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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: AARON DORR		PHONE NUMBER: 614-434-6094	
REPRESENTING: AMERICAN FIREARMS ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 6031 E. MAIN STREET, STE 311			
CITY: COLUMBUS		STATE: OH	ZIP: 43213
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WITNESS NAME: AARON DORR		PHONE NUMBER: 573-338-4206	
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ADDRESS: 2208 MISSOURI BLVD., STE 102 & 302			
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WITNESS NAME: ANDY BEAVERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: andybeavers93@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 8:25 AM
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I believe that an individual should have to right to use self defense in their own home.			



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 12:43 AM
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I Support this Bill and Legislation. The Burden Shall be Switched.			



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WITNESS NAME: CARL SMART		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: DAVID MUENCH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: muenchdave69@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 5:07 AM
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I am writing you today to voice my support for self defense just like the Mcklucky's in Saint Louis a couple of years ago they felt the need to arm themselves because a bunch of hoodlums entered their private property the end result the court put them on one years probation and several hours of community service. This is all wrong people should be able to protect themselves and their property without the fear of Law Enforcement or some Zealous Prosecuter Attorney who want to use that to boost their political campaign.



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WITNESS NAME: ED ABEGG		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: edabegg58@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 9:16 AM

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we desperately need a bill like this to pass to stop prosecutors from doing to citizens like they did to kyle rittenhouse and the mccloskeys and not be hesitant on defending ourselves/family/and property



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: GARY & BECKY RIDENHOUR		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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Missourians have a right of self defense and are presumed innocent until proven guilty as by the Constitution.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: KEVIN HERTEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: LEWIS MASON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: evilirishman19@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 3:01 PM
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WITNESS NAME: RIAN CERNY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I believe the burden of proof should be on the State and not the individual that is being charged with a crime for self defense. I am in support of this bill.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: SCOTT HAWKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: scotthawke@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 2:58 PM

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When a person is forced to defend themselves or others, they should not be treated as guilty until proven innocent.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN MYERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: susanmyers@socket.net	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 6:11 PM
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As a female of small stature aka an easy target, I conceal carry, practice and train regularly to do so safely and proficiently, and I also have CCW insurance coverage. I do all these things in preparation for an event I pray will never happen. Though should that day come and I succeed in defending myself from threat, I will no doubt be left with emotional if not physical issues to deal. Despite someone potentially being threatened by me to stop, or fired upon and injured or worse, the fact will remain throughout that I was the victim of this incident. I should be spared the ordeal of being dragged through a long and arduous process to be cleared of any criminal offense. Only then can I be left alone to begin the healing process. I should not be subjected to arrest and threat of charges and a trial dangled over me. And I absolutely should be protected from my attacker or their family wishing to make a buck off of my refusal to become their victim! The protections contained within this bill will be there for us all regardless of gender, race, economics or any political or ideological views we may hold. As we've seen unfold recently, self-defense situations have been used by some as an opportunity to score political points. I for one do not care if the person defending themselves believes the polar opposite of me on every issue you can think of, other than the right they had to take action to remain safe. The second amendment is for everyone. Self-defense should be treated the same for everyone, and everyone should be granted the reasonableness presumption this bill offers. Susan Myers, Missouri State Director DC Project - Women for Gun Rights



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WITNESS NAME: THOMAS MARCO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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For my protection



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WITNESS NAME: TODD SEYLLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: tseyller@protonmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 8:18 AM
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I believe an individual has the natural right to engage in any act of self defense if that individual perceives or observes that their life or property are being threatened in any manner. I am in full support of this bill. Thank you.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM W. BLAND		PHONE NUMBER: 816-590-9395	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: WESTERN MISSOURI SHOOTERS ALLIANCE		TITLE:	
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Current law places the burden of proof on the citizen to prove he or she reasonably believed physical or deadly force was necessary to protect him or herself or a third person. This is not the way our criminal justice system works. There must always be a presumption of innocence, and the burden of proof must always be on the state. With regard to a presumption of reasonableness that the defendant believed such force was necessary - again, there must always be a presumption of innocence. If the state believes the use of force was not reasonable, then the burden of proof lies with the state. With regard to arrest for using or threatening to use force, the 4th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution protects the people from unreasonable search and seizure. Probable cause is at the heart of the 4th Amendment. Without probable cause a person can be arrested at the whim of the police. With regard to a claim of self-defense during a pre-trial hearing - again, there must always be a presumption of innocence. To negate a claim of self-defense the burden of proof must be on the state in a criminal case and on the plaintiff in a civil action.



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WITNESS NAME: ALLYN HARRIS DAULT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: allynharrisdault@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 7:25 PM
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This is ludicrous. Stop wasting our time.			



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WITNESS NAME: AMY AXTELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: amybett@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 8:53 PM
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HB 2118 is an absurd & dangerous bill. Our self-defense laws give us the right to protect ourselves and our families, and that includes using deadly force if necessary. Missouri is known for having some of the weakest gun laws AND highest rates of gun violence in the nation. ?This bill encourages unnecessary violence escalation and armed vigilantism. The duty to safely retreat is sacred. We don't need a law that expands the right to seek out dangerous situations, shoot first, ask questions later, then claim self-defense.SB677 failed in committee and this bill should too.



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WITNESS NAME: AMY KUO HAMMERMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-494-5410	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN - ST. LOUIS		TITLE: STATE POLICY ADVOCACY CHAIR	
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CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63141
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WITNESS NAME: ANGELA CURTIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: angelacurtis80@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 9:14 AM
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I am opposed to HB 2118. I consistently hear from Republicans that Missouri needs to be tougher on prosecutions - this bill would make the prosecution of deadly crimes even more difficult than it already is. This is the wrong direction for tough on crime.



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WITNESS NAME: ANGELA L BOYLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: aboylej@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 11:01 AM
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I oppose HB 2118.			



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WITNESS NAME: ANGIE WELSH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: mommawelsh70@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 4:33 AM
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In my opinion this bill is dangerous and will subvert federal law.HB 2118 is an unnecessary and dangerous bill. Self-defense laws give us the right to protect ourselves and our families, and that includes using deadly force if necessary. Our state already has some of the weakest gun laws and highest rates of gun violence in the nation. ??We don't need a law that expands the right to seek out dangerous situations, shoot first, ask questions later, then claim self-defense.



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WITNESS NAME: ANN CUEVAS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: ann.cuevas12@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 10:02 AM
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According to this bill, I could shoot pan handlers who approach me and say I felt threatened. Police couldn't even arrest me. I'm a short, small 67 year old woman. I worked in corporate America for 40 years, and I look respectable. I've never been arrested. It would be easy for me to say I was threatened by the local drunk, my ex-husband, or a random individual who looked 'scary.' People might even believe me, but it doesn't matter because they can't question my fear or intent. That is ridiculous. I don't want to live in the Old West, and I don't want people shooting people for sport or minor disagreements, although this bill would allow it. Stop this bill. It legalizes murder.



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WITNESS NAME: BARBARA ROSS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Representative Taylor and Committee Members, Please, in the name of sanity and public safety vote NO to HB 2118. This legislation is tantamount to the legalization of murder. No sane and safe society would contemplate such a law.



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WITNESS NAME: BETH HARTMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill effectively makes murder legal in the state of Missouri. It's a bad idea, it was always a bad idea, and the only reason it keeps getting introduced is because people are tripping over each other in a misguided attempt to prove they are more pro gun than the next guy. Please stop.



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WITNESS NAME: C. M. COOKE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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Legalizing murder is a horrible idea. I stand with the Missouri Law Enforcement in TOTAL OPPOSITION of this BILL. Anything that makes it easier for one person to kill another person is a horrific idea. Jesus would oppose this Bill. Thou shalt not kill!



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WITNESS NAME: CARL FISCHER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: cfischer2511@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 9:34 PM
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I oppose this bill as another attempt to Make Murder Legal in MissouriThe gun lobby has been defining the rules in Missouri for too long. We have more guns than we have people and it's resulted in more and more violence. It's time to move in a more rational direction. HB2118 is not rational.



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WITNESS NAME: CARRIE BLASKO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: cer.blasko@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 10:41 PM
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HB 2118 is an unnecessary and dangerous bill. Self-defense laws give us the right to protect ourselves and our families, and that includes using deadly force if necessary. Our state already has some of the weakest gun laws and highest rates of gun violence in the nation. ??We don't need a law that expands the right to seek out dangerous situations, shoot first, ask questions later, then claim self-defense.



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WITNESS NAME: CHARLOTTE SMITH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: logansmithkathleen@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 1:29 PM
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Dear Committee members, This bill is a legal nightmare for prosecutors. Simply put, here's the choice you face: Mayberry (as in the Andy Griffith show for the young ones) or Mad Max? The rule of law has been a hard won reality going way back - and this would unravel much of that. I trust you will see through this ridiculous and probably illegal proposition and understand the risks it raises for young people engaged in lover's quarrels - or disagreements over video games, sports calls, or business deals. Or even disputes between neighbors about who shoveled the snow or cut down the tree. No business person wants to be put at risk of being the scene of lawlessness - nor does any City Council, school, baseball team, event venue, neighborhood, legislature, or hospital. Please reject this directly and do not entertain evil. Thank you for your leadership and wisdom.



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WITNESS NAME: CHERYL HIBBELER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: chibbeler72@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 9:54 PM
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This bill goes too far as more murder would occur. A killer could use almost any excuse for why they kill someone. HB 2118 would legally sanctify murder in Missouri. This is not a solution to the root causes of crime in Missouri and would be a catalyst for further violence across the state. I am writing to oppose HB 2118 and ask that you oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: CHIEF SEAN FAGAN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-202-8749	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI POLICE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 1007 PINE STREET			
CITY: ROLLA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65401
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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTINE NOVALIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: christine.novalis@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 8:48 AM
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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTOPHER LION		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: christoppherlion@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 3:02 PM
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With this bill, Missouri will become even more unsafe. Here in Kansas City, Missouri, black trans women in particular are victims of homicide and violence. This bill would allow hate-crimes to be overlooked.



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WITNESS NAME: CLAUDIA JENKINS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: jenkinsmom@live.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 11:50 AM
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I do not support allowing this bill to pass. We need to have accountability to some degree for taking a life and justifying a murder. As it is, so many people already misunderstand the Castle Doctrine Law. This bill would allow for people to not even think twice before taking someone else's life over stolen property, etc, because it would allow for much looser interpretation of justifying murder.



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WITNESS NAME: COLLEEN TEPEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: colleentepen81@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 9:19 PM
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HB 2118 is unnecessary and puts the public in danger. Self-defense laws give us the right to protect ourselves and our families, and that includes using deadly force if necessary. Our state already has some of the weakest gun laws and the highest rates of gun violence in the nation. We don't need a law that expands the right to seek out dangerous situations, shoot first, ask questions later, then claim self-defense. For the good of public safety, please vote in opposition of HB 2118!



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WITNESS NAME: CONNIE FLACHS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I want a safer and less violent Missouri. This bill removes the requirement to prove that force used was reasonable for self-defense. This will lead to an increase of trigger-happy fingers, shooting at the slightest provocation and facing few consequences. This is not the direction for Missouri. Please oppose HB 2118.



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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL BOGARD		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: DAWN BANKS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: dawn.banks@sbcglobal.net		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 9:08 PM

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I oppose this bill as another attempt to Make Murder Legal in Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: DINA HAMERSEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: dinam1205@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 8:07 AM
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I oppose this bill. This bill does nothing to protect Missourians. We already have Castle Doctrine so this is unnecessary and could further hamper a police investigation where claims of self-defense are illegitimate.



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WITNESS NAME: DONALD WHITE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is nothing more than an attempt to legalize MURDER in the state. Strongly against this bill



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WITNESS NAME: ELYSE MAX		PHONE NUMBER:	
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The right to self-defense is necessary and already in law. This law is not that. HB2118 would legally sanctify murder and further exasperate the public safety crisis in Missouri. I oppose HB 2118.



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WITNESS NAME: EMILY HORNSTRA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: GARY THOMAS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill is irresponsible and has a childlike view of society. We, in Missouri, are not in some cinematic western where the protagonist solves the issues with a gun fight. What this bill will actually do is arm the corporations and disarm the working class. How un-American, how anti-missourian, how scared of the boogeyman do you have to be? My Missouri is of collectivism, not of cowardice.



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WITNESS NAME: GENEVA LEE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please oppose HB 2118. This bill would increase violence in Missouri and poses a grave danger to the public. This bill would make it easier for people to get away with killing others. I would feel less safe at any moment in my beloved home state if HB 2118 went into effect. Please, please oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: GERALYN MADIGAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: gmadigan@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 2:32 PM
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HB 2118 is a trumped up stand your ground law that will only result in more gun deaths! I oppose HB 2118, which would undoubtedly lead to more people of color being victims and the perpetrators easily claiming self defense. Missouri legislators should not be in the business of making laws that make it easier to kill people! Missourians are facing real problems but instead of focusing on legislation that could lift people up who are struggling, such as expanding Medicaid, helping suffering small businesses, or funding public schools, this is what you choose to focus on? I am appalled that some waste of a legislator took the time to propose this bill! I oppose HB 2118 & you should too!



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WITNESS NAME: HELEN L. GREEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: hlgreen@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 9:34 PM
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Strongly opposed to this bill, as it's another attempt to legalize murder!			



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WITNESS NAME: IAN WROBEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Between this bill and SB666 which would expand the warrantless hold period from 24 hours to 48 - I'd say Missouri Republicans are working overtime to lock up as many non-violent persons for as long as they can & to let the violent murderers walk free. This bill is an abomination to the rule of law and should immediately be withdrawn.



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WITNESS NAME: IDA FOGLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: ida@fogles.net	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 9:14 PM

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As we have seen time and again, bills like this allow people to get away with murder, literally. Please do not pass.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES COOPER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: jcooperstl@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 10:59 AM
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This bill endangers the lives of Missourians, including paw enforcement. Republicans are willing to get people killed simply to drum up some outrage among Democrats. This bill is almost as dumb as Nick 'out of district' Schroer's facial hair.



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WITNESS NAME: JEANNE D. MIHAIL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: ferretmihail@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 5:55 AM
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HB2118 is unnecessary. Under current Missouri law, it is already possible for a citizen to use lethal force to protect themselves as a defensive measure. The decision to use deadly force should never be made lightly. HB2118, as written, will have the effect of signaling that deadly force may be used with impunity by those who happen to have a weapon. It will result in more deaths and severe wounds as people think less about what they do, acting only in the heat of passion. This is absolutely the wrong path to take to enhance public safety. The presumption that anyone firing a weapon at another is acting in self-defense will leave us with communities in which there are more bullet-riddled bodies, more seriously injured innocents and further eroded trust in our neighbors. I oppose this bill in the strongest terms possible.



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WITNESS NAME: JENESSA KELLER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: just1morething@outlook.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 9:12 AM

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I am a resident of Linn County MO, my family loves to hunt and owns guns. I am opposed to HB 2118. Our state has some of the most dangerous and lax gun laws in the county. HB 2118 is an unnecessary; we already have a law that lets individuals protect themselves. I believe that this bill would only cause harm, allowing individuals to shoot first without cause and claim self-defense after the fact. We don't need a less strict stand your ground law, I would rather see a repeal of the current law which already threatens public safety and increases homicide rates in our state. I urge this committee to follow the lead of your fellow lawmakers in the Senate and refuse to vote this bill out of committee.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNA ROBERSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill gives far too much latitude. If you believe in the blindness and greatness of our justice system, then a clear case of self defense would be provable to those whom decide if charges should be pressed or a guilty verdict should be rendered.



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WITNESS NAME: JENNIFER HARRIS DAULT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: doveintheattic@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 9:58 PM
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Hello, I am Rev. Jennifer Harris Dault (she/her). I live in Maryland Heights, MO. I am speaking in opposition to HB 2118. My faith tradition teaches that all life is sacred, that each person is made in the image of God. My own Mennonite tradition goes so far to suggest that violence in any form is wrong. While I don't expect the laws to match my faith, we as a society have determined that killing people is wrong. We have provisions in the law for when killing another occurs while protecting a person's own life. Those instances are incredibly traumatic. Those who are fighting for their lives deserve to be protected and deserve care for their trauma. This bill does nothing to protect those who are genuinely acting in self defense. Instead it gives license for anyone to kill without fearing consequences. For all of us to be safe, we need investigations. You shouldn't have to be a police officer in order for your life to be protected in the state of Missouri. Please vote no on HB 2118. Thank you for your time.



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HB 2118 is a dangerous bill and in fact is unnecessary. We already have self-defense laws that give us the right to protect ourselves and our families when necessary, including using deadly force if, God forbid, it's needed. Missouri has weak gun laws, and ??we don't need a law that expands the right to seek out dangerous situations, shoot first, ask questions later, then claim self-defense.



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The defendant should always have the burden of proving justification in self defense cases. If you take the burden of justification away then you are giving a free pass to the defendant to murder and not be held accountable for their actions. Taking away the burden of justification will also give a free pass to killings motivated by hate and race. I oppose HB2118



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN KIEHNE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose bill HB 2118. This legislation would as statute place blame on *victims* of gun violence- possibly DEAD victims (?)- and shift the blame from the perpetrator of said act to the victim (going far and above the assumption of innocence), treat the perpetrator of a violent crime as a *victim* as opposed to being held on suspicion of perpetrating a crime, likely motivate bad actors to brazenly commit violent crimes while claiming "self defense" as we've seen in many national news stories, and cut off avenues for victims and/or their families to pursue civil justice as well. The labeling of HB 2118 (like SB 666) as the "Make Murder Legal Act" once again applies to this ill-conceived shameful excuse for legislation. This is not legislation that promotes "law and order"- it's an attempt to legally validate murder. Period.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN STEFFEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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Stand Your Ground or "shoot first" laws, threaten public safety and disproportionately impact Black people and people of color. These laws upend self-defense laws, which already allow someone to use deadly force when they are in danger and have no other choice. Instead, these "shoot first" laws encourage unnecessary and avoidable violence, allowing a person to seek out a dangerous situation, shoot and kill another person in public even when they can safely walk away, and then claim self-defense. Missouri already has one of the most expansive and dangerous Stand Your Ground laws in the country. SB 666 would have made it more likely for shooters to avoid justice and would have discouraged victims and their families from seeking compensation for the harm caused. We do not need to go back to the wild wild west. we can all do better



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WITNESS NAME: JOSHUA DUNNE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI FAITH VOICES		TITLE:	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
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WITNESS NAME: KACEY PROCTOR		PHONE NUMBER: 573-751-0619	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS		TITLE: PROSECUTING ATTORNEY	
ADDRESS: PO BOX 899			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65102
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WITNESS NAME: KENT STALDER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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This is a dangerous bill that allows people to shoot first and ask questions later. This bill encourages people to shoot and possibly kill others while claiming self-defense. A Senate committee refused to forward this out of committee. The House should also refuse to forward this bill. thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: KIM WESTERMAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: KIMBERLY MAXWELL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Making murder legal is repulsive. In addition, this bill violates the victims civil rights and violates our 5th Amendment rights. I oppose this bill and any others like it.



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WITNESS NAME: KRISTIN BOWEN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-875-4487	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA		TITLE: VOLUNTEER	
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CITY: COLUMBIA		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65203
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WITNESS NAME: LAURA BURKHARDT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Wild that it needs to be stated, but legalizing murder is bad. That's precisely what this deadly legislation will do.



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WITNESS NAME: LAUREN DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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I am strongly and vehemently **OPPOSED** to HB 2118. The passing of this bill would allow anyone to commit murder. All they have to do is say they feel threatened. There is zero way to judge what IS and IS and what IS NOT a rightful threat, but an imagined one, for the average person. This would make our state the wild wild Midwest and allow mob rule to dictate the law! **VOTE NO!**



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WITNESS NAME: LAUREN SOBCHAK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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To the Special Committee on Government Oversight, HB 2118 would legally sanctify murder in Missouri. This is not a solution to the root causes of crime in Missouri and would be a catalyst for further violence across the state. I am writing to oppose HB 2118 and ask that you oppose this bill. Thank you, Lauren Sobchak



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WITNESS NAME: LORETTA CERESIA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am a Missouri resident, teacher, and mother of 3. I am strongly opposed to HB 2118 and find it to be terrifying! MO already has extremely weak gun laws and unfortunately, with that goes an extremely high rate of gun violence. We certainly do not need a law that encourages people to shoot first and ask questions later, all while claiming self-defense. This law would threaten public safety and disproportionately impact people of color. In states with "Stand Your Ground Laws," homicides in which white shooters kill black victims are deemed justifiable five times more frequently than when the situation is reversed. As a state and a country, we must do more to prevent gun violence rather than clear the path for increasing it!



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WITNESS NAME: LUKE REED		PHONE NUMBER: 573-751-5128	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		TITLE: LEGISLATIVE LIAISON	
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CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
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WITNESS NAME: LYNDA STEWART		PHONE NUMBER:	
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To the committee: HB 2118, like its counterpart in the Senate (SB666), is nothing more than a license to murder bill. It takes the concept of self-defense too far. Our state already has some of the weakest gun laws and highest rates of gun violence in the nation. ??We don't need a law that expands the right to seek out dangerous situations, shoot first, ask questions later, then claim self-defense. I ask that you oppose HB 2118.



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WITNESS NAME: MARCEY GULLEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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To whom it may concern: HB 2118 is an unnecessary and dangerous bill. Self-defense laws give us the right to protect ourselves and our families, and that includes using deadly force if necessary. Our state already has some of the weakest gun laws and highest rates of gun violence in the nation. We don't need a law that expands the right to seek out dangerous situations, shoot first, and ask questions later, then claim self-defense. Last year, my husband (African American), was taking out the trash in the back of our own house. A neighbor called the police and said that someone suspicious was behind our house. If there is a law like HB 2118, that gives the right for someone to shoot first, that situation could have had a much more deadly ending. We do not need to encourage vigilantism in a cultural environment already fraught with fear and paranoia. Marcey Gulley, Wife, mother of 2 boys, teacher



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WITNESS NAME: MARK BRUNS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-690-0342	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE; ST. LOUIS POLICE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION; KANSAS CITY FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE		TITLE:	
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The Missouri Fraternal Order of Police, St. Louis Police Officers Association and Kansas City Fraternal Order of Police are opposed to HB2118. We feel this bill is problematic because of the skyrocketing rate of violent crime in the state and the added burden this bill would create in bring violent felons to justice. In 2020, there were 723 murders in Missouri, or an average of 11.8 for every 100,000 people - which is the second highest murder rate in the country. We also have the third highest per-capita rate of gun violence in the country. If this bill were to become law, we may never know the true murder statistics because they would all have the presumption of self-defense. Police officers already have an incredibly hard job. Please don't make their job harder than it already is, and please don't make it easier for violent felons to get away with murder.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY GROSS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to this bill as are multiple rural & urban prosecutors. This bill provides that a person who uses or threatens to use force in self-defense is immune from criminal prosecution and civil action for the use of this force. It has been dubbed as the "make murder legal act" by prosecuting attorneys. It also has huge racial implications since people perceive brown skinned people as threatening in many circumstances when they are not. This bill allows them to be shot and killed with impunity. Think about Travon Martin, Mr Arbery, etc.



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As Missouri already has a "stand your ground" law there is no need for a law that makes murder legal. A person should use lethal force to defend oneself as a last resort instead of a first reaction. This bill would make it extremely difficult to prosecute someone who kills another and claims self-defense. This is wrong for our communities and wrong for Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAELA MECKEL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I'm deeply disappointed that we even have to discuss/debate about this. HB 2118 is unnecessary and dangerous, making any murder legal. With our already weakest and dangerous gun laws and highest rates of gun violence in the nation, this will only make this state so much more dangerous. ??Self-defense laws already give us the right to protect ourselves including using deadly force if necessary. We don't need a law that expands the right to shoot first, ask questions later, then claim self-defense.



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I vehemently oppose HB 2118, which allows an individual to use deadly force against someone who simply "looks" suspicious by claiming the shooting or stabbing was done in self-defense. It puts the burden of proving innocence on the victim of the violence, the person who is thought to look suspicious. All too often, we've seen people of color targeted simply because they "look" different, and this bill would perpetuate that misperception and help fuel the fear. Further, this bizarre bill violates the bedrock of our criminal justice system; in this country, a person is innocent until proven guilty. The bill assumes guilt rather than innocence and effectively sanctions murder and violence. It's an awful idea and I strongly urge you not to move it out of committee.



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No. Just no. Shoot to kill should never be passed - Leave no witnesses behind to speak truth to law enforcement is incorrigible.



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To Whom It May Concern,I am writing to you to express my opposition to the HB2118 that is before you this morning. I had heard this dubbed the "Make Murder Legal act" and I totally agree that this bill is a step in the wrong direction for the safety of MO citizens. We already have some of the most lax gun laws in the country, laws that put both regular citizens and law enforcement officers in danger. Please do not push this through and allow anyone to claim they believed they were in danger in order to get away with murder. We have laws in place already that let us protect ourselves and our families. This bill is a step too far.



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WITNESS NAME: NICHOLE BRINKMANN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I oppose this bill as another attempt to Make Murder Legal in Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME: NICK STRAUSS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: nicholas.strauss@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 7:01 PM
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I worked as a licensed Nevada unarmed security guard. I worked a concert near the Mandalay bay casino. This later became the site of the worst mass shooting in U.S. history when Mr. Stephen Paddock decided to go nuts and start shooting from his luxury suite at the concert goes below. The night I worked was uneventful. That year, I received training from the Gun Store <https://thegunstorelasvegas.com/> on firearm safety, marksmanship, and how best to confront potentially deadly confrontations. The doctrine of immediate jeopardy is what justifies the use of deadly force in self-defense. Threats and brandishment of arms is a bad idea. Deciding to be a self-appointed vigilante is a bad idea. This bill is poorly written. Who gets to decide what is reasonable? This bill is a get-out-of-jail card for shooters.



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WITNESS NAME: NOEL RENEE KOPRIVA		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: koprivan@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/1/2022 9:55 AM
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My name is Noël Kopriva and I live in Columbia, Missouri, and I am a librarian. Although I don't work in a public library, our library is open to anyone who wants to walk in during its hours of business—as it should be. Libraries are for everyone, and everyone should feel safe and welcomed in a library. However, because Missouri has some of the weakest gun laws and highest rates of gun violence in the nation, I don't feel safe at work. And I will feel even less safe if HB 2118, which is an unnecessary and dangerous bill, becomes a law. I strongly believe that this bill, which would expand the right to shoot without thinking and later claim self-defense. Making this scenario a possibility in a public space HB 2118 is an unnecessary and dangerous bill. Self-defense laws give us the right to protect ourselves and our families, and that includes using deadly force if necessary. Our state already has some of the weakest gun laws and highest rates of gun violence in the nation. We don't need a law that expands the right to seek out dangerous situations, shoot first, ask questions later, then claim self-defense, especially in a space open to anyone who can walk in the door. Please do not let HB 2118 advance any further. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Noel Kopriva



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WITNESS NAME: PAT HUBBS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This is just another Make Murder Legal bill similar to SB666. This is not the wild, Wild West, folks. This is 2022. We should not legalize murder on the streets. I respectfully request that this bill be put in the trash. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: RANDEE STEFFEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am urging you all to vote no on HB 2118. This bill is unnecessary and dangerous. there is no reason to add to the self-defense laws that are already codified. They give us all of the rights we need for self protection, including mortally wounding someone if necessary. Missouri has some of the weakest gun laws and highest rates of gun violence in the nation. ??This terrible law encourages citizens to shoot first and ask second, which is an extremely dangerous approach. This reduces the value of human life which should be our most important value.



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Passage of this bill would be reckless. Missouri already has strong laws in place for gun owners and for property rights. We do not need a law that allows people to seek out provocation of violence and defends deadly actions.



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This bill was dumb when it was in the Senate and it's dumb now. Letting anyone who kills someone in the state of Missouri claim self-defense and just accept it as fact is nuts. There is absolutely no good that can come out of this bill.



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Don't we have enough violence in Missouri. Gun violence is not the answer



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I oppose this bill. We are not the Wild Wild West. This bill encourages deadly behaviors.			



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WITNESS NAME: RICHARD A. EGAN JR.		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am opposed to this bill. Under the auspices of this bill, an attacker is assumed to be using self-defense before investigation commences. Numerous rural and urban prosecutors are opposed to this bill, as they were to SB 666. Kill this bill!



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I'm testifying today as a lawful gun owner from a family of lawful gun owners. HB 2118 is a dangerous bill. We do not need another "make murder legal" bill in this state. Missouri already has some of the highest rates of gun violence and domestic violence in the country. Please do not pass this horrible bill out of committee that will make it legal to shoot first and then claim self-defense. We already have self-defense laws in this state and law enforcement does not support this bill. Please, instead, consider bills that will make Missouri a safer place for all, not more dangerous.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBBIE A MCCROSKEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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This bill will legalize murder by tying the hands of investigators. If one is standing their ground they will not have a difficult time proving so. The victim, whose typically dead, cannot be tasked with proving someone was not in fear. Vote no on Making Murder Legal and protect citizens from criminals. Task gun owners with the responsibility they claim to demonstrate.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBIN WINNER		PHONE NUMBER: 913-634-9608	
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METROPOLITAN FAMILY VIOLENCE COALITION To: Missouri House Special Committee on Government Oversight From: MaryAnne Metheny, CEO, Hope House; Julie Donelon, CEO MOCSA; Lisa Fleming, CEO Rose Brooks Center; Robin Winner, Co-ED Synergy Services Date: March 1, 2022 On behalf of the agencies in metropolitan Kansas City Missouri serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and their families, we are writing to join with area law enforcement and prosecuting attorneys to urge the Missouri House Special Committee on Government Oversight to reject HB2118. This bill will create further danger and hardship for individuals across the State of Missouri attempting to escape the lethal consequences of domestic violence and sexual assault by allowing immunity for violent offenders who claim they are acting in "self-defense". Having worked in this field for many years, we well-understand that batterers will often make a claim of "self-defense" in their effort to use violent force to control their partners. In addition, if passed into law, this bill will require victims who survive to come to court multiple times to testify in pre-trial immunity hearings, thereby increasing a victim's potential danger in having to frequently confront their abuser. Experience also indicates that within this law, violent offenders will not be held accountable as victims will be afraid to testify in pre-trial hearings or be manipulated by the offender to not testify regarding self-defense. As we strive to help victims and their families become survivors, we also understand that they depend upon the support of the community in holding batterers accountable through the legal system. This is undermined by the hoops required to obtain a jury trial in determining self-defense and by the fact that HB2118 proposes to make an assumption of self-defense in even the most violent cases – often in which the victim is dead and cannot testify. We already grapple with the reality that Missouri has the 5th highest homicide rate in the United States and the 10th highest rate of domestic violence. In addition, this legislation will increase the horrifying statistics that 50% of all female murder victims and 8% of male murder victims are killed by intimate partners, and that they often claim self-defense for justification of the crime. Domestic violence and sexual assault agencies look to the state to generate laws that will provide protection for victims and their children while holding the perpetrator accountable. HB2118 turns that assumption on its head, using the state to protect the offender at the expense of the victim and their family.



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HB 2118 is the House version of SB 666, the bill to legalize murder. It's a horrible bill. It's appalling that it would even be considered. It must be resoundingly rejected, for all the same reasons as those for which SB 666 was rejected.



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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT RANDOLPH		PHONE NUMBER:	
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HB 2118 is an unnecessary and dangerous bill. Self-defense laws give us the right to protect ourselves and our families, and that includes using deadly force if necessary. Our state already has some of the weakest gun laws and highest rates of gun violence in the nation. We don't need a law that expands the right to seek out dangerous situations, shoot first, ask questions later, then claim self-defense. A new nationwide study found that state laws allowing people to use deadly force in self-defense were associated with increases in gun violence. Since 2005, nearly half of states, including Kansas and Missouri, have introduced "Stand Your Ground," laws, which were designed to allow people who felt threatened to defend themselves with firearms without requiring them to attempt to flee. Rather than reduce gun violence, however, these states actually saw gun deaths go up by an average of 8%, according to a newly published study in the journal JAMA Network Open. Kansas and Missouri saw some of the nation's most dramatic increases in gun homicides outside of the South. From 1999 through 2017, Missouri saw a 31% increase in gun homicides and Kansas saw a 27% — far higher than the average. "These findings suggest that adoption of SYG laws across the U.S. was associated with increases in violent deaths, deaths that could potentially have been avoided," the study's authors wrote. Under section 563.031 of the Missouri Revised Statutes, a person may use physical force if they reasonably believe they are under threat and has no duty to retreat. Kansas allows for similar measures under K.S.A. 21-3211. The study — published in February — investigated homicide and firearm homicide trends in 41 states, including 23 that enacted "Stand Your Ground" laws. It was conducted by researchers at Oxford University and the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine. The United States generally saw gradual declines in monthly homicide and firearm homicide rates between 1999 and 2014, but about half of states saw upticks in homicides during the study period, regardless of whether they had passed "Stand Your Ground" laws. The researchers found no significant reductions in violent deaths from states that passed the policies. The study can be found at: <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jamanetworkopen/fullarticle/2789154?resultClick=3>



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REPRESENTING: MISSOURI SHERIFFS UNITED		TITLE:	
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EMAIL: shawnt250@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 2/28/2022 11:33 AM
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My name is Shawn Tolivar and I live in district 24 in Kansas City. I am opposed to this bill because it does nothing to reduce crime, in fact it may create more crime as people use it as a loophole to kill. As the bill states, Under current law, the defendant has the burden to prove he or she reasonably believed physical or deadly force was necessary to protect him or herself or a third person. This bill provides that there shall be a presumption of reasonableness that the defendant believed such force was necessary to defend him or herself or a third person. This gives all the legal protections to the person doing the killing and makes it almost impossible to convict. It creates loopholes where someone can kill someone out of malice and claim self defense. We will see an increase in retaliation murders and other murders with this bills and SB666's passage. While I understand the reasoning is to provide legal protections against citizens who have to use self defense, we already have that with the stand your ground laws, we don't need more laws. This is what the courts are for, to determine legitimate use of force. Missouri is already the fifth deadliest states for murders, let's not make it a top three state. I urge you to vote no on this misguided bill.



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Please oppose this bill. It is soft on crime. The bill sponsor seems to be courting Kyle Rittenhouse-style vigilantes to come to Missouri and shoot people with impunity. We certainly don't need that. The NAACP already has Missouri under a travel advisory; this legislation would make our state even more unsafe. If passed, this would be another mistake — like the "2nd Amendment Preservation Act" — that will take effort to dial back in the 2023 legislative session.



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Missouri already has strong Stand Your Ground laws combined with some of the weakest gun laws in our country, resulting in so many tragic and unnecessary deaths, with perpetrators going unpunished. When Prosecuting Attorneys and Sheriffs find this bill to be dangerous and that it would allow murderers and criminals to go unpunished, I stand with law enforcement to ask that you vote in opposition to this bill.



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Please oppose HB 2118 and do not support its passage out of the House Special Committee on Government Oversight. My understanding is that HB 2118 will allow those using deadly force against others, to shift the burden of proof that they reasonably believed they needed to use deadly force - from themselves to prosecutors – right from the beginning of an incident. No fear of arrest even, if one uses deadly force and claims self-defense, unless law enforcement can clearly see it. HB 2118 is an awful piece of legislation that is a menace to public safety as it is a sickening attempt to motivate, if not glorify, the use of deadly force, especially with the use of firearms. Missouri already allows citizens to carry firearms in public without the benefit of training and instruction on the legalities and responsibilities of discharging a firearm. The passage of HB 2118 will exacerbate this fragile situation by encouraging the settling of arguments with a shoot first - then claim self-defense - attitude. This sounds to me like a state of immunity that would make murder or attempted murder legal until after an investigation. I worry, too, that HB 2118 will especially be to the detriment of black and brown people, LGBTQ people, and people caught up in domestic violence. Is a state of dangerous vigilantism like that which HB 2118 would establish, a desirable way for citizens of Missouri to live and interact? Certainly not! We know from instances like the Ahmaud Arbery case that a perpetrator of deadly force claiming self-defense is not always accurate or truthful. Please vote to oppose HB 2118.



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We do not need to change our laws. What we have for self defense is adequate. Please do not let this bill go any farther.



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Anytime anyone used deadly force on anyone they can and should be able to invoke self-defense as a defense in any legal action. The burden of proof belongs with the defendant. We need to stop all the deadly force already going on instead of encouraging it.



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So you're saying that if I kill the other person during an altercation, I automatically walk away uncharged. This is the most ignorant bill I've seen in a lifetime.



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To whom it may concern, My name is Zachary Mallory, I am a Missouri resident from the 5th Congressional District, and District 29, and I am submitting my testimony in opposition to HB 2118 sponsored by Representative Taylor- Use of Self Defense. I am firmly standing in this opposition because I am a survivor of domestic gun violence. I have firsthand experience in what it feels like to personally experience gun violence, and to lose a really close loved one to gun violence. I do not believe this bill will do anything but harm Missourians. Think of people like myself, and think if you would want your loved one to lose their life over senseless gun violence. I stand firmly with every single survivor and victim of gun violence, and I will advocate against any bill such as this one, because it is my right to do so. I urge every single one of you to listen to survivors, and listen to the families of those who have died because of senseless gun violence.



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Currently, under section 563.031 there is a legal presumption that a person claiming justification under that section had a reasonable belief that the use of force was necessary to defend himself or another from what he reasonably believed to be a use or imminent use for unlawful force, that he was not the initial aggressor, that he was not attempting to commit, committing, or attempting to escape after the commission of a forcible felony at the time the necessity for using defensive force arose, that he did not exceed the bounds of lawful self defense in using such force, that he did not use deadly force, and that he reasonably believed the use of deadly force was necessary to prevent serious physical injury, death, or a forcible felony from being accomplished. This legal presumption has been codified under section 563.031 5. and section 556.068 (3) ever since chapter 563 codified the existing self defense law in Missouri in 1977. The existing self defense law in Missouri as codified by section 563.031 dates back to 1825 in Missouri and to 1532 in England. Lack of justification under section 563.031 is an essential element of any offense in this state that has a use of physical force as an essential element of the offense. The burden of proof is on the plaintiff, whether that is a prosecutor in a criminal trial or a plaintiff in a civil trial. The burden of proof consists of the burden of production of evidence sufficient for a jury to find proof of lack of justification and the burden of persuasion is proof of lack of justification beyond a reasonable doubt. If people don't understand that this is the clearly established well settled law of self defense in Missouri, then section 563.031 needs reworded in language that people, especially prosecutors and judges, can understand. Apparently, from the number of people opposing SB No. 666 and HB 2118, there is a need to amend section 563.031 to recodify the existing self defense law in a manner that these people can understand. I don't believe HB 2118 is worded in such a manner as to put people on notice of what the clearly established and well settled law of self defense is in Missouri. I believe the following recodification of our existing self defense law should be enacted in place of the section 563.031 proposed by HB 2118: 563.031. Use of force in defense of persons. —1. A person is justified, subject to the provisions of subsection 2 of this section, in threatening to use or using physical force upon another person when and to the extent such force is necessary to defend, or he or she reasonably believes such force to be necessary to defend, himself or herself or a third person from what is, or what he or she reasonably believes to be, the use or imminent use of unlawful force by such other person, unless: (1) The actor was the initial unlawful aggressor; except that in such case his or her use of force is nevertheless justifiable provided he or she has withdrawn from the encounter and effectively communicated such withdrawal to such other person, but the latter persists in continuing the incident by the use or threatened use of unlawful force; or (2) Under the circumstances as the actor reasonably believes them to be, the person whom he or she seeks to protect would not be justified in using such protective force; or (3) The actor was attempting to commit, committing, or attempting to escape after the commission of a forcible felony other than the felony charged. 2. A person shall not use deadly force upon another person under the circumstances

specified in subsection 1 of this section unless:(1) The person reasonably believes that such deadly force is necessary to protect himself, or herself or her unborn child, or another against an imminent danger of death, serious physical injury, or any forcible felony; or(2) Such force is used against an initial aggressor who unlawfully enters, remains after unlawfully entering, unlawfully remains after lawfully entering, or attempts to unlawfully enter a dwelling, residence, private property, or vehicle, lawfully occupied by such person.3. A person does not have a duty to retreat when the circumstances exist that justify the threatened use or use of force under this section. .4. The justification afforded by this section extends to the use of physical restraint as protective force provided that the actor takes all reasonable measures to terminate the restraint as soon as it is reasonable to do so.5. 1. The plaintiff shall have the burden of injecting the issue of lack of justification under this section.(a) The issue referred to is not submitted to the trier of fact unless supported by evidence; and(b) If the issue is submitted to the trier of fact any reasonable doubt on the issue requires a finding for the defendant on that issue.2. Lack of justification under this section is an essential element of any offense in this state that has a threatened use or use of force, or the results of a threatened use or use of force, as an essential element of the offense. Failure of the plaintiff to inject the issue of lack of justification under this section shall result in a judgement of acquittal when the plaintiff rests its case.3. When the defendant asserts that the circumstances existed which justified his use of force under this section, there is a rebuttable presumption that all the circumstances existed which justified his or her use of force under this section. The defendant has no burden of production and no burden of persuasion. There are a number of changes of the wording of section 563.031, but there is no change in the existing law of defense of self or others in Missouri. These changes simply clarify what the existing use of force law is in this state for those who don't understand what it is. Section 563.016 was a correct, but superfluous, statement of the existing law when it was enacted in 1977. Since the enactment of section 563.074 in 2007 it has been an incorrect statement of the law. Section 563.074 provides that justification under section 563.031, 563.041, 563.046, 563.051, 563.056, or 563.061 is a complete bar to a civil action or civil liability for a justified use of force under those sections. Section 563.074, enacted in 2007, provides an absolute defense to criminal prosecution and civil liability for a justified use of force. The section does not specify a remedy for obtaining a judgement of immunity and, as a result, the people haven't been able to utilize the protections offered by the statute and its purpose hasn't been achieved. I don't believe borrowing Florida's immunity statute is the best way to fix our existing immunity statute. I would recommend this wording be substituted for the proposed section 563.085:563.085. 1. Prior to the commencement of the trial on the merits in a case in which the absolute defense of justification under this chapter is asserted by the defendant, the court having jurisdiction over the trial, upon motion of the defendant to dismiss with prejudice on the grounds of immunity under section 563.074, shall conduct a pretrial evidentiary hearing to determine whether the defendant is immune from criminal prosecution or civil liability under said section.2. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 556.061(3), the burden of proof shall be on the plaintiff in a pretrial immunity hearing required by this section to affirmatively prove by clear and convincing evidence the circumstances did not exist which justified the threatened use or use of force under this chapter. 3. The trial court having jurisdiction of the case shall make written findings of facts and conclusions of law. If the court grants the motion to dismiss the court shall dismiss the charges, with prejudice. If the court denies the motion to dismiss the defendant shall have the immediate right to appeal the denial and the trial shall be stayed pending the appeals process.4. A law enforcement agency may use standard procedures for investigating a use of force incident, but the agency may not make a warrantless arrest for an offense based on a threatened use or use of force, including exhibition of a weapon, without probable cause to believe that the exhibition of the weapon or the threatened use or use of force was not justified under this chapter. 5. An agency may not withhold exculpatory evidence from a decision maker in order to obtain an arrest warrant or an indictment for an offense in which the exhibition of a lethal weapon in an angry or threatening manner, the threat to use or use of force, or the results of a threatened use or use of force is an essential element of the offense; nor may the agency withhold such evidence from a defendant or the decision maker at a probable cause hearing, a preliminary hearing, an immunity hearing, on an appeal, at a trial on the merits, or on an appeal from a verdict in a trial on the merits. The purpose of these proposed amendments are the same as the purposes of HB 2118, that is to protect the constitutionally guaranteed fundamental right of personal security of Missouri citizens, to protect the constitutionally guaranteed fundamental right of Missouri citizens to bear arms in defense of self and others, and to protect Missouri's taxpayers from the unnecessary costs of unwarranted prosecutions and convictions of law-abiding citizens.



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Presumption of Reasonableness. There is currently a presumption of reasonableness under section 563.031 that comes from the United States Constitution, the Missouri Constitution, and case law dating back to 1780. Using the words "presumption of reasonableness" in section 563.031 does not have any effect on the Constitutional presumption of reasonableness. When a person admits to intentionally using force upon or towards another and asserts legal justification the reasonableness of his use of force is presumed. The burden of proof is on the plaintiff and failure to meet the burden of production of sufficient evidence for a jury to find the plaintiff has proven lack of justification beyond a reasonable doubt results in the legal presumption being sustained. Hard to believe that there are people who are ignorant of the fact that all men are innocent until proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt in the United States and that all uses of force in the United States are presumed to be lawful until proven to be unlawful beyond a reasonable doubt.