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I feel this is vital for the state, and specifically for areas of the state outside of the Columbia- Jeff City area, for other public colleges and universities to offer any academic programs at any levels as they see fit. I personally know of 2 people who went out of state for their PhD program when they weren't accepted into the University of Missouri school system. Quality candidates for academic programs are being sent out of state. Keep Missouri students here.



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I am a former graduate student at a disadvantaged school and I am in full support of HB 1189. Please vote "Yes" to break up the Mizzou monopoly. It truly is a major disadvantage for my school, and others, to not be able to offer PhD/Doctorates. There is no reason for this and it's only holding back our students and our State. **BREAK UP THIS MONOPOLY!!**



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My name is Ed Gargas, of Dexter, Missouri my phone number is 573-624-8566. I graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1990. I was active in a variety of activities as an undergraduate in Greek Life, a two-year term on the All-University Judicial Board, and President of the Student Government Association my senior year. Later, from 2015 to 2022 I served on the Board of Governors at the university, the final three years as President of the Board. As an alum, I have been an active donor as well as attendee to many university functions, athletic events, and performances at the River Campus. I know that there is a hearing on HB 1189 scheduled for Wednesday of this week, but my schedule will not allow me to testify in person. As an alumni and supporter of Southeast Missouri State University, and a businessperson in southeast Missouri, I wish to give this written statement in lieu of my personal appearance. I am well acquainted with the fact that students in Southeast Missouri are going to other states such as Illinois, Kentucky, Indiana, and Arkansas for programs the present law does not allow SEMO to offer. Unfortunately, traveling to the University of Missouri is not always a realistic choice for many students from southeast Missouri. For example, it takes about 3.5 hours of driving time, not counting stops, to go from Cape to Columbia. It is much more convenient for students to go across the river to Southern Illinois University-Carbondale, just 45 minutes away. Students can go there and come home on weekends or commute daily. Cost is also a factor as students can attend SIU, and other institutions, more cost efficiently than the University of Missouri. The biggest need that SEMO could fulfill if the law allowed it, is engineering; if the law allowed us to give an engineering degree and the Coordinating Board of Higher Education approved. SEMO could also help address a growing need in our region for healthcare professionals with advanced degrees. I am in favor of and fully support HB 1189. It does not prohibit MU from offering any programs it wants to offer and it supplies a convenient and economical way for Missouri students to stay in Missouri. Thank you very much for hearing my statement.

Respectfully given,

Edward P. Gargas
 Southeast Missouri State University



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I may want to get a PhD in history from Missouri State one day. But I can't -- that's illegal. Why should 9 public universities in Missouri be banned from offering PhDs and most doctorates? Just so the UM System can enjoy the profits of a virtual monopoly? This violates obvious standards of fairness. Let our colleges offer the degrees they wish. Let students from our fine state, the nation, and the world go where they wish. Can we not recognize that with fewer options for the highest degrees in Missouri, students turn away from Missouri? With a college enrollment decline coming, that seems rather silly policy. Do what's right. Choose fairness, freedom, and choice. Vote YES on HB 1189.



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I went to a disadvantaged school and I feel that all institutions should be able to operate on an equal playing field. Not only should other schools not be allowed to offer degrees that my school cannot, I do not believe my school should be able to monopolize any degrees either. All schools should be equal, not some disadvantaged. Respectfully, Jeremy Tyler CFP



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As a concerned citizen and graduate of Missouri State University, I am writing to express my strong support for the bill to eliminate the prohibition on colleges offering specific degree programs. I believe that education is the cornerstone of personal and economic success and that fostering a competitive education system benefits our students, our communities, and the state. The current prohibition prevents many state colleges from offering degree programs, thereby limiting the opportunities available to students in our state. By lifting this prohibition, we can level the playing field for all institutions, enabling them to compete fairly and offer diverse educational options to students from all backgrounds. I am convinced that the competition generated by allowing all colleges to offer degree programs will improve the quality of education. Colleges will be motivated to innovate and invest in their programs, raising our state's overall education standard. This, in turn, will benefit students, who will be better equipped to enter the workforce and contribute to our state's economy. Moreover, providing more opportunities for students to pursue higher education will help address the growing skills gap and ensure our state remains competitive in an increasingly globalized economy. A more educated workforce will attract businesses and investment, driving economic growth and job creation. Furthermore, lifting the prohibition will promote equity and inclusivity in our education system. Students from all socioeconomic backgrounds, including those from underrepresented and marginalized communities, will have access to a broader range of educational opportunities. This will help close achievement gaps and foster social mobility, ultimately strengthening the fabric of our society. In conclusion, I firmly believe that eliminating the prohibition on colleges offering degree programs will lead to a more competitive, inclusive, and high-quality education system that benefits all students in our state. I kindly urge you to support this critical legislation and work towards ensuring that every student has access to the educational opportunities they deserve.



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It is my strong belief that HB 1189 would assure a more level playing field AND the need for competition will be a more healthy situation for Missouri students and it's citizens...as is, by controlling the existing programs, the flagship university isn't compelled to get better, either throughout our state or region. I am currently Emeritus Faculty at Missouri State University and a retired Administrator-Teacher-Coach in the Springfield Public Schools, 45 years total in education. I firmly believe the Coordinating Board for Higher Education is well-suited to and aptly prepared to determine and facilitate the specific needs for each area of the state served by all of our public universities.



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To the Committee for Higher Education; My name is Patricia Elaine Latall, living at 321 Whispery Lane, Ozark, MO. I was a student at Northwest Missouri State University (NWMSU). My great fortune was graduating with a Bachelor Science degree in 1981 and again attending as a single parent and achieving a Master's degree in Education in 2002. Because of my employment in the field of education, I am unable to attend the hearing set for HB 1189 on Wednesday. So I am very thankful to Mr. Strong and others who are able to bring my thoughts to you personally, via this letter. Please accept this written statement as my personal view and testimony. I am in favor of HB 1189. My thoughts on this bill may go beyond the casual constituent. My great, great uncle--Charles Colden--who was a member of the esteemed Missouri House of Representatives 1901-1905, was president of the Board of Regents at NWMSU. Though I have long believed the hierarchy established for program approval was unfair. Even to the casual observer it seems to be misplaced authority. Would you have a Walgreens decide what a CVS could offer or sell? No. In the same way, University of Missouri should not decide degree offerings for other colleges and universities. All our institutions ultimate goal should be what is best for its clients. Each institution should be able to gauge the viability and strength of a program for their area. In our corner of the state, many students travel from Iowa to attend NWMSU. It is a great institution offering 160+ programs, at an accredited university. Some, like me, may only be able to attend a local college and greater offerings for the university could increase the attraction of greater talent to our state. I wish to thank you for this opportunity to be heard by the Committee on Higher Education. Additionally, thank you for all the work you do to make our state excellent and our higher learning institutions a desirable choice, not only for Missourians, but also for other quality candidates seeking education. Yours respectfully, Patricia E. Latall



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I attended Missouri State University (MSU) from 2003 - 2007 and am a proud alum. I graduated Summa Cum Laude (in the Honors College) with a degree in Business Management. I very much dislike that the University of Missouri has had a strangle hold on further educational degrees, and strongly support this bill to give other public universities, in our great state, the ability to be on a level playing field with those post graduate degrees. I read the following comment online in support of this bill, and I agree: "A monopoly on doctoral degrees means more students and money for the UM system. At the expense of every other public university. At the expense of students, who may want to study elsewhere. And to the detriment of the state, which loses money to other states when students don't get into Mizzou or a sister school, are priced out, or do not find the program they're looking for -- they have no choice but to go to graduate school in another state."



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My name is Scott Loveland, my address is 6220 Meadowview Dr, Ozark, MO and my phone number is 417.882.8055. I'm a 1985 graduate of the University of Central Missouri with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree. I'm currently a UCM Foundation Board member along with a 20 year member of the UCM Athletic Hall of Fame board. I'm unavailable to attend the HB1189 hearing on Wednesday, so please accept this written statement in lieu of my personal appearance. With my involvement at UCM, it is apparent that the offerings of a state institution need to be robust for the students in their geographical area. I feel and university or college in Missouri should not be limited in the academic disciplines they can offer. No university should have a monopoly on so many programs as the University of Missouri does. Having a daughter who recently graduated from the University of Arkansas we weighed the offerings between the local universities, the University of Missouri and the University of Arkansas. She felt Arkansas gave her the best opportunity to succeed. Thank you to the Committee on Higher Education for your service to the state. Scott Loveland



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COPHE is neutral on this bill. The current law represents a delicate compromise reached with all higher ed institutions several years ago. At this point we don't see a reason to take on the divisive task of revisiting that agreement.