jesus stopped the flow of traffic coming in and out of the Jerusalem Temple while part of an unlawful assembly. We do not believe prayer should be criminalized, even if it stops traffic. We are pastors, preachers, and religious leaders. We pray with the sick at the hospital. We pray with the newlyweds at weddings. We pray with the children at baptisms, bar/bat mitzvahs, and rites of passage. We pray with the faithful at worship. We pray with the mourning at funerals. And we pray with the people in the street. Senate Bill 26 turns our prayer into a crime. It is not. Do not pass this bill."



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As a pastor and religious leader living and serving in Missouri, I strongly oppose to Senate Bill 26. Not only is this bill a direct attack on the cherished America traditions of assembly, petition, and direct action, it also criminalizes those whose conscience calls them to practice their faith by praying with their feet in the street. As Rabbi Abraham Heschel wrote in 1965, "For many of us the march from Selma to Montgomery was about protest and prayer. Legs are not lips and walking is not kneeling. And yet our legs uttered songs. Even without words, our march was worship. I felt my legs were praying." I agree with Rabbi Heschel that protesting and marching with those struggling for justice is a sacred act of religious devotion. Protest is prayer, and as prayer, it is essential for our land's healing. As scripture says, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." I am grateful for the brave men and women in our nation's history who prayerfully protested on buses, bridges, interstate highways, and city streets for voting rights, civil liberties, access to healthcare, fair pay for working families, and equal respect and dignity under the law. By blocking the flow of traffic, they made way for the flow of justice. Senate Bill 26 would criminalize each of them, including recognized American heroes like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Rosa Parks, and Ida B. Wells. Senate Bill 26 would also criminalize Jesus Christ himself, because as the Gospels tell us, Jesus stopped the flow of traffic coming in and out of the Jerusalem Temple while part of an unlawful assembly. I do not believe prayer should be criminalized, even if it stops traffic. As a pastor, preacher, and religious leader, I pray with the sick at the hospital. I pray with the newlyweds at weddings. I pray with children at baptisms, and rites of passage. I pray with the faithful at worship. I pray with the mourning at funerals. And I pray with the people in the street. Senate Bill 26 turns our prayer into a crime. It is not. Do not pass this bill.



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**To take away the right to protest would be a step toward silencing the people's voice. We cannot ever give away this fundamental freedom.**



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My name is Tricia Rojo Bushnell and I am the Executive Director of the Midwest Innocence Project, which works to exonerate individuals convicted of crimes they did not commit in Missouri, Kansas, Iowa, Nebraska and Arkansas, and to enact policies to prevent wrongful convictions in the first place. Transparency, accountability, and reliability are central to ensuring the criminal legal system produces only just results. Senate Bill 26 would not only prevent transparency and accountability by protecting bad actors in law enforcement, it would further undermine the reliability of convictions, putting the freedom of innocent defendants and the safety of the general public at risk. I urge you to oppose SB 26. To date, 50 Missourians have been exonerated according to data from the National Registry of Exonerations. In those individual's cases, nearly half (24 of 50) involved police officer misconduct as a contributing factor to the wrongful conviction. This misconduct took many forms, including tampering with witnesses, fabricating evidence, concealing exculpatory evidence, engaging in misconduct during interrogations, and lying on the stand at trial. Indeed, Missouri's rate of misconduct in innocence cases surpasses even the national average, where police officers committed misconduct in 35% of the over 2,600 exonerations that have been revealed in the United States. Yet, rather than reducing or addressing these known unjust actions, SB 26 will protect officers who engage in misconduct, potentially contributing to or enabling future wrongful convictions. Wrongful convictions hurt not just the innocent individual who is incarcerated for a crime they did not commit, but also presents further harm to victims and society as the real perpetrator is allowed to go free. Of the nation's 375 DNA exonerations, for example, the real perpetrators have been identified in 165 cases. Those actual perpetrators went on to commit 154 additional violent crimes after the wrong person was convicted for their earlier offense, including 83 sexual assaults, 36 murders, and 35 other violent crimes. When the system gets it wrong, victims and public safety suffer. Public confidence in the criminal legal system is diminished. Missouri should learn from the 50 wrongful convictions to date and take measures to prevent further miscarriages of justice and reaffirm its commitment to justice for all Missourians. Yet, SB 26 does the opposite of this—shielding misconduct and protecting bad actors. Wrongful Convictions and Police Misconduct The credibility of law enforcement impacts every phase of a criminal case. From investigation to trial testimony, law enforcement is a critical part of the criminal legal system. And as such, greater transparency into law enforcement, not less, is needed to protect the integrity of the system. How can prosecutors, defense attorneys, and judges ensure that the jury is provided with accurate information if they are denied critical information about a police witness's prior misconduct or dishonesty? They cannot. Yet, that is the impossible system that SB 26, which renders police misconduct records confidential, would create. There is no public interest reason to protect state actors who have histories of lying, coercion and other misconduct. Instead, public safety demands we ensure that we get the evidence and subsequent convictions right. Indeed, states with

public access to police misconduct records shed light on the way that some officers involved in wrongful convictions have long histories of misconduct. One of the primary detectives in the Central Park Jogger case in New York, for example, had more than 40 civilian complaints lodged against him before the now Exonerated Five were wrongfully convicted. Similarly, Minneapolis officer Derek Chauvin had at least 17 misconduct complaints on his record before he took the life of George Floyd. SB 26 would ensure that any officer with a record of misconduct, such as these two examples, would have that record kept confidential unless subpoenaed or granted by court order, allowing the misconduct to continue unless extremely steep thresholds are met. Subpoena rights are a legal discovery tool not available absent a lawsuit and are an inappropriate threshold for making police misconduct records transparent. Many states make such records public via open records requests, a far cry from the level of secrecy outlined in SB 26. Ultimately, SB 26 is a step back from the court in *Chasnoff v. Mokwa*, which held that the records of substantiated misconduct in the performance of police officer's official duties is public under the public records laws. SB 26 would add an additional hurdle to obtaining important public records and would prevent evidence of misconduct from coming to light even though Missouri courts have previously held there is no privacy interest in withholding substantiated records. And such misconduct has occurred right here in Missouri. Take for example, the case of Missourian George Allen, Jr., who lost over 30 years of his life in prison for a crime he did not commit, in large part due to police misconduct. Mr. Allen was wrongfully convicted of murder and sentenced to 95 years in prison in 1982, after police mistakenly mistook Mr. Allen for an initial suspect who was known to have a history of sexual offenses. Although police realized that Mr. Allen was not the suspect, they questioned him anyway, ultimately physically and mentally coercing a false confession out of Mr. Allen, who had an extensive history of severe mental illness. In 2003, twenty years after Mr. Allen was wrongfully convicted, the Innocence Project re-opened Mr. Allen's case in hopes of turning up evidence that could be tested. Although the Innocence Project had previously been told that there was no evidence to test, the evidence was finally located and DNA testing proved that Mr. Allen was not the perpetrator. Lawyers also found previously undisclosed documents that showed that police had actually known Mr. Allen was excluded as the perpetrator by forensic evidence at the time and had never told prosecutors or defense. In 2012, a Cole County Circuit judge vacated Mr. Allen's conviction and ruled that the police had withheld critical evidence. "Most critically, the undisclosed evidence, considered together, points unavoidably to the conclusion that the police—and Detective Riley in particular—ignored and hid evidence pointing to someone else as the perpetrator in their zealous pursuit of Allen's conviction," the judge wrote. Tragically Mr. Allen died four short years after being exonerated. In 2018, two years after his death, the State of Missouri and city of St. Louis settled a civil lawsuit regarding this misconduct with Mr. Allen's family for \$14 million. It should not require the revelation of a wrongful conviction, after someone has lost decades of their life, to uncover egregious misconduct. Police officer disciplinary records should be transparent and available to the public, prosecutors, and defense and used to prevent further misconduct in the first place. Yet, SB 26 does the opposite of this, protecting misconduct from coming to light. Police Transparency in Missouri Missouri already significantly lags behind other states in police transparency. Nationally, thirteen (13) states—including Georgia, Florida, New York, Ohio and Illinois—provide complete public access to police disciplinary records. SB 26 would not only perpetuate this problem, but would add additional layers of secrecy, further sowing distrust with the public and protecting bad actors. Transparency benefits everyone, including the police, as it builds trust with the public and ensures only those who deserve to wear the badge may keep it. Secrecy around misconduct and discipline denies victims, judges, juries, and the public the opportunity to evaluate the fairness of the internal affairs investigation and understand whether an abusive officer ever faced any consequences. Even when a claim is not substantiated, there is benefit to transparency showing how that decision was made in supporting trust—internal and external—in the disciplinary process. Some investigations might show false allegations. Others may show that police can be disciplined for trivial things—like multiple violations for uniform violations. Still others can help minority law enforcement officers, particularly people of color and women in law enforcement, demonstrate if they are treated more harshly by Internal Affairs than their male and white counterparts. The ability to see how policing works and the integrity of the process builds trust. Conversely, hiding the entire disciplinary process perpetuates the public's fear that officers are not held accountable for causing harm and SB 26 goes even a step further in harming trust with the public by making it difficult to make a complaint. Protections not offered to innocent citizens. The system, as it currently stands, has built more protections for guilty police officers than it has for its innocent citizens. SB 26 adds several layers of privilege on top of the normal presumption of innocence that a normal citizen accused of a crime might enjoy. An officer accused of misconduct, for example, would be provided at least 24-hours notice before being questioned with access to the complaint and consideration for the time and location of questioning, as well as the promise to not be threatened, harassed, or promised rewards. Compare these rights under SB 26 to what an innocent person accused of a crime would receive. How would the investigation of a



crime look under these circumstances? Would police want a murder or robbery suspect to access the complaint before being questioned? Would they want the accused to be able to at least 24-hours before they could begin questioning? Would police themselves consider this a robust and adequate investigation? On the contrary, innocent citizens, like Mr. Allen, are not provided these protections even when their constitutional rights are on the line. Missouri should stay in-step with lawmakers around the country, who are considering how to increase, not decrease, authentic police accountability. This includes the state of Maryland, which passed the first Law Enforcement Officer Bill of Rights in the nation and which this year considered a bill to eliminate the harmful measure. SB 26 is a step in the wrong direction and will allow police misconduct to continue in darkness and lead to wrongful convictions. I urge you to oppose SB 26. I can be reached for questions at trojobushnell@the



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In the summer of 2020, I attended a protest. As a disabled person, I had planned to attend, and if I became too exhausted or in too much pain I would call my husband to come and pick me up and drive me back to my car parked almost a mile away. During the protest, I watched my fellow protesters peacefully and lawfully assembling while police in riot gear stood in the streets, ready for confrontation. We continued to follow the law and protest peacefully, but as I predicted my disability caused me to become exhausted and my legs were in too much pain to continue. However, by the time I called my husband to come and get me, the police had created a perimeter so wide that it would have been impossible for him to come and help me. So I walked. I fell several times along the way because my disability made it difficult for me to leave the protest. By the time I reached the edge of the perimeter where I could wait for my husband, I had become so crippled with pain that it took more than a week for me to recover. I have been to many protests in my 25 years in Kansas City, and never before had I had such a difficult time with the simple act of leaving the protest. Had I not been able to leave, I, a disabled person, would have been tear-gassed along with the other peaceful protestors. I would have been crippled in a way that would have required medical intervention. How many other disabled protesters were not able to leave? How many were further injured? At what point did we decide that only able-bodied people could use their voice? Our First Amendment to the Constitution already grants us the right to assemble. In the protest I attended, it was the police, not the protesters, who blocked traffic with their bodies, cars, and perimeters. If protests spill out into the streets, should they be allowed to be punished by private citizens with bodily harm? Because that's what this bill will allow. How does a human being stand up against a vehicle in this case, even an able-bodied one? In passing this bill, you are furthering the damage to life and livelihood. Though my experience was a difficult one, I still plan to attend as many protests as I physically am able. I assure you, neither will this bill be a deterrent to future protesters, so filled with the desire for change, to attend protests. Protesters will still spill out into the street. What this bill will do instead is invite retribution from counterprotesters and increase the violence that you pretend to want to end. It is a license to maim, and an attempt to silence voices. We will not be silenced.



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**This is an attempt to silence our voices and criminalize democracy and it cannot stand. It is an affront to the foundations of this country, and truly unpatriotic.**



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The proposed 67.030(2) will only invite supporters of other departments to seek similar legislative protection for their budgets. The 12% figure is totally arbitrary and unrelated to the discretion that may be required in a particular budget situation. Proposed 574.045 1 (2). requires that the assembly be "knowing", but does not specifically require that the violation of law be "knowing." Obviously, an unlawful assembly statute can't rest just on the assembly being "knowing". That would be unconstitutional. Knowing assembly to carry out a known criminal act would seem a necessary criminal intent. Proposed 590.502 21 erroneously triggers the listed requirements for an investigation on what the OFFICER reasonably believes. How will investigators ever determine what the officer reasonably believes before or during an investigation? The proposal should just use as a trigger the existence of a reasonable basis that an investigation could lead to disciplinary action, etc. This would put the burden on the investigator to follow the listed requirements or risk a blown investigation. Proposed 590.502 4 (6) is an unwarranted chill on investigative action. No one can ever know for certain whether an investigation/allegation of misconduct will be upheld in the final analysis (uncertainties of testimony and deciders of fact/law, appeals, etc.). In our legal system, people normally are expected to defend themselves, which may have economic consequences. The exception is a "bad faith" claim. If retained, the economic loss provision should be limited to instances of "bad faith." Proposed 590.502 10 is vastly over broad. As drafted, this provision would void any action for violation of ANY provision. Clearly, some violations would have no significant bearing on the outcome. It is one-sided and way out of proportion to invoke the sanction of voiding any action when there may be no cause and effect between the violation and the action.