



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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| WITNESS NAME | | | |
| INDIVIDUAL: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: | | | |
| CITY: | | STATE: | ZIP: |
| EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com | ATTENDANCE: Written | SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 11:38 PM | |
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I am in Support of this Bill and its goal. Limit Tax-Rate Levies and Hold Local Political Subdivisions Accountable and Responsible when Spending OUR Money!



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| WITNESS NAME | | | |
| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: BRENT HEMPHILL | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-0050 | |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: PO BOX 156 | | | |
| CITY: JEFFERSON CITY | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 65101 |
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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: DAVID BIESER | | PHONE NUMBER: 636-797-9797 | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: JEFFERSON COUNTY DISPATCH | | TITLE: ASSISTANT CHIEF | |
| ADDRESS: 5475 BUCKEYE VALLEY RD. | | | |
| CITY: HOUSE SPRINGS | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 63051 |
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| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: GARRETT WEBB | | PHONE NUMBER: 219-229-1104 | |
| REPRESENTING: CITY OF ARNOLD; JEFFERSON COUNTY | | TITLE: REGISTERED LOBBYIST | |
| ADDRESS: 710A SOULARD | | | |
| CITY: SAINT LOUIS | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 63104 |
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| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: JON DALTON | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-621-5070 | |
| REPRESENTING: JEFFERSON COUNTY 911 DISPATCH | | TITLE: | |
| ADDRESS: 5475 BUCKEYE VALLEY ROAD | | | |
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| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | |
| WITNESS NAME: KAYCEE NAIL | | PHONE NUMBER: 314-630-5709 |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI 911 SERVICE BOARD | | TITLE: |
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| CITY: JEFFERSON CITY | | STATE: MO |
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| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: PAUL MAYER | | PHONE NUMBER: 636-535-7787 | |
| BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: JEFFERSON COUNTY 911 DISPATCH | | TITLE: VICE CHAIR | |
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| CITY: DE SOTO | | STATE: MO | ZIP: 63020 |
| EMAIL: pwmayer60@gmail.com | ATTENDANCE: In-Person | SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 5:08 PM | |

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Committee on Government Efficiency and Downsizing – Rep. Jim Murphy, Chair
 Witness testimony – HB1208 Emergency Services Boards – Sponsor Rep. David Casteel
 Witness – Paul Mayer, Vice Chair, Jefferson County 911 Dispatch
 Honorable Chair, Vice Chair, Ranking Member and Committee members, Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB1208. I have been a supporter of Jefferson County 911 Dispatch (hereinafter 911) since its inception in 1992. 911 provides Enhanced 911 service to approximately 230,000 citizens and the County’s seven law enforcement agencies, fifteen fire departments, five Ambulance Districts and one of the States Homeland Security Response Teams. 911’s original funding model was a surcharge on residential and commercial telephone land lines. Due to the rise in cellular use and the steep decline in the use of land lines, the funding model was changed to a ½ percent sales tax, which voters overwhelmingly supported in 2009. This coincided with the advancement of the Missouri State Wide Mutual Aid System and the effort to provide communication interoperability in the region so that law enforcement (regional, state and federal), fire, EMS and other public safety entities would be able to communicate with each other during large scale events. This required a change in the format of radio systems from analog to 800mhz digital systems. This system has served the area well during protests, extreme weather and flood events and when high profile dignitaries visit the St. Louis Metropolitan Area. The original approval of the ½ percent measure included an opportunity to reduce the amount of collection to ¼ percent after a ten-year period. The thought at the time was that the infrastructure could be built in the first ten years and then we could maintain the system with the ¼ percent funding. Unfortunately, the costs of providing the system have increased exponentially due to technology and the need to keep up to date with the other counties that are in the St. Louis Metro Area and the State. In order to keep pace, the board placed a measure on the ballot asking voters to allow us to continue to collect the full ½ percent sales tax. This measure passed overwhelmingly again with over 70% of the vote. The amendment that was placed onto SB291 in 2019 to change 190.327 RSMo, was done after this vote by the people of Jefferson County and effectively attempts to negate the will of the people who supported 911. Of the seven Representatives from Jefferson County, no one voted in support of the amendment. The Board of Directors of Jefferson County 911 Dispatch is deeply concerned that we will no longer be able to maintain the system which requires replacement of radios, microwave links, computers, dispatching software and a multitude of other components on a regular basis if we are required to reduce our funding to ¼ percent. The entities for whom we dispatch cannot possibly provide the revenue it will take out of existing budgets and will be forced to place issues on the ballot to raise the funding. I’m sure you will agree that thirty agencies putting tax increases on the ballot to do what a single funding source does now, would be ludicrous and impossible to achieve. Lastly, 911 is committed to providing Enhanced 911 service and quality dispatching to the people of Jefferson

**County and the Metro area. Your support of HB1208 would go a long way to ensuring that commitment.
Thank you.**