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THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo. I am in Support of this Bill and its Intention. This is Common-Sense Legislation.			



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To: House Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety
From: Children's Mercy Hospital-Kansas City
Re: Written Proponent Testimony on HB 1024
Dear Chairman Roberts, Vice Chair Cook, and Members of the Committee:
 On behalf of Children's Mercy Hospital, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of HB 1024, which would enact a critical safety measure designed to protect Missouri's children from incendiary devices. Children's Mercy Hospital is a leading independent children's health organization dedicated to holistic care, translational research, breakthrough innovation, and educating the next generation of caregivers. For over 125 years, we have provided world-class pediatric care to the children of Kansas City and our region. We are ranked as one of the best children's hospitals in America by U.S. News and World Report, ranking in all 10 specialties. HB 1024 would make it unlawful to sell or distribute novelty lighters or unsafe or counterfeit lighters in the state of Missouri, including free samples. Novelty lighters are often disguised as toys, including miniature airplanes, baseball bats, and soda bottles. They are colorful, appealing, and they hide their true function, unlike traditional lighters. To a young child, a novelty lighter is just another toy. But in their unsuspecting hands, novelty lighters are a major source of severe burns among pediatric populations. Flame or fire-related burns are the second most common cause of burn injury in all ages (0-17) of the pediatric population but are the most common cause of burn injury in kids aged 5-17. Children often associate fire with fun or entertainment, such as birthday candles on a cake, fireworks in the summer, and campfire or firepits. Studies have shown that children aged 2-3 are able to successfully use a lighter and that children in the United States start an average of 400 fires per week playing with fire. Children tend to play with fire and lighters in a hidden or discreet place like a bedroom, closet, or garage, leading to an increased chance of catching other nearby flammable items on fire. Burn injuries from flame or fire are some of the most severe due to the high temperatures and increased exposure time. These factors lead to larger burns covering more body surface area, deeper burns that require surgery and skin grafting, extended hospital admission, and increased risk of mortality. Please support this life saving bill that will keep the youth of Missouri safe. Several other states have passed similar prohibitions. Tennessee, Virginia, Nebraska, Arkansas, Massachusetts, Illinois, Washington, Oregon, and Maine have all banned the distribution or sale of novelty lighters. In each of these states, the bills passed with near unanimous support. Several state legislatures responded to horrific and preventable accidents when children happened to pick up a novelty lighter but did not know they were capable of producing a flame. These lighters, often manufactured outside the United States and imported into the country, exist for no other reason than to appeal to children, often those under 5. Prohibiting devices that mimic toys but instead produce severe burns is a common-sense step toward protecting an already vulnerable population. Children's Mercy Hospital thanks this Committee and the Missouri General Assembly for your tireless work to protect our state's

children. HB 1024 addresses a long-standing problem in Missouri. Its enactment would prevent countless Missouri children from becoming future burn victims. Sincerely, Dr. Pablo Aguayo
Director, Burns
Associated Director, Trauma and Critical Care
Daniel Marx
Nurse Manager, Burn Specialty Team



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Retailers oppose banning the sale of lawful products. The consumer can still obtain the products from outside of Missouri. Missouri businesses lose a sale and governments lose sales taxes. Safety is not improved since matches and lighters are readily available.



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I think HB1024 is a completely unnecessary bill. I'm not convinced that certain lighters are a problem in this state, let alone a big enough problem to warrant a bill banning them. Regarding the section of the bill depicted below, how can one prove the intent of the manufacturer/seller? How does one prove that the target audience of the manufacturer/seller was children 5 and under instead of 8 and under, or 12 and under? (3) "Novelty lighter", lighters that are recognized as appealing to or intended for 12 use of children under five and:If children 5 and under are properly supervised at places that sell lighters, the purpose of this bill is moot. Instead of banning certain lighters for fear that children under 5 will access them, I suggest we just let parents and legal guardians of children under 5 take personal responsibility for the proper supervision of children under 5. This bill makes as much sense as banning all alcohol for fear that children under 5 might grab a can of beer off the shelf at a liquor store.



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