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Support bill



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID PARRISH			PHONE N 660-210	
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As Sheriff of Lewis County I fully support Representative Haffner's bill. Those who flee from lawful arrests and/or traffic stops continue to place our law abiding citizens in harms way. Criminal defendants must be held accountable and a mere misdemeanor is simply a "day in the park" for many. We must send a clear message that we will not tolerate this behavior. Sheriff Weber should be commended for his efforts.



#### MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

#### WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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WITNESS NAME: ERIC KNOX				NE NUMBER: )-221-4960	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: BENTON COUNTY MISSOURI SHERIFF'S OFFICE			TITL SH	E: <b>ERIFF</b>	
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CITY: WARSAW			STA'		ZIP: <b>65355</b>
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To whom it may concern, My name is Eric Knox and I am the elected sheriff of Benton County Missouri. Our county is approximately 740 square miles in size, divided in two by the Lake of the Ozark's, with a population of approximately 19,000 residents in the winter and upwards of 60,000 in the summertime months. Thank you for taking my testimony as I am unable to attend in person. I can speak for most of the sheriffs in the state, if not all, Fleeing by motor vehicle (pursuit) is a huge issue in my county. I have example after example, averaging two per week, of criminals fleeing from our law enforcement to avoid justice for their crimes. I can easily say that most are drug related, the driver is usually impaired on some sort of substance. The criminal element has learned that the faster and crazier they drive while fleeing, the more apt we are to end the pursuit do to the fear of injuring an innocent. Three of our pursuits, one from 11/06/2022, report number 2022-00760 was a motorcycle with speeds over 116 mph. The driver crashed, luckily only injuring himself. The driver made a statement to the deputy; "I thought if I drove at least 100 mph, you would quite chasing me". Report number 2022-00885 12/31/2022 involving a GMC. The driver fled through three counties driving in excess of 100 mph, driving in total darkness with his lights off, running people off the road putting many innocent lives in danger. The driver crashed in Dallas County causing his own death. This is just one deputy's pursuits. I have nine working the road right now due to a personnel shortage. (Full staffing is 17.)One last example is report number 2019-00885 10/10/2019. This young man who fled in a stolen F350, crashing head on into an on coming vehicle while making a bad pass, ending the pursuit, causing injury to himself and innocent people. The suspect, then fled on foot, brought down by a taser. He made the statement to the deputy; "You where supposed to stop chasing me! I was driving crazy enough, you should have stopped" This needs to be fixed! You have the ability to fix it. With out being dramatic, It could be your family being run over by these carefree criminals while trying to avoid prosecution. Thank you for your time, Sheriff Knox 660-221-4960



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WITNESS NAME: GRANT GILLETT			PHONE NUME	BER:
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I am in full support of this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: JAMES OBERKRO	DM .		PHONE NUMB	ER:
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I fully support this bill. Enhancing the penalty will greatly enhance public safety and our communities.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>JEFF WEBER</b>				HONE NUMBER: 16-380-5200	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION CASS COUNTY SH				TLE: <b>HERIFF</b>	
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CITY: HARRISONVILLE				TATE: <b>10</b>	ZIP: <b>64701</b>
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Good afternoon, my name is Jeff Weber and I am the Sheriff of Cass County, where I was born and raised. While this is only my second term, I have worked at the Sheriff's Office for the last 32 years. I am here to testify in support of this bill, as it directly impacts the safety of my agency, my deputies and my community. This bill seeks to make resisting arrest by fleeing in a motor vehicle a felony, each and every time, not just when someone is hurt or killed. I know better than most, that these "pursuits" can be dangerous. I also know that a decision not to pursue can be just as dangerous. I have seen in my career most agencies take on a very restrictive pursuit policy, driven by litigation and directed by lawyers. The belief that pursuits are just too litigious for minor offenses such as traffic violations or property crimes, have driven many agencies not to pursue for these perceived "minor" offenses, which has conditioned career criminals, those who repeatedly victimize our communities, to flee, I will tell you that driving at 100 MPH in a stolen vehicle is not a minor offense. Career criminals know that most agencies won't chase so fleeing is to their advantage. They also know that if they are captured that the misdemeanor charge of resisting will be lost in the court system with no additional consequence. So you see, we have created incentive for these criminals to resist, if they escape they can continue to prey on our communities and if captured they suffer no additional punishment. This is a serious crime that requires a serious charge and we need to provide our Law Enforcement, Prosecutor's and Courts the necessary laws to charge fleeing in a motor vehicle as the serious crime it is. As I have previously stated, I know better than most the dangers of pursuing fleeing criminals. I have done it myself. I have had my Deputies seriously injured in pursuits, and in 1995 I was a patrol sergeant, working the night shift when one of my deputies initiated a pursuit with a criminal I had previously chased. That deputy crashed, striking a tree after skidding of the roadway. His name was Kevin Mayse, and today Kevin is memorialized on a wall behind this building. A wall that recognizes Kevin and so many other for their sacrifice. This is why I'm here today, and why I would respectfully ask that you please consider supporting this bill.



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We wish to go on record in support of this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT SHOCKE	Y		PHONE NUME <b>314-574-0</b> 0	
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WITNESS NAME: TONY WHEATLEY		PHONE NUMB <b>573-569-1</b>	
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There needs to be stiffer penalties for this offense. When fleeing the suspect not only puts his life at rick but also that of the officer and the innocent public. The "no pursuit" polices are not the answer either as criminals soon learn that all they have to do is speed away and they are free.



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As the Sheriff of Clay County, Missouri, I submit this witness form in support of this legislation since I am unable to attend in person. Thank you.



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I oppose this bill, which makes makes running from police a serious felony and imposes mandatory prison sentences. This bill leads to harsher penalties for individuals who may not fully understand the consequences of their actions or may be experiencing a mental health crisis. The bill disproportionately affects certain communities, particularly communities of color, who are more likely to be subject to police stops and arrests. The bill also may discourage individuals from reporting police misconduct or seeking justice for violations of their rights. Police have a known history of targeting minority communities and often killing unarmed Black people with impunity. It is no wonder that someone would attempt to resist arrest or flee when it has been proven that their life is in danger. Motor vehicle chases, often for inconsequential violations, are unnecessary and dangerous. They only endanger the public and the person being pursued. Fix the culture of violence and white supremacy that resides in our police departments and causes people to flee for their lives in the first place.



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHEN SOKOLOFF		PHONE NUMB <b>573-751-0</b> 6		
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS		TITLE: ST. GENERAL COUNSEL		
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