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I am Opposed to this Bill and the State Increasing Appropriations (Subsidiarize) to the City of Kansas City. Let Kansas City Pay for their Own Public Safety Needs and Expenses.



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Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to testify regarding SB 678. I am a Kansas City, Missouri resident, living in western Kansas City near the state line. I am strongly opposed to SB 678 because it 1) disregards the principle of local control 2) it mandates harmful cuts in other programs in Kansas City and 3) it is wasteful spending as the bill will create litigation given that it is contrary to the Hancock Amendment's prohibition of unfunded mandates. While I support funding law enforcement, this approach is not the way to do it. Local control is a bedrock principle of governance. As a Kansas City taxpayer, shouldn't I have a say? Shouldn't my voice matter more than that of someone from Jefferson City? Yet this bill purports that local voters, who choose local city council members who make decisions on budgets don't have a voice. What would Senator Luetkemeyer say about a state law that placed mandates on Buchanan County? Mandated cuts are harmful to the city and harmful to me as a resident of Kansas City. Because of the math, agencies like trash pickup, election management, water services that relied on 75% of the budget will now need to get by on 70% of the budget, even as wages of workers in those areas will need to rise. Yet the legislation makes no provision for the loss of revenue. Finally, the legislation is unconstitutional under the Hancock amendment as it creates an unfunded mandate. There will be litigation and the taxpayers of Missouri and Kansas City will certainly end up paying for wasteful litigation spending.



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The city has already budgeted over the required 20% of General Revenue to KCPD. This bill will redirect funds away from other departments and is an unnecessary and harmful intrusion into the management of the city budget.



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I believe that people who live in Kansas City have the right to determine how much of our city budget goes to the police department. Increasing the police budget will not address our crime problem. We need to increase other city services to help address our violence. Please do not pass this bill out of committee.



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I oppose SB 678. The KC Police Department has not demonstrated a need for additional funding; indeed the continued use of public funds to settle lawsuits against the police needs to be acknowledged and addressed through reforming police tactics before any more funds should be considered. Diverting these funds to the police - over and above the required 20% of General Revenue takes funds away from other deserving departments, and is an unnecessary and harmful intrusion into the management of the city budget.



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On behalf of our staff, board, and the Criminal Justice Coalition convened by Empower Missouri, I am here today to oppose SB 678 and SJR 38. As an anti-poverty organization, we hold a strong belief that crime is often a symptom of poverty. Some people break the law in a desperate attempt to provide for their families. Others live in communities, both urban and rural, where there is an abiding sense of hopelessness. The disinvestment and poverty in these communities is often overwhelming. In Jackson County, 15% of residents live below the federal poverty line (FPL) (\$12,800 for one person; \$26,500 for a family of four) and nearly 40% live below 200% of the FPL (\$25,600 for one person; \$53,000 for a family of four). Communities ravished by poverty can become breeding grounds for drug use and other illicit activities. We can choose to address these issues through policing alone, or we can seek to address the root cause of the issue, working to ensure that every Missourian has an equal opportunity to thrive. Reallocating dollars from law enforcement to programs aimed at decreasing poverty and preventing crime is smart policy. It is important to remember that this was the impetus for the situation that prompted this legislation— that Kansas City’s leadership wanted to attempt to allocate a small percentage of the police budget to crime prevention efforts. This effort has been painted as “defunding the police” or even “abolishing police.” It is important to note that simply isn’t true, and conflating trying new anti-poverty, crime prevention policies with anti-police sentiment is dangerous. It creates unnecessary conflict and animosity. We can share respect for the police and also believe that police hold too many roles in our society. Where poverty rages, there are many homeless people. We shouldn’t have police interacting with homeless individuals unless they are a direct threat to public safety. Where poverty rages, there are many struggling with mental health and addiction. We shouldn’t be policing those individuals; we should be providing them with case management and treatment. This type of social service intervention will reduce crime— and tasking other people who are specifically trained in this type of intervention shouldn’t be an insult to police. Decreases in poverty will mean decreases in crime. Decreases in homelessness will mean decreases in crime. Increases in mental health services and addiction treatment will mean decreases in crime. We can both respect the efforts of law enforcement and also want to try different approaches to preventing crime across our state. We should allow every city in Missouri to make its own decisions about how it spends locally generated revenue, and how it addresses both poverty and crime.



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WITNESS NAME: MARGIE RICHCREEK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Honorable Representatives on the House Safety Committee, Please vote NO on SB687 for the following reasons: The city has already budgeted over the required 20% of General Revenue to KCPD. This bill will redirect funds away from other departments. This is an unnecessary and harmful intrusion into the management of the city budget. Thank you, Margie Richcreek, Kansas City 64114



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WITNESS NAME: MARY LINDSAY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose SB 678 because, if passed, it would throw the KCMO budget situation into chaos. If 5% of the funds are shifted away from other departments where they have relied on their full budget in their own budget planning planning. I cannot believe that legislators in the GA have a better understanding of the needs of the KCPD than the City Council does. This seems like a basic attempt by rural legislators to undermine Kansas City and I think it stinks. Again, I oppose SB 678!



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This is government overreach. Kansas City should be able to decide how to budget for not just the police department but for all city services. This is also out of respect for those of us who pay city tax. The state should not be mandating laws they do not fund.



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WITNESS NAME: SHERRY S TEMPLETON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose this unnecessary and harmful intrusion into the local public safety concerns of Kansas City. Just as the state often feels its local knowledge of our needs as Missouri citizens is superior to that of the federal government, we Kansas Citizens are more aware of our local needs and concerns than is the state. More than the required 20% has already been allotted anyway, and we who are closest to the situation know best where funds need to be utilized. Again, as a voter, I am strongly opposed to SB678.



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This is big government overreach that wrests local control from municipalities.



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The state should not be in control of the KCPD and should not be telling the citizens of Kansas City, MO how much taxpayer money has to go to the police department. Let KC police itself.