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I Support this Bill.



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I have 4 children that I will not let go to summer camp until something done about this



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I have a very close friends son who drowned at summer camp. The camp didn't know how to use an AED or make the correct 911 call. His life could have been saved. I'm hoping passing this bill will help keep others from loosing their children and given them a peace of mind that their kids will be taken care of.



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The voice of a child called out for help and no one heard his cry. That same voice is calling out for help, will it once again fall upon deaf ears? As his young life was drinking up the joy of childhood, and the vastness of opportunities before him, his life was silenced by the very waters that was to give him refreshment and memories of fun days spent at camp. His parents, Travone & Olga Mister now live with the horrors of that day, the nightmare of hearing his voice call out. They were unable to save their precious child, but their voice must be heard as they are fighting for the lives of other children. They get up and stand each day knowing our city, our state, our community, which each one of you are part of failed to protect their child. You have the power to make the changes necessary so this tragedy never happens again. Missouri is the Show Me state, I believe all parents are watching you, expecting you to Show Me Summer Camp Safety Bill, not only to be filed but passed without delay.



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I stand in complete support of this initiative as it's imperative that we all support the Mister family. I say this as not only a family member of TJ, but as a Wife, Mother, and Air Force retiree. In todays environment it's critical that our children are afforded safe, responsible, and kind safe spaces that allow them to grow into healthy, productive, and accountable adults. TJ was robbed of his opportunity to become one of those responsible adults by irresponsible adults, who should be held accountable at all costs and at all levels. So again I stand in complete support of my family, this legislation, and all the holding accountable of persons who had any hand in this tragedy. We cannot bring TJ back, but we can ensure that our loss is never repeated and all parties involved in his untimely death are held to the highest degree of accountability.



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Greetings Madam Committee Chair and Members: I fervently support HB 1368, a long overdue assemblage of health and safety protections for children who attend camps. Rep. Seitz must be commended for his willingness to carry this measure. Rep. Burton must also be commended for his perseverance in pushing this critical issue to the fore. Most importantly, Olga and Travone Mister constitute the kind of courage that is all too rare when faced with the worst news any parents can receive – the news that their precious child has suffered a wholly preventable death. The beautiful 6-year-old TJ Mister, Jr. is no longer lighting up every room he entered because of a colossal and lethal child care oversight gap in the great state of Missouri. The Mister family trusted a county-run camp to care for their beloved boy. Instead, the camp and the county killed him. Evidence is abundant and irrefutable. Make no mistake, it takes a village to help a child, and it takes a village to harm one. I know this all too well. I dropped off my 6-year-old daughter Roxie at a summer camp in California one sunny morning. An hour later, I hovered over her body in a trauma room. Her eyes were stuck half open, pupils black and vacant. Her body was blue and bloated. Her hair was stiff as straw. Like TJ, my baby also died from a barbaric drowning. Why? Because similar to TJ’s circumstances, camp operators prioritized conveniences over protections of our most precious cargo. And, the state of California does not regulate day camps while it affords anemic oversight of resident camps. I subsequently founded the nation’s sole camp safety foundation. I advocate coast-to-coast for measures like HB 1368, because sexual and physical harm at camps is pervasive and enduring. In no way am I being hyperbolic. In fact, I have been directing a film about this issue over the previous 10 months and have interviewed scores of stakeholders who understand the magnitude of this dark American secret. HB 1368 is a worthy launchpad for change. Licensing. Emergency action plans. CPR and first aid training. Certifications for high risk activities. All of these are imperative building blocks that will shore up camp operations. When you have children as young as eight shooting live ammunition from semi-automatic weapons or zip-lining over tree canopies, the very least we can do is to ensure that such programming is run with aplomb. And, when we consider that the Boy Scouts of America’s child sexual abuse campaign and coverup is potentially the worst such malevolence in modern history, let alone the horrific abuse of hundreds of boys at Missouri’s own Kanakuk Kamp in Branson, camps must never be predatory playgrounds. I would implore Rep. Seitz to not exempt faith-based camps from this bill, for two reasons. First, our research tragically illustrates that our worst offenders are too often faith-based camps like Kanakuk, Young Life and myriad others. Second, our Constitution’s Free Exercise Clause protects religious expression. However, it does not protect religious organizations, including camps, from all governance. Rep. Seitz and the legislature should recognize that neutral laws do not restrict speech but do protect vulnerable persons from harm. The Religious Freedom Act is not a get-out-of-jail-free card for faith-based operations. Child harm is clearly not constitutionally protected. Therefore, the

bottom line is that our government is not telling faith-based camps how to worship or program; they're simply telling them that they have no special powers to prevent harm to children, like any secular camp. This is why exempting them is a grave mistake. I would also like to see the inclusion of mandated reporter training, background checks and reference checks. These are three simple, inexpensive means for further protecting children from lifelong misery. The Mister family has visited the capitol a half dozen times since TJ was killed in July. They have done so to help your children, your children's children, your friends' children and you from the brutal suffering that they endure on a daily basis. Just think of how brave, how persistent they are. Just think about how much they love Missouri's families to do what they are doing. They're story is a love story that you must honor by passing HB 1368. *Salus populi suprema lex esto...* The health of the people should be the supreme law. That is your state motto along with Missouri being the "Show Me" state. Show the rest of the country how Missouri legislators reached across the aisle to care for tens of thousands of children. Show how you will minimize the harm and maximize the benefit at Missouri's beloved camps. And, show the Mister family how you love them back. Warmly, Doug Forbes President, Meow Meow Foundation 323.333.0384 / www.meowmeowfoundation.org



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Madame Chair and Committee: I am Elizabeth Carlock Phillips, submitting testimony in support of HB1368 as the sister of a late Kanakuk Kamps victim, Trey Carlock. Trey was silenced to his grave by Kanakuk Ministries, a church and summer camp ministry based in Branson, Missouri. He was abused there and around the world by serial child rapist and Kanakuk's top director Pete Newman, then again by Kanakuk leadership in civil a litigation process that involved a forced settlement inclusive of a restrictive NDA. Because he and countless others cannot speak due to their abuse and subsequent silencing, I seek to advocate for them when I see bills such as HB1368 sponsored in Missouri. What my family and others know from experiencing camp abuse (and the lawsuit discovery process) is that Kanakuk Kamps and many other camps/youth programs in Missouri are not sufficiently governed nor held accountable to basic safety measures--and state regulations do not hold a high standard, especially when profitable businesses like Kanakuk find loophole exemptions as "religious organizations." The lives of children stewarded by these large-scale residential camps and affiliated programs are at risk when the host organization holds the parallel or higher priorities of at-large convenience or protecting/maintaining profitability. We cannot gamble with children's safety and trust camp operators to act competently and in good faith. The state must step in and swiftly. Youth-stewarding is a high risk business, and it should be regulated as such. Anything that makes Missouri camps safer for kids is legislation you should consider passing out of this committee, and urgently. Don't let another summer go by without addressing the additional safety measures proposed in HB1368.



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Summer camps need regulations and better training services. It is the job of the camp and all people working within the camp to protect the children they are entrusted with and ensure their safety, above all else. Helmets, swimming tests, swimming floating devices, CPR and working emergency services should be the bare minimum that is done to protect children. No family should ever have to deal with the loss the Mister family has experienced, a death that was completely due to negligence and was preventable. Even more than this, unqualified people should not be entrusted with the lives of innocent, helpless children. To work in a daycare facility I was required to be certified in CPR as well as 3 other life saving courses yet summer camps that deal with masses of children have less qualifications.



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To the committee and chairperson for HB 1368, I am fully in support of HB 1368 as it promotes protection for children across Missouri as it pertains to summer camps. I am a childhood sexual abuse survivor from a Missouri camp Kanakuk in Branson, MO. It's been evident that the camp was negligible in many ways and has been operating with looser guidelines and regulations especially because of its religious church status in the state. These actions led to abuse for hundreds of children in Missouri and across the US. These horrible acts could have been prevented. I am supporting HB 1368 as Missouri needs to hold accountable these camps and better protects its children from negligent, unprepared, misguided, and uneducated camp employees. Please support this bill as well to protect Missouri's most vulnerable.



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As a mother of a young child I feel this law is a vital! I don't want my son going back to camp until something is done!



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Summer camps should have state regulations. Missouri should have summer camp regulations. Otherwise, the summer camp and the pool are not allowed to open. A license and a summer camp inspection are required. Summer camps should have the state inspection before opening every summer. Summer camps should have an emergency 911 setup and be properly functional, and emergency equipment and staff training on how to use this equipment. It should be included in the summer camp inspection. Kids should have LifeVest in the pool because one couldn't watch twenty kids. It is impossible based on mind science research. LifeVest must be in the summer camp pool. The summer camps pool program has to be reviewed and changed. Life Vest must be in the summer camp pool. The summer camp does not follow the state summer camp regulations, will be closed, and will pay \$1,000 plus for breaking the law.



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Summer Camp should be a time when our youth are able to relax and have an enjoyable fun time. Safety is paramount so that our children are protected, guarded, and not exposed to harm in any way. T. J. Mister drowned at the Kennedy Recreation Center pool while attending Kennedy Kids Camp. He was not properly supervised nor was there adequate lifeguard staff on duty at the swimming pool. We as adults must do a better job protecting our youth. I am asking for the support of our elected representatives to pass HB 1368-Switzerland-Summer Camp Safely Bill to provide much needed guidelines to keep our children safe.



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Too many children's lives are lost each year due to drownings, if one bill can help prevent even one of those deaths, then It should be passed. As a mother,I never want to get that call about one of my children, so passing a law that will help with that is the first step in preventing further tragedy. No parent should have to experience a drowning death that is 100% preventable nor should any parent have to hold their 6 year old child while they cry and scream because their friend isn't coming back. I support this bill in honor of all lives lost and all loved ones who have had to face this tragedy.



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As a parent I can not imagine sending my child to a school, daycare, or camp where my child would lose their life. We have an obligation as caregivers and caretakers do 100 percent of what is needed to protect them. This bill is so obviously needed that nothing more need be said. Protect our children!



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My son TJ Mister died in an unregulated summer camp. It is our mission to raise awareness and save children lives. I will attend in person to give a statement



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All summer camps in Missouri should have staff that is trained for life saving emergencies. They should be held accountable if this is not done.



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Our friends lost their 6 yo son in a tragedy that could have prevented at a St Louis summer camp. I support all changes to summer camp regulations that will prevent another family from experiencing the hurt they are going through. He had a beautiful life ahead of him and this cannot happen again.



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All camps need to have safety regulations in place. Children in Missouri need to be safely protected at all and at any camp. There is absolutely no reason not to protect our future generation from potentially getting hurt or even dying at a camp.



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As a mother of 5, I've often used campus in the summer to keep my kids active and to provide enrichment and social time. Never once did I consider that there were no regulations. Pele aren't aware that it's a free for all that could lead to the death of their children. We assume because the government seems to regulate everything else that surely when it comes to the safety of our children in the care of different groups over the summer that there are guidelines, regulations, laws, oversight. TJ should be here. The camp and county should be responsible for his death and this needs to be a wake up call to Missouri Legislators and parents that we must do better.



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All camps in Missouri should have to have all licensed and certifications for emergency situation's.



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Of summer camps and day camps to regulated and be held to the same standards as day care facilities. These are children's lives we are talking about your child or grandchildren's life. I expect if I am leaving my child in the care of a stranger especially for something I am paying said stranger to take of my child, I expect they know basic first aide at least. It is a shame a little boys life had to be taken for anyone to draw attention and light to an issue that seems to have been swept under the rug.



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I am currently a day camp director for a municipal Parks and Recreation Department. A few years ago, I found out about applying with the state to be licensed exempt. This was something new to all of our Departments as we were not aware of this step with the state. In the past couple of years, I have worked with the Missouri Park and Recreation Association and the American Camp Association to help educate fellow Parks and Recreation day camps throughout the state regarding this procedure. I believe that there needs to be a governing body for youth camps in Missouri but do not feel it needs to be the same as a licensed childcare facility. I am more than happy to speak with anyone on this matter in detail.



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Good Morning, While I believe your efforts to regulate day camps are good intentioned. I request that please proceed with thoughtfulness. Many municipalities offer recreational summer day camp programs. These camps provide thousands of campers a safe place while parents are work. What happened in St Louis County was a tragic accident, but I assure you that there are many dedicated individuals and organizations that provide safe spaces for our children. As you consider this new legislation you may inadvertently create more undo hardships on families if municipalities cannot offer camps due to extensive requirements similar to those of child care facilities and school districts. Thank you for the opportunity to submit my testimony.



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I am a Director of the Recreation Department for the City of O'Fallon. Day Camp is a very important program that we offer the community. If HB 1368 were to pass, it would put a great deal of stress on this program that is vital to families during the summer months. DESE has a lot going on currently and this would put a large workload on to their staff. Many of our staff are teenagers, many are looking to become educators, but with the added expectations, it may hinder our ability to hire staff. I don't believe this will solve any problems, just make it more difficult to offer this program.



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Though I understand the bill sponsor's desire to protect children attending camps, I oppose this bill as it has the potential to end camps that have existed safely for decades, such as 4-H camps. Requiring DESE to inspect and issue licenses to every camp in the state seems like an impossible task. There may be a way to help make summer camps safer, but I don't think adding summer camps to this law about childcare facilities is the best way to do it.



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I do feel that what occurred last summer was and is a horrible tragedy. I also believe there needs to be guidelines for summer camps. Just not the guidelines set forth in this bill. The reasons people turn to Parks and Recreation Departments for summer camp is that it is affordable and normally safe. Last year's occurrence is very rare. (I understand one is too many) What happens when summer camps go away? Working parents cannot afford day care facilities so do they quit their jobs? We already have a staffing shortage. Then the families cannot pay their bills? Or worse, they leave their children alone without supervision, which is far worse than being in the care of a fully staffed camp. There needs to be guidelines setup. Consider working with the Missouri Parks and Recreation Department or/and American Camping Association to create camp guidelines. Many camps have great guidelines. Many camps do hours and hours of training. We need to meet in the middle to avoid another problem/issue, but not price camps out of the market giving parents no options. Jumping too quickly can have a snowball effect and worse things could be the end result.



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House Bill 1368 is not beneficial to the Missouri Legislature. It is in direct response to a horrible tragedy, but does not provide solutions. While this bill was done in good faith, it hinders Parks and Recreation departments. We are here to provide recreational services for kids to have fun, make friends, and create lifelong memories. There is not an educational aspect for Parks and Recreation Department Summer Camps, they should remain exempt from filing for license. It over reaches by forcing stipulations that many camps already follow. It can hinder our hiring ability as well. While many camp counselors are already CPR certified, there is a more broad facility safety team at facilities that include full-time staff, lifeguard staff, and many other part-time staff. With making camp staff certified in the aquatic area, this will hurt hiring camp staff. Becoming a lifeguard is not an easy task. There are pre-requisites, a full class, written tests, and test outs. The course itself runs at least 28 hours and has a cost associated with certification. Certifying all camp counselors as lifeguards is not realistic or attainable for many departments across the state. I would ask that you be in opposition to house bill 1368.



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The Missouri Camp bill will subject 16-18 year olds to submit fingerprints to the FBI. This could be a lengthy process and could cause losing qualified day camp counselors for the City of Washington Parks and Recreation. It is becoming more difficult to find qualified day camp counselors in our area which makes it hard for our staff to run our day camp. Many young people do not want to work, or their parents won't let them work. By extending the hiring process this legislation would not provide any additional resources or prevent all tragedies, it would prevent working parents in the Washington, Missouri community the option of sending their child to our summer camp who cannot afford the alternative day care when school is out. Our summer camp is very affordable and fills us very quickly. Parents love our day camp because their child is exposed to new and exciting experiences. Their summer is filled with fun activities, guest speakers, swimming, and field trips. Campers get the opportunity to develop and experience new things. They get to go places they may not have visited. They learn to grow socially. They develop new friendships. Camp Washington allows campers the chance to enhance their self-esteem and self-confidence.



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This legislation, while having good intent, will cause more harm than good. Historically speaking when looking at this I can see why representatives may think this is a good idea and that there used to be a plethora of staff. In today's world we are short staffed. Expecting staff to jump through all of the hoops that are required for state licensing will create a smaller pool of staff. That drives wages up, which in this climate is absurd already. Additionally the added fees and expenses that summer camps incur are passed along to the families raising the fees beyond affordability resulting in families not able to have their child attend. Some of those families then forced to leave their kids at home which put them in more danger. For those that do attend summer camp, they will have staff trained through state training so that the summer camp can be licensed, instead of having more practical summer camp training designed for those specific camps and the safety at those specific locations. This House Bill adds more danger than there is currently at a lot of facilities. Additionally this House Bill will not be preventing tragedies from happening. While this has good intent, it is clear that those presenting this bill have not worked summer camp, and if they have, clearly missed the big picture or where not properly trained. This House Bill should be dead on the floor. Thank you.



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I have been working with summer day camps on the municipal level for over 20 years. In that time, I have helped provide thousands of children a safe and fun environment each summer. I have given high school and college students their first jobs, trained them to the best of my ability, and given them the opportunity to create memories and lasting friendships with fellow counselors and campers. During my time running municipal summer day camps, I have been fortunate that the worst accident to happen was a broken arm. While the accident of a St. Louis County summer camper was a terrible tragedy, this was a lifeguard/pool understaffing issue- not a camp issue. You're focusing on the wrong issue. As a parks and recreation professional who has been dedicating my life to the profession since I was 16 years old, I oppose HB1368, and here is why: This bill is not providing any additional resources to prevent tragedies- but it will prevent working parents from having camp as an option in the summer during break if you require additional (and unnecessary) certifications. This would also extend the already excessive weeks long hiring process for young kids when they already go through a background check, and even drug testing in a lot of municipalities. What is fingerprinting 16-18 year olds for the FBI going to accomplish? Camps have already been going through the exemption process this year through DESE and it's obvious how overworked they are. This is just going to add even more work for them and a longer wait time for camps to prepare for the summer. I am failing to see that what is proposed will make anything safer than it already is besides just words on paper. Camps (at least those that operate through local government) have safety standards and practices already in place, especially those that have swimming pools. The exemption process is understandable, but requiring additional certifications is not necessary, nor will it make a difference. In addition, I think the House of Representatives priorities should be focused on making our schools safer from the hundreds of mass shootings instead of requiring an exorbitant amount of certifications for summer camps as a result of one unfortunate tragedy.



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I have been working with summer camps since the summer of 1998. I started as a camp counselor at the age of 16, which then eventually grew into a profession and passion for me. I have been overseeing/running day camps in a supervisory role since 2004, and have provided thousands of children a safe place to stay during the day while their parents were at work. In all of my years working with summer camps, the very worst that has happened to a child under my camp and staff's watch was a broken arm. As a parent and a camp professional, I understand how devastating the drowning of a 6 years old camper last summer is, and I cannot fathom having to experience that. While extremely tragic and definitely preventable, this comes down to the fact that there were not enough lifeguards at that county pool. This is a pool safety situation first and foremost that should be addressed. That pool never should have been allowed to open if they were short staffed. Are there any bills being addressed on pool safety? If HB 1368 is passed, it will severely lengthen the amount of time parks and recreation professionals are given to hire seasonal staff. It is lengthy enough to go through the seasonal hiring process, and if this bill passes, it will make it near impossible to find and hire adequate staff if it must be done through the FBI background check process- for teenagers and college students nonetheless. Then you add licensing through DESE who is already overworked on top of that. What is proposed in this bill to ensure that all parks and recreation run summer camps will be given the chance to pass certification in an adequate amount of time? If this bill is passed and made effective for the year 2023, I can assure you that you will be taking away a safe space for hundreds of thousands of children this summer, because certification will be physically impossible to obtain within this short amount of time. Think of all the parents that this will effect that will have to scramble to find childcare starting in less than two months' time. The kids that will be left at home without supervision. Kids that will take to vandalizing the local park systems instead of attending as a camper and appreciating everything their local parks offer. The memories these children would be making and looking back on as an adult. All of it could be stripped away under this bill. There is plenty that can be done to ensure campers safety without the additional certifications and background check processes that are being proposed. Municipal run background checks are already being run when hiring any staff- this includes seasonal staff. What would an FBI background check do any differently for the hiring of high school and college students, except add on average a 3 month wait time for results, therefore ensuring that we as the camp professionals will have to start the hiring process for summer staff in December? Plenty of municipalities also drug test as a part of the hiring process. Again I ask, what about the FBI background checks will be any different than what is already being done, accept delay an already extensive process for summer camp professionals? Examples (without having to enforce DESE certification) could include: Mandatory safety trainings created by selected camp professionals can be put in place, ensuring that all camp staff statewide have the same safety trainings. Requiring CPR/AED certification for all camp staff prior to the start of the camp season. Both of these examples can be

easily attainable without having to go through the lengthy and unnecessary DESE licensing. All Parks and Recreation Department run camps that I know of already do these similar trainings. I personally have required all of my camp staff throughout the years to attend these trainings and pass the proper certifications - but if making it the standard would help put minds at ease without having to be certified like a year round childcare/school, then by all means let's do it. Summer camp has been my profession AND passion for my entire career. Many of my colleagues I am sure would say the same. This legislation is not going to provide any additional resources or prevent all tragedies, but it would prevent camp as an option for working parents to send their children when school is out. It would prevent children from making lifelong friendships and memories. It would strip away a high school or college student's first summer job. Think about how many people this legislation would effect if passed. I can tell you as a parent, I don't know what I would do for AFFORDABLE childcare if there were no local parks and recreation run summer camps available anymore. Thank you for your time, and I ask that you please take mine and all of my other colleagues that have submitted testimonies into consideration before making your decisions on this bill.



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The Missouri Camp Bill will subject 16-18 year old kids to submit fingerprints to the FBI. This can be a lengthy process and will likely prevent some potentially good counselors from being hired by the City of Washington Parks and Recreation. Staff that run our day camp are already short handed these days, as many young people do not want to work or their parents don't allow them to work. By extending the hiring process this legislation will not prevent accidents or tragedies, it will however prevent camp as an option for many working Washington, Missouri area parents and their children that can't afford day care when school is out. Our day camp fills up fast, as it is an affordable alternative to Day Care, plus the camp kids love our new Aquatic Complex and all the field trips!



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