



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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| WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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I am in Support of this Bill by Raising the Age of a Youth from 17 to 18 Years of Age. Requires Law Enforcement to Take a Police Report of a Missing or Runaway Child from any Family Member or Support Family. Waives the Fees for a State Driver's License or State I.D. for Homeless Youth. Complaint Process against Child Care Facilities to be Transferred to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Requires Juvenile Officers to Report Missing Children and Youth. When the Child or Youth is Found, the Juvenile Officer Must Report the Incident to the Juvenile Courts. I agree with these changes in the State Law. Let's get these changes across the Legislative Finish-Line and onto the Governor's Desk!



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| WITNESS NAME: EMILY HORNSTRA | | PHONE NUMBER: |
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| WITNESS NAME | | | |
| REGISTERED LOBBYIST: | | | |
| WITNESS NAME: MARY CHANT | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-303-6765 | |
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| WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL GROTE | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-424-5120 | |
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Missouri Juvenile Justice Association Supports the changes in the bill that would harmonize various sections of law with the raise the age statue that was passed by the legislature 3 years ago.



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| WITNESS NAME: TIMOTHY FABER | | PHONE NUMBER: 573-480-2704 | |
| REPRESENTING: MISSOURI BAPTIST CONVENTION | | TITLE: | |
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| WITNESS NAME: MEAGAN C MCLAUGHLIN | | PHONE NUMBER: | |
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I am Reverend Meagan McLaughlin, pastor of Christ Lutheran Church in Webster Groves, MO. I am a Christian, having grown up in Catholic churches and schools, called to be pastor of a Christian church. Many of you say your faith calls you to support the “Don’t Say Gay Bill,” and the other 30-some bills that would keep trans people and their families from living their lives through sports, medical care, talking freely about their families and themselves without fear. You say this is about faith, and “protecting” children and women. And so, as a pastor, as a Christian, as a woman, I have two messages today. The first is that we have a God who is abundantly creative. In Hebrew, binaries like light and dark, morning and evening, male and female, are not so much distinct, set categories, as they are a way of bookending all of the infinite expressions of creation that exist. There is evening and morning, but there is also high noon, and midnight. There are over 10,000 species of birds, almost 35,000 species of fish, 10 million species of animals on land and water. And within each of those species there is incredible diversity. We have a God who is abundantly creative. The second is this. Of all the commandments of God that show up in our scriptures, Jesus and the Scribe agree in Mark 12 that the most important law of God is love. Love for ourselves, just as we are. Love for those around us, just as they are. Love for God’s creation. Love for God, who created all of it, speaking it into being and filling us all with the breath of life. Today, I plead with you. As a Christian. As an aunt. As a pastor. As a woman. Witness the abundant, creative, love of God expressed in beloved children of God. Allow them the dignity to be the people God created them to be. Allow their families the dignity to love them and care for them without needing to defend them from those who should protect them. Thank you.