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City Utilities supports the solar and sunshine law provisions.			



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WITNESS NAME: JEREMY LAFAVER		PHONE NUMBER: 816-654-3666	
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WITNESS NAME: JORGEN SCHLEMEIER		PHONE NUMBER:	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI HOTEL AND LODGING ASSOCIATION		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: KARA CORCHES		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-3511	
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WITNESS NAME: LARRY PLEUS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-821-2999	
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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL GROTE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-424-5120	
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City Utilities of Springfield supports the provisions of Senate Bill 756 that allows for the closure of individual customer records from sunshine disclosure



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WITNESS NAME: RAY MCCARTY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-2246	
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In particular, we are in support of restoring the hotel utilities sales tax exemption. This exemption should still be in effect as there has been no change in the law - only a strained interpretation by the Missouri Department of Revenue of a Missouri Supreme Court case involving construction materials that has been misapplied to hotel's purchases of utilities used by their customers.



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WITNESS NAME: RICH AUBUCHON		PHONE NUMBER: 573-645-9760	
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WITNESS NAME: STEPHEN NITTLER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-340-9288	
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WITNESS NAME: WARREN WOOD		PHONE NUMBER: 573-864-1213	
REPRESENTING: AMEREN MISSOURI		TITLE: VICE PRESIDENT, LEGISLATIVE AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS	
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C."HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am Very Opposed to this Awful and Terrible Bill. This Bill is Greedy, Unethical, Written for Special-Interest and Will Result In Major Profits for Utility Companies. Defeat and Vote This Bill Down!



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WITNESS NAME: JIM DURHAM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL BERG		PHONE NUMBER: 314-644-1011	
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The Sierra Club opposes Senate Bill 756 as presently constructed. Senate Bill 756 creates discounted electric rates for new large energy users, such as industrial or commercial customers (Section 393.1640). There are two categories of discounted electric rates. New customers with demand between 300 KW and 10 MW would get a 35% discounted rate for five years. New customers with demand above 10 MW would get an even higher discount (it would vary between utilities) for ten years. Utilities would still be made whole, meaning that the costs avoided by these new large customers would shift to other customers. In addition to being unfair to these other customers, these discounted rates could be used by cryptocurrency mining operations. We've seen utilities exploring cryptocurrency mining as a way to prop up uneconomic coal plants. In fact, last year, Ameren conducted a cryptocurrency mining pilot project at its Sioux plant. Why should utilities like Ameren and Evergy be allowed to give massive discounts to new large customers like Bitcoin at the expense of other customers in order to create demand for their uneconomic and dirty coal plants? Ameren and Evergy should instead be accelerating their transition from dirty coal to less expensive clean energy in order to save money for all customers.



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April 25, 2022 Representative Rick Francis Financial Institutions Committee Missouri House of Representatives 201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 412-C Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairman Francis and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. There are many components of Senate Bill No. 756, some of which would help the renewable energy industry, and some of which would hurt it. We hope to inform you of the potential consequences of various aspects of this bill so the committee can make the best decision about how to modify it. We encourage the committee to support the sections of this bill that would help renewable energy and remove the sections that would hurt renewable energy, since promoting renewable energy benefits Missouri's people, economy and environment. We support the following two sections of this bill that support the renewable energy industry: A section of this bill (Section 442.404) modifies restrictive covenants. This section would protect their right to install and utilize solar panels as a source of energy and guard against potential restrictions from HOAs. Property owners deserve the freedom to improve upon their own property as they see fit. Creating this protection would benefit the property owners who wish to install solar panels, the solar industry in Missouri, which creates jobs and augments Missouri's economy, and Missourians overall with an increased investment in energy sources that do not contribute to the impacts of climate change. The section of this bill that covers a sales tax exemption for certain purchases (Section 144.030) would benefit the solar industry through a sales tax exemption for the purchase of specific solar energy systems. We oppose the following two sections of this bill that would hurt the renewable energy industry: One of the net metering sections of this bill (Section 386.890) would deter individuals and companies from participating in net metering programs because their costs could potentially sky rocket. Utility companies should not be allowed to increase costs to net metering participants as they are helping utilities rely less on nonrenewable energy sources. Net metering is good for the participant, our environment, and for all Missourians, as it provides us with more electricity. Net metering allows participants to have their solar panels connected to the utility's power grid, and surplus electricity that is generated transfers onto the grid. Net metering programs allow Missourians to play an active role in our energy production by providing energy from their homes or businesses via solar panels. This bill would allow utilities to significantly increase costs for homeowners and businesses that participate in net metering programs, programs that have helped Missouri grow the solar industry, thereby creating jobs and augmenting Missouri's economy. One section of this bill modifies the accounting practices of public utilities (Section 393.1275). This bill supports coal over renewable energy by creating discounts for the use of coal by new large energy customers that allow costs to be transferred from the large customers to others. This is not only unfair to the customers who pick up the cost, but also harmful to human and environmental health, given the

harmful effects of the coal industry on air and water quality. In conclusion, renewable energy is an important resource we should continue to support in Missouri, given the resources we predominantly currently rely on for energy in the state are nonrenewable. Renewable energy helps Missouri be more resilient and self-sufficient. Furthermore, renewable energy benefits all Missourians by improving air and water quality via a reduction in harmful outputs from coal-based energy sources and carbon emissions that contribute to climate change. Once again, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment asks you to maintain the sections of this bill that support the renewable energy industry (Sections 144.030 and 442.404) and remove the sections of this bill that hurt the renewable energy industry (Sections 386.890 and 393.1275), thereby protecting Missouri's people, economy and environment. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott, JDPolicy Director Missouri Coalition for the Environment mvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111