



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: ANDY BRISCOE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-248-9136	
REPRESENTING: ASPCA		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 4/4/2023 12:00 AM	
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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: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 4/4/2023 11:11 PM

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I am in Full Support of this Bill and Changing the State Law to apply to ALL Political Subdivisions. See my full Testimony in the Committee Hearing Achieve.



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REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: CODY ATKINSON		PHONE NUMBER: 816-462-3613	
REPRESENTING: HUMANE SOCIETY OF THE UNITED STATES		TITLE: STATE DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 735 N OSAGE ST			
CITY: INDEPENDENCE		STATE: MO	ZIP: 64050
EMAIL: catkinson@humanesociety.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/4/2023 8:25 AM	

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Banning the kind of dog an individual can own is government overreach. There's no reason a responsible adult should be told what kind of dog they can have in their home so long as it is well behaved.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: JULIE BRAUN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-636-8612
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION		TITLE: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
ADDRESS: 2500 COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE		
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 65109
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 4/4/2023 12:00 AM
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REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: KAREN STRANGE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-480-2389	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI FEDERATION OF ANIMAL OWNERS, SHO-ME STATE AMERICAN PITBULL TERRIER CLUB		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: P.O. BOX 554			
CITY: ELDON		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65026
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 4/4/2023 12:00 AM	
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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL WESTEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: MichaelWesten.3up@protonmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/2/2023 9:58 PM
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I support HB 296.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JAIME DIAL		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jbrunkan@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/31/2023 10:10 AM

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Please continue to allow cities to handle their own Public Safety. The last thing we need in our state is MORE dangerous dogs being pumped into our neighborhoods. I learned a life changing lesson as an owner of pit bulls and how important educating on genetics is. In no way will this Bill increase public safety and in no way should Bully Breed Advocates be writing our state laws. Please opposed HB 296. The fact this is even a question is preposterous, ask the elementary school in Missouri that had two rogue pits injure several students. We have to rely on ZERO margin of error from owners and there IS a risk differential in a beagle getting loose vs a pit bull. In memory of Logan Braatz. Thank you for your time.



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REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: PAT KELLY		PHONE NUMBER: 314-726-4747	
REPRESENTING: MUNICIPAL LEAGUE METRO STL		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 1911 DORSETT RD.			
CITY: MARYLAND HEIGHTS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63043
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 4/4/2023 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: RICHARD SHEETS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-9134	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI MUNICIPAL LEAGUE		TITLE:	
ADDRESS: 1727 SOUTHRIDGE DRIVE			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 4/4/2023 12:00 AM	

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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: STEVEN HOLT		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: deadeye0909@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 4/3/2023 12:15 PM

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PLEASE do not remove BSL. The amount of pit bull attacks are only increasing and our most vulnerable are the ones paying the price for allowing breeds bred for bloodsport into our neighborhoods. Pit bull type-dogs make up 7% of the dog population, so they should be only responsible for 7% dog bite-related human fatalities. Instead, they inflict 72% of dog bite-related human fatalities. This is significant proof they are dangerous in our neighborhoods. <https://blog.dogsbite.org/2021/06/2020-dog-bite-fatality-statistics-discussion.html> Please spend some time witnessing to the victims of pit bull attacks. Most attacking pit bulls are not due to bad owners but naïve owners who do not understand the dangerous pit bull breed traits. From 2005-2021, 420 people killed by pit bull type-dogs. <http://www.dogsbite.org/dog-bite-statistics-fatalities.php> Do NOT believe the "it's the owners" lie. If it were the owners, how come other breeds of dogs do not have fatality numbers like pit bulls do? And if it IS the owners, shouldn't we be preventing dangerous breeds from getting into the hands of people who can't handle them "just right"? 18 Medical peer-reviewed dog bite studies that prove pit bull type-dogs are dangerous as pets. Level 1 trauma center dog bite studies from all geographical regions in the U.S. are reporting a higher prevalence of pit bull type dogs injuries than all other breeds of dogs. In many cases, the studies (2011 to present) also report that pit bull injuries have a higher severity of injury and require a greater number of operative interventions. <https://www.dogsbite.org/dog-bite-statistics-studies-level-1-trauma-table-2011-present.php> Pit bulls are 48% more likely to attack without provocation, according to a 2013 study on head and neck dog bites published in the American Journal of Otolaryngology. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4261032/> In the eight years since the pit bull lobby ramped up their promotion and propaganda of the "misunderstood breed," there's been an 830 per cent increase in disfiguring and fatal attacks on humans in the U.S. and Canada. In 2007, there were 78 attacks. In 2015, there were 648. Pit bulls are not a breed that belongs in polite society. Not a week goes by now that we don't hear about someone being fatally mauled to death by a pit bull, or if they're lucky, mauled within an inch of their life. We shouldn't have to live like this!! Regards, Steven



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WITNESS NAME: WILL MARRS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-848-8561
REPRESENTING: CITY OF SPRINGFIELD		TITLE:
ADDRESS: 817 S. PICKWICH AVE.		
CITY: SPRINGFIELD		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 65804
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 4/4/2023 12:00 AM
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