



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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I am opposed to any proposed legislation that sets out in premeditated fashion to disarm the Citizens of the United States. We in Missouri have a duty to uphold and defend the US Constitution in it's entirety. It would do the MO Legislature to become very familiar with this ruling document. It seems incentives, bribes, black mail and all sorts of compensations have been ruling and doled out all over our United States by enemies foreign and domestic. There is a word for that in The US Constitution and it is Treason. The U.S. Constitution is the supreme law of the land, and any statute, to be valid, must be in agreement. It is impossible for a law which violates the Constitution to be valid. "All laws which are repugnant to the Constitution are null and void." Marbury vs. Madison, 5 US (2 Cranch) 137, 174, 176, (1803) "Where rights secured by the Constitution are involved, there can be no rule making or legislation which would abrogate them." Miranda vs. Arizona, 384 US 436 p. 491. US Citizens are waking up by the millions to the fact that America I has been under attack with increasing measure for the past 100+years. It's time for those to get on the right side of history before the exposure spotlight is on you. Angela Ong St Francois County



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Everyone has the right of self defense where ever they are. Consider the lives saved in churches around the country, by people exercising their right to carry concealed. Please support this legislation!



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WITNESS NAME: CHRIS BLATTEL		PHONE NUMBER:
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It should be up to churches whether they want to allow concealed carry



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WITNESS NAME: CHUCK LANGE		PHONE NUMBER:
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Bill should be passed as written.



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WITNESS NAME: DAN VAN WINKLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I support...



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Gun free zones are just an invitation to those wanting to commit harm to those that can not defend themselves. Knowing there are no guns in the building/gathering only emboldens those individuals. People everywhere inside and out have a right to protect their families from a violent criminal attack.



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WITNESS NAME: DEANNA RHODES-WIDMER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Yes absolutely, every church has to be able to protect their congregation. The state should not tie their hands and keep them from being able to protect them properly. In the world we live in we need to take all precautions, sadly even when we are in church. Please vote to pass HB 485.



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WITNESS NAME: DEBORAH PACK		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As a female who has had to defend herself with a firearm, I value that right. It is a right that I should be afforded wherever I go. It is my opinion that gun-free zones (so declared by a government that has no idea when or where I could be a victim) are among the **FIRST** places that a criminal will target. In addition, once I am disarmed by my government, I can say with confidence that most churches (and other gun-free organizations) are not prepared to keep me safe. Private venues such as churches should be able to decide their own policies and procedures, with no government interference. As a side note, I am not aware of any criminal who has actually acquired a concealed carry weapon permit (as opposed to many good law-abiding Missouri citizens who have). As a certified firearms instructor, I am regularly asked if I will assist individuals to learn to shoot. I am so concerned about their safety and those around them that I gladly provide instruction.



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WITNESS NAME: DONALD LOWTHER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: EDWARD (TONY) SHEPHERD		PHONE NUMBER: 636-240-5009	
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Stop restricting legal carry of weapons used to protect ourselves, family and the public. The bad apples out there don't care about rules.



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WITNESS NAME: GENE MOORE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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We must protect ourselves in Holy Mass!



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WITNESS NAME: HERBERT JOSEPH BAUMANN		PHONE NUMBER:
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Please pass these bills at the earliest possible time. Thank you! Herbert J. Baumann



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I ask that the members of the committee support HB485. This would repeal a section of statute that restricts our right to keep and bear Arms and our ability to protect our person in Churches and places of worship, Article 1 section 23 of the Missouri Constitution states: "That the right of every citizen to keep and bear arms, ammunition, and accessories typical to the normal function of such arms, in defense of his home, person, family and property, or when lawfully summoned in aid of the civil power, shall not be questioned. The rights guaranteed by this section shall be unalienable. Any restriction on these rights shall be subject to strict scrutiny and the state of Missouri shall be obligated to uphold these rights and shall under no circumstances decline to protect against their infringement. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the general assembly from enacting general laws which limit the rights of convicted violent felons or those adjudicated by a court to be a danger to self or others as result of a mental disorder or mental infirmity." I believe that HB485 is taking a step towards updating our State Statute to be in compliance with our State Constitution, and it will give people the ability to legally carry and protect themselves and their families.



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WITNESS NAME: JOANNE CASTELLI		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I testify absolutely in support of this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN WEBB		PHONE NUMBER:
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Eliminate gun free zones. A very long time ago it was recognized that we were endowed by our creator with unalienable rights, among them is the right to defend ourselves and those things important to us. Another important issue is the entire concept of innocent until proven guilty, along with the right to a speedy trial by a jury of our peers. These long standing basic principles must stand and be considered together especially when contemplating rules and laws. We must be sure that we do not violate any of these important concepts while attempting to draft new rules or laws. PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL LAWS STEAL LIBERTY FROM SOMEONE AND WE AS A PEOPLE MUST MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO PRESERVE THE LIBERTY AND RIGHTS OF EVERY INDIVIDUAL. I SEE IT AS YOUR DEVINE APPOINTMENT. There should be no, "gun free zones", places where a persons are denied the right to protect themselves, places where a law abiding citizens are required to be defenseless vulnerable victims! Eliminate Red Flag laws and efforts for them. Red flag laws provide too much opportunity for abuse by too many who just want to deny a citizen of his unalienable rights, before an individual has been convicted in a court of law of any crime. These types of proposals are ripe with opportunity for anyone to harass innocent persons with the burden of defending themselves and their unalienable rights when they have done absolutely nothing wrong. John Webb



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN WEBER		PHONE NUMBER:
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Why would you not be allowed to carry a firearm in to a church to protect humans? In case you have not heard there have been violent shootings INSIDE of churches throughout this country.



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WITNESS NAME: JUNE JONES		PHONE NUMBER:
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This bill allows the concealed carrying of firearms in churches and other places of worship by a person with a valid concealed carry permit.



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WITNESS NAME: KAREN COMPTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Please allow church attendees the ability to protect themselves if threatened.



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Please support conceal carry in churches.



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WITNESS NAME: KRIS RICKS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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i support these bills



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Expanded protection of citizens to bear firearms



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I support this bill. It's a right that makes sense.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL WESTEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: MichaelWesten.3up@protonmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 2:05 PM	
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I fully support this bill as-is. I call on every member of this committee to vote to pass this bill out of committee as-is. If passed as-is, this bill will further protect the sacred 2nd Amendment rights of Missouri citizens. Citizens deserve to have the right to provide for their own security while worshiping in church. If citizens are not allowed to be armed for their own safety and self-defense in church, then that church should be liable for any harm that comes to any victim that could have possibly been avoided had the victim been allowed to be armed. In the Bible, Luke 22:36 states: "He said to them, 'But now, the one who has a purse must take it, and likewise a bag. And the one who has no sword must sell his cloak and buy one.'" Considering Jesus instructed his disciples to buy a sword if they didn't have one, and the modern day equivalent of the sword is the gun, it just seems fitting that citizens should be allowed to conceal carry a gun into church. We need to send a message that churches are hardened targets, not soft targets. This bill will do just that.



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I favor the ability of concealed carry permit holders, who have passed the requisite legal standards, to have the freedom to protect themselves in a house of worship without obtaining prior permission from church authorities. Too often violent psychopaths rely on gun-free zones such as churches and schools to engage in their sociopathic behavior without effective resistance. Churches should not be held liable for the appropriate actions of a permit holder stopping a violent crime. It is also quite right for a church to post "no firearms" signage to alert permit holders if they don't want firearms on their premises. This seems like a very smart bill.



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WITNESS NAME: RENEE CLARK		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: Reborn1000@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/20/2023 11:35 AM
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Dear Representatives, Please consider supporting this common sense bill. It's short and to the point as is my testimony in support of it. Thank you.



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Current law permits Concealed Carry in a church with written permission from a church authority. This opens the church to legal liability in the event of a CCW permit holder with this permission discharging his/her firearm. HB 485 removes the institution from this liability by permitting Concealed Carry to anyone with a CCW permit. Churches can always post a no weapons sign if they don't want weapons in their church. This is a win-win for churches and their congregants.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT MILLS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: rmillsmk2@fastmail.fm		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 9:49 PM

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Statement supporting HB485: Hello, name is Robert Mills. I live in Jackson County, Missouri, City of Independence. I welcome this improvement to our Missouri Laws to afford churches/religious venues a greater ability to respect the rights of their attendees, while decreasing risk of spurious liability lawfare to the church itself. Please advance HB 485 to hearing of the full Legislature as soon as practicable. It's merits and counterpoints debated, and a full assembly vote thereafter. Thank You!



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WITNESS NAME: ROYCE BARONDES		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: RYAN WARBRITTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I am in support of this bill



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I support HB 485



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WITNESS NAME: STEVE WOLFROM		PHONE NUMBER:	
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If you have 'gun free zones' it is a HAVEN for criminals to commit crimes with impunity. An armed public is an equalizer in this regard - since a criminal does not know who *might* be armed they are less likely to feel safe committing their crimes,



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN MYERS		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: susanmyers@socket.net	ATTENDANCE: In-Person		SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 12:37 PM
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The state should never have put any sort of restrictions or seeking of permissions in place regarding places of worship -You overstepped. Remove references to 'churches' from the statute entirely and treat them the same as any other private property.



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WITNESS NAME: TIMOTHY L HITE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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Gun safe zones don't work. Everyone knows that. If you don't know a gun free zone don't work look at where the shootings happen. Duh in gun free zones if we choose to carry a gun in a church that's our business not your. Re read the constitution. I'm sick if the government over reach thays been going on for far to long in this country.



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WITNESS NAME: TODD LIFKA		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: 1Musician@TYMYL.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/19/2023 11:15 PM
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I'm totally in favor of this bill. There should not be any hindrance to the law-abiding citizens to conceal and carry arms for the defense of any and all people that might need it in an emergency. I believe it was President George Washington that wrote "There is nothing to put the mind of people at peace, as guns being anywhere and everywhere", or something to that effect. When criminals know the people are armed, they go elsewhere to commit their crimes, such as we see happen in all the democrat, blue states! Let the criminals go there. We in Missouri will be a fortified people against crime and corrupt governments.



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My name is William Bland and I live in Liberty, MO. I am on the Board of the Western Missouri Shooters Alliance. No one is paying me to be here today. I am here on behalf of myself and the Alliance. Current law allows CCW Permit holders to carry concealed in a church with written permission from a church authority. By granting permission the church is exposed to liability in the event a CCW permit holder with such permission is involved in an unfortunate incident involving a firearm, even if the action is justified. The proposed change would allow anyone with a CCW permit to carry concealed in a church. This helps shield the church from liability. If a church does not want firearms on their premises, they need only post the appropriate sign at the entrance. This is a win-win for the churches and their congregants. Mass shootings in churches are very real. I am a CCW permit holder and a member of my church's security team, but we can't be everywhere at all times. The proposed change would allow other permit holders in a church to be a force multiplier in preventing another tragedy.



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WITNESS NAME: WILLIAM C CORLEY		PHONE NUMBER:
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One needs to be able to protect oneself and others where ever they can legally be.



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**I am in support of armed citizens capability to defend themselves and others in houses of worship.
Barring the right of self defence puts Missourians at risk.**



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HB485 is a dangerous bill that would force religious leaders to field questions from parishioners who want to conceal carry weapons into houses of worship. Any house of worship that doesn't want guns in its sacred space, would have to post signs that prohibit guns, which is a violation of the 1st amendment and limits religious liberties. Churches and religious leaders across Missouri DO NOT WANT THIS LAW. VOTE NO.



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WITNESS NAME: AMY THOMPSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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There is no reason for unidentified armed people to be attending a religious service. HB 485 would require extra signage for churches who wish to keep people from coming to their services armed. Required signage would be disruptive to the religious liberties of those who are against having guns in their spaces. I know for certain that there are many churches who feel that they are safest with guns on site for every event. That is their right, and those who believe differently should be able to practice their rights as well.



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WITNESS NAME: ANGELA L BOYLE		PHONE NUMBER:
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I oppose HB 485.



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WITNESS NAME: BERTA SIMIC		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: garava7@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 7:17 PM

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Concealed guns in Church is the most bananas thing I have ever heard. I don't think Jesus would've packed a pistol. I am strongly opposed to this measure.



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WITNESS NAME: BETHANY SZCZEPANSKI		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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A church is a peaceful but vulnerable place for communities to gather. Prohibiting a church from disallowing firearms on their property is infringing on the constitutional separation of church and state, and is essentially an invitation to bring violent dangerous weapons in a peaceful place of worship and gathering. I strongly oppose this bill and any rule that prevents an organization from disallowing firearms on their campus. The 2nd Amendment provides for the right of citizens to bear arms but that right is not free of limitations. The government has a duty to protect its citizens, and carrying weapons is far more likely to cause accidental injury or allow purposeful harm than it is to protect anyone.



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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN KAYLOR		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: WORD&WAY		TITLE: EDITOR & PRESIDENT
ADDRESS:		
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 65109
EMAIL: bkaylor@wordandway.org	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 3:40 PM
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This bill is unnecessary. Under current law, any house of worship that wants to allow concealed firearms already has that right. Additionally, it could create significant First Amendment issues by forcing houses of worship to either allow concealed firearms or post prominent signage. When it comes to requiring messages on houses of worship, the question should be is there a better, less obtrusive way to accomplish the purpose. There is; it's called the status quo.



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WITNESS NAME: CARLY FERDMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-443-9440
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF JEWISH WOMEN ST. LOUIS.		TITLE:
ADDRESS: 295 N. LINDBERGH BLVD.		
CITY: ST. LOUIS	STATE: MO	ZIP: 63141
EMAIL: cferdman@slu.edu	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 2:01 PM

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Testimony in opposition of HB 485 March 22, 2023 We are submitting this testimony in opposition of HB 485 on behalf of the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL). NCJWSTL is a non-profit organization in metropolitan St. Louis, representing over 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state. We focus our work on community service, advocacy, education, and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families while supporting individual and civil rights, and have been doing so since 1895. HB 485 would allow individuals to carry concealed firearms into places of worship without the consent of the religious leaders. By taking power away from religious leaders to decide what happens in their own congregations, this bill clearly violates the separation of church and state. As an organization inspired by Jewish values, we are very aware of how vulnerable places of worship can be to gun violence. In 2018, 11 people were murdered and 6 more injured by a gunman at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh. Less than a year later, in 2019, a gunman shot 4 congregants, 1 of whom died, in a Chabad synagogue in Poway, California. And in 2022, 4 people were taken hostage by an armed assailant at Congregation Beth Israel synagogue in Colleyville, Texas. Synagogues, mosques, and churches are already under threat. HB 485 would put congregations at increased risk by removing religious leaders' rights to deny concealed weapons in their places of worship. Lawmakers should reject efforts to weaken the separation of church and state. NCJWSTL encourages you to vote no on HB 485. Thank you.



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Churches should be able to decide for themselves if they want to allow firearms on their premises.



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Firearms, concealed or otherwise, have no place in houses of worship. There is no good that can come from approving this proposed measure. The Establishment Clause of the Constitution protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This is also commonly referred to as the Separation of Church and State. HB 485 clearly crosses the line of this sacred separation. This bill take away the rights of clergy and religious community to determine what is and is not allowed in their private spaces. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." This makes sense. A religious community should be able to define for itself if they desire for individuals to bring guns into their holy place. Under this bill a church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 485.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: JEWISH COMMUNITY RELATIONS COUNCIL		TITLE: DEPUTY DIRECTOR	
ADDRESS: 12 MILLSTONE CAMPUS DRIVE			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63146
EMAIL: cadelstein@jcrctl.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 12:13 PM	

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EMAIL: christy.reedy32@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 5:42 PM
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I am a Valley Park resident and church goer. I do not support concealed firearms in churches and synagogues. The churches I have attended already have excellent security (locked doors, security guards, etc.), and adding more people in the sanctuary who have firearms would only make it more likely that people will get caught in the crossfire. Please focus your tax-supported time on legislation that will actually help church going Missourians, like cutting grocery taxes.



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EMAIL: colleentepen81@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 9:19 PM

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This is a terrible idea and will make going to church less safe. I urge you to vote NO on this terrible bill.



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Our Jewish Community firmly defends the Establishment Clause of the Constitution which protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This is also commonly referred to as the Separation of Church and State. HB 485 clearly crosses the line of this sacred separation. This bill take away the rights of clergy and religious community to determine what is and is not allowed in their private spaces. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." This makes sense. A religious community should be able to define for itself if they desire for individuals to bring guns into their holy place. But this bill would switch the default position so that individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. Do not take away the power of our community institutions to decide how to create a safe and welcoming environment for our members and guests. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 485.



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We need to look at ways to reduce weapons in our society, not increase them. The "good guy with a gun" trope does not often play out the way a lot of folks think it will.



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The carrying of firearms in churches and other places of worship does not make us safer. Quite the contrary, the odds of someone being killed or injured greatly increase as more and more firearms are present.



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EMAIL: dustin.g.drake@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/19/2023 10:35 PM

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As an individual who has personally overseen an armed security team for a 1800 person Christian Church for the last 10 years in Kansas City..... this bill cannot and should not move forward. You are removing the churches capability to provide a safe and secure space to worship by removing the single piece of legislation that provides them the teeth to keep unknown guns in untrained hands out of their buildings, worship and youth services. Allowing anyone untrained to carry inside the building is a mistake and makes the lives of trained volunteer & paid security exponentially harder. Today churches have the ability to decide for themselves the best course of action on safety and security looks like for them. This decision needs **STRENGTHENED** not weakened. Bring forth legislation that supports the churches right to chose what security looks like for them and continue to provide the legal mechanism currently in place that allows them to keep guns in untrained hands out of one of the most emotionally dangerous places in America, second only to Hospitals. This is the wrong step for Missouri, and the wrong step for Religious Freedom in the state.



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EMAIL: edie.bird@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 7:42 PM
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I am a pastor and have had to confront people who are armed and angry in church. In the past, I have had the ability to tell people they cannot bring a gun into a church building and to tell them they must not use a gun to threaten another person in the church. There have been several times when an angry husband has come to church to threaten his wife or ex-wife, often in front of children. I have always had the right to ask him not to bring the gun into the building in the past. This bill takes away my ability to do what Christ has asked us all to do - to protect one another from threats of violence in the church. I cannot tell you how dangerous this bill is.



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I strongly oppose HB 485 for reasons of safety and Constitutionalism and I urge you to do the same. The Establishment Clause of the Constitution protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This is also commonly referred to as the Separation of Church and State. HB 485 clearly violates that separation and is a very clear and potentially physically dangerous example of governmental overreach. Religious communities and the clergy who lead them need to retain the right to determine whether or not concealed firearms may be permitted in their sacred spaces. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." That is the way the law should remain for the bodily safety and the peace of mind of all religious communities, including those, such as my synagogue, that already have to spend tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars on security. The default position now is that permitted concealed guns are NOT allowed in places of worship unless special permission is granted by the clergy. To switch to default permission of guns unless the clergy and congregation deems otherwise and posts government mandated signs at all entries to their houses of worship is intrusive. It's overreach, and a clear violation of the separation of church and state. Please oppose HB 485.



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WITNESS NAME: J. T. YOUNG		PHONE NUMBER: 570-939-2870	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA		TITLE: STATE INTERFAITH LEAD	
ADDRESS: 459 E. LOCKWOOD AVE #203			
CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO	ZIP: 63119
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: JAMIE MORRIS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-635-7239
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CATHOLIC CONFERENCE		TITLE:
ADDRESS: 600 CLARK AVE.		
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 65102
EMAIL: morrisj@mocatholic.org	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 9:58 AM

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The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) respectfully opposes HB 485. Under current Missouri law, gun owners with a concealed carry permit are prohibited from carrying a weapon into a church without permission of their pastor. Missouri properly recognizes that churches are spaces in which guns have no place as a matter of public policy. They are appropriately considered gun-free zones, because they are spaces where we meet for worship. HB 485 changes this paradigm. It makes churches places gun owners can lawfully carry, rather than recognizing them in law as gun free spaces. Churches wishing to remain gun-free would be required to post signage in a conspicuous place. In the case of churches, this signage would likely have to be posted near the sacred space of worship. The MCC views this as an inappropriate and unnecessary intrusion upon religious freedom, which is guaranteed under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The MCC recognizes that we now live in a society where legally recognized gun-free zones will not always protect innocent people from gun violence. Churches are free under current law, however, to address these situations by establishing security protocols tailored to meet their situation. The MCC believes this is a more appropriate way to address the current proliferation of gun violence than removing churches from the list of places guns are not permitted. The Missouri Catholic Conference urges you to vote HB 485 "DO NOT PASS."



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A place of worship is a very special, intimate and beautiful environment where families and individuals can feel safe and free to practice religion and be amongst people from their community. It is not a place where people need to worry about weapons being brought in to a peaceful place. It is not a place that needs to be plastered with signs saying guns are not allowed on the property. For the safety of everyone, concealed weapons should continue to be banned in places of worship. Let the clergy and leaders decide on a case by case basis who is allowed to bring concealed weapons. Please don't take away our right to make decisions in the best interest of our community's safety.



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EMAIL: jehruska@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 5:05 PM
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Gun violence is the leading cause of pediatric deaths in the United States. This is shameful and these acts to further remove protections against gun violence are an insult to every parent and child in this country. As a pediatric nurse I have watched too many children die from diseases we could not treat. To allow them to repeatedly die from something WE CAN PREVENT causes a pain that is too immeasurable to describe. We are failing our children. We don't have to live like this. I very strongly oppose these bills as they threaten my own safety and that of my family. I wish, as my representatives, that you cared about the well being and lives of your constituents. I urge you to please start looking into reasonable, centric, gun safety laws rather than continue down this illogical path in the setting of record mass shootings. I will base all of my voting power on gun safety.



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EMAIL: realjennyrae@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 2:16 PM
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Chair and members of the committee, my name is Jennifer Stephenson, and I want to voice my opposition to HB 485. As someone who has worked in the social services field with survivors of intimate partner violence, I understand how prevalent and dangerous guns can be. Simply having a gun in one's home or possession is statistically far more likely to result in a fatal shooting, even if it's an accident or supposed to be for self-defense. Having a gun means that someone could take it from you, overpower you and take it, it could accidentally fire, someone else could get shot, and a wide variety of possibilities that lead to tragedies. Removing restrictions on carrying weapons will lead to more deaths. Moreover, it is absurd that religious institutions, specifically, are places that will have increased access to guns. With the rise of hate crimes and mass shootings, especially at Jewish and Muslim places of worship, I see no point in allowing people to secretly bring weapons into these places without express permission. Some may claim that they feel more safe with a gun, but I know that most of the people around them will feel more unsafe knowing others around them are secretly armed. I know many people from Jewish and Muslim backgrounds, and they are always looking out for people who may cause harm to them. Simply having more guns will not solve the issues facing these communities, and as previously stated, will cause more death. I cannot support HB 485 and I condemn the danger it would bring to Missouri faith communities.



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I cannot understand how a firearm would be helpful, locked in the trunk of a vehicle, that could take a very long time to get to. Someone, please create Legislation for firearms "Safety, Use and Care", during the educational period.



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Guns do no belong in sacred spaces and don't make use safer.



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I am opposed to allowing individuals to carry a concealed or unconcealed firearm into a church, synagogue, temple or any other houses of worship. The more guns the more people get killed and injured. We have more guns than people in the United States and that is just stupid. We should have stricter gun control. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: KENNETH ABRAHAM FRANK		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kfrank@memc.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 3:24 PM
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The risk of being shot in church is high enough in this country without making it easier (legal) to carry a gun into a place of worship. Congregations should have the right to be able to prohibit firearms within their place of worship. As an American Jew, I am glad that we don't have the level of security around our temples that they have in Europe, but at the same time, I do feel that I'm forced to accept some risk of violence when I attend services. Passing this bill would increase that risk, and that seems wrong.



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WITNESS NAME: KIMBERLY MAXWELL		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: kcm Maxwell7@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 5:30 PM

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I am opposed to allowing guns in churches. This is an absurd bill. Stop endangering citizens because of the MO GOP had a gun fetish.



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WITNESS NAME: KRISTIN BOWEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: kristinbowencomo@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 2:40 PM
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This dangerous measure has failed year after year for good reason: it is a horrible violation of the rights of churches and other houses of worship. Faith communities should not be forced to allow just anyone to carry hidden, loaded guns in their sacred spaces. Churches who wish to allow concealed carry by untrained individuals in their sacred spaces already have an easy route to allow this as their policy.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA BURKHARDT		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: laburkhardt3@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 8:03 PM
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Churches and their leaders already have the right to allow firearms in their places of worship. This bill strips rights from faith leaders to control the flow of firearms into their place of worship. This bill puts an even bigger target on places of worship that have been on the receiving end of harassment, threats, and violence. I strongly urge you to vote against this bill. It is not the state's job to strip rights from clergy members by forcing guns into their places of worship.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA E. BOLTER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lbolter@me.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 1:08 PM
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Our Jewish Community firmly defends the Establishment Clause of the Constitution which protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This is also commonly referred to as the Separation of Church and State. HB 485 clearly crosses the line of this sacred separation. This bill take away the rights of clergy and religious community to determine what is and is not allowed in their private spaces. I strongly oppose this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA MARCUS MOUNTJOY		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: Lmmountjoy@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/20/2023 12:07 PM
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I want you to vote **NO** on this bill, HB 485. MO citizens have overwhelmingly expressed their desire for more gun protection, not access. It is a citizen's right to feel safe in many environments, and being in a house of worship qualifies as one of those places. If someone feels unsafe going to church without their gun, then they can choose not to go there.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA ZINSZER		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: lzinszer@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 9:48 PM
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I oppose HB 485



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WITNESS NAME: LESLIE ANNE WASHINGTON		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: lesliewashington514@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 4:03 PM
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As a survivor of domestic and firearms violence I feel like these are bad bills and will not be safe for individuals who attend church as church is supposed to be a safe space



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA AUSTIN		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: linda.austin@earthlink.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 10:32 PM
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How dare you force houses of worship to allow weapons that can kill many people in their buildings! That is abominable of you to override their rights to try to keep possible threats away from their worshippers and staff. Especially since you've done away with permits and you allow background check loopholes. Let the churches decide if and who can carry guns in their buildings!



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WITNESS NAME: LORI GREEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: green.collie@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 6:21 PM

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More guns are not the answer. If they were, the US would be the safest country on earth. I am opposed to this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: LYNDA STEWART		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: lmarstew@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 12:40 PM
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The decision on whether to allow guns in churches should remain in the hands of the minister of the church and not decided by the state of Missouri. What happened to local control?



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WITNESS NAME: M. DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: michael0033.md@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 8:28 PM
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The law should not even be considered. It is a breach of the constitution, which assures the separation of church and state. You're making a law that infringes up on the right of a church to make its own decisions about how they should operate as a church. We do not need the state legislature telling us how to do church. So keep your hands off of my church and I dare say any church. A second thing, I don't know if any church that makes a church of any persons or their purses for concealed weapons. I don't in my church, so why the necessity of the law? Even if a church doesn't allow for a concealed weapons to be brought into it, it has no way of enforcing it. And thirdly and most importantly, keep your damn hands out of my church.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY GROSS		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: marygva@icloud.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 1:01 PM
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I cannot imagine a scenario more frightening than gun fire within a place of worship. We have only to look at recent examples, one of which was the Charleston AME Church shooting where 9 people were shot and killed by a murderer whose background check had not been completed. Guns in places of worship further endangers its patrons. Data shows us that more guns equates to more gun deaths. It is no secret that the laxity of Missouri's gun laws earns an "F" from both Brady and Giffords, and we are called a "national failure" by Everytown for Gun Safety. Please be merciful, and do not further weaken our already endangering gun laws. Legislation to protect us, rather than harm us is the duty of lawmakers, not this.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY MCCARTHY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: mccarthygarden@yahoo.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 7:13 PM
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**I am a victim of gun violence. I can tell you from personal experience GUNS DO NOT PROTECT US.
Firearms do NOT belong in churches. Keep firearms OUT of churches!**



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WITNESS NAME: MELANIE BUSSE		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: melbusse7@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/20/2023 1:50 PM
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WITNESS NAME: MICHELE SILER		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: psiler@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/20/2023 2:33 PM
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I am a person who spends a great time in St. Louis synagogues. For the Jewish community, our places of worship already have had to resort to increased security at a great financial and emotional cost to those who want to enter. All this to keep extremely real threats to our safety outside our doors. As the instances of Anti-Semitism are rising at terrifying rates, the idea of allowing concealed guns into our sanctuaries is a horror, is irresponsible and should not be allowed to become law in Missouri



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WITNESS NAME			
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: NIMROD CHAPEL JR.		PHONE NUMBER: 816-309-5009	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI NAACP, MISSOURI BAPTIST PROGRESSIVE & MINORITY CONVENTION		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
ADDRESS: 111 HIGH ST			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: NOEL KOPRIVA		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: koprivan@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 12:50 PM
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This bill is unnecessary because it is already possible for someone to conceal carry in a house of worship as long as they get permission from the minister or whoever is in charge of a house of worship. Removing the need for someone to obtain consent before conceal carrying will not make the congregation safer, but it would most likely increase the likelihood of unintended gun violence and fatalities. People can and do leave their guns in their purses, on shelves in public bathrooms, in their jackets, and so forth. In a worship setting, a curious toddler or even an older child could shoot themselves or someone else. For this reason, the bill is also dangerous. Please do not support this unnecessary and dangerous bill.



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WITNESS NAME: PATRICIA KOWALSKI		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: Pmk700@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 5:55 PM
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There are too many guns in our society. I support those who want to hunt or truly need one for protection. Guns are becoming an accessory, like wearing a fitbit or wedding ring. Church should be a place of worship not the OK Corral. The whole gun culture has gotten out of control. I don't feel safer, I feel more at risk than ever.



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WITNESS NAME: PATRICK SILER		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: patrick.upstream@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 12:59 PM
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I believe in the separation of Church and State. I believe that places of worship should have policies that reflect their ideology. I believe also that we as Missourians should actually look at laws that tighten gun control rather than expanding it. I believe in common sense gun laws.



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WITNESS NAME: PEGGY DEWILLE		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: peggydewille@outlook.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 7:04 PM

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Shouldn't thoughts and prayers be enough? Why do you need to carry your gun into church? There are children and seniors they deserve to worship not having to worry about whether or not weapons are rampant.



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WITNESS NAME: PHILIP C KNOCKE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jugglers@centurytel.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 3:19 PM
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As a concerned Missourian and a responsible gun owner, I strongly urge you to vote NO on HB 485, the "Concealed Firearms in Churches" act. This bill strips ministers of their legitimate freedom to prohibit firearms in their own places of worship, and puts worshipers at risk. Act on behalf of the constituents you represent; act to keep all Missourians safe from preventable gun violence.



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WITNESS NAME: RABBI SCOTT SHAFRIN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: rabbishafrin@kolrinahstl.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 12:19 PM

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As a clergy person, these bills horrify me. Both practically and morally, these bills do a disservice to both worshipers and to the spirit of community in which they come to worship. Practically speaking, we have seen a wave of violence stem through this country as houses of worship have been attacked by people seeking to do evil by bringing weapons to bear on people at prayer. My community, in particular, still bears scars of synagogue attacks at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburg, PA (2018), the Chabad of Poway, CA (2019), and Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, TX (2022). Our community leaders get almost weekly security briefings from our community partners and partners in law enforcement about credible threats to houses of worship. We already need to hire extra security to keep our gatherings safe out of a fear of people doing exactly what these bills would allow them to do: bring weapons into our houses of worship. More than this, however, my community comes to pray together through the tradition we have inherited over the past four thousand years. It is a tradition that holds up as sacred the words of the Prophet Isaiah, who bade all people to "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not take up sword against nation; they shall never again know war" (Isaiah 2:4). Our tradition goes further in Jewish law to forbid the carrying of a weapon while gathering in prayer or on the Sabbath, even for ornamentation, as was common for swords in the ancient world (Mishna Shabbat 6:4). For us to allow weapons into our house of worship would prevent us from living up to this creed, would sanction the tools of violence and war in our houses of peace, which cannot be considered anything but an infringement on our Constitutional rights to freely practice our religion. In addition, red flag laws have been shown to be a public good, stopping people who have proven through their words and actions that they pose a real threat to others. Just as someone can be detained for making threats of public harm, so to should someone who is a proven threat to themselves or others be prohibited from accessing the means to carry out that harm. Individual liberties are not limitless, and these proposed bills put the rights of individuals to own guns against the rights of all of their fellow citizens to pray and exercise religion freely, to live in safe communities, and to safeguard their life, liberty, and pursuit of happiness. I believe that these rights, too, must not be infringed upon. It is this first and most critical task of this government, any government, to protect its people. These bills would do real harm to the people in my community. They would be psychologically damaging, morally repugnant, and open the door to the ongoing attempts to harm our people that we have worked so hard to close day after day. PLEASE TAKE MY RIGHTS AND THE RIGHTS OF MY CONGREGANTS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS JUST AS SERIOUSLY AS THE RIGHTS OF GUN OWNERS. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Rabbi Scott Shafrin Associate Rabbi, Kol Rinah Clayton, MO



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA WATSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: rdcolnar@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 3/22/2023 6:51 PM
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I don't want guns in churches. And considering the legislature already removed the training requirement to carry a concealed weapon, I really am not interested in untrained civilians bringing guns to my church.



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WITNESS NAME: REV. JOSH HUBER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: revjosh@calvaryonninth.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 3/21/2023 10:28 AM
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I am writing to oppose HB 485, which would generally allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. From ancient times, the practice of laying one's weapons down when entering a house of worship or other sacred space has been common. Yet HB 485 would make the carrying of a concealed weapons in houses of worship the default, forcing worshipping communities to post signs against concealed carry if they did not want guns in their sacred spaces. This bill infringes upon the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces.



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WITNESS NAME: REV. MARY HAGGERTY		PHONE NUMBER:
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My name is Rev. Mary Haggerty and I serve an Episcopal congregation in Kirkwood, Missouri. I also serve the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri as the Missioner for Gun Violence Prevention. I am writing in opposition to HB 485, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." This is important to me as a minister who has responsibility for my congregation. A religious community should be able to decide for itself if they desire for individuals to bring guns into their holy place. But HB 485 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. HB 485 clearly crosses the line of separation of church and state. Our constitution protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This bill takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 485.



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Ministers or other leaders of houses of worship should maintain the authority to decide how peaceful their spaces should be. If it is their view that the presence of deadly weapons destroys the purpose, peace, and ambience of their houses of worship, then they should be able to refuse that presence.



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More guns do not make us safer. Not in churches, not in schools, not in stores, not anywhere. Gun Violence is the leading cause of child deaths in our state. We need to just stop with the guns everywhere. It makes no sense.



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Former Supreme Court Justice Scalia stated that even the "right secured by the Second Amendment is not unlimited...(there are) longstanding prohibitions on...laws forbidding the carrying of firearms in sensitive places" (DC vs Heller).The second guarentees gun ownership, it says nothing about being able to take them anywhere you want. Allowing persons to bring guns into to churches and other sacred worship areas impinges on the rights of attendees to feel safe and free from violence.



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I oppose HB 485. When I go to church, I do not want to worry about who might have a concealed weapon and what level of gun-handling expertise they might have. Churches should maintain the right to prohibit weapons and to determine their own safety precautions. The misconception that "guns make us safer" is disproved daily, and our children are at greatest risk from gun violence than from any other threat. Churches should not be places that increase the potential for gun incidents.



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Members of the clergy that I know do not want guns in their houses of worship. Neither do the congregants.



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Please **OPPOSE** the passage of HB 485. I **OPPOSE** forcing churches to accept the concealed carry of weapons even for those with a permit, without the permission of the pastor or church leadership. I don't think it is infringing on mine or anyone else's 2nd Amendment rights to allow for churches to prohibit or limit guns by the decision of the pastor or church leadership. In my opinion, guns in churches doesn't equal safer churches. The courtesy to know who is carrying a concealed weapon and therefore the ability to vet that person and extend permission, should remain with the pastor or church leadership. Please vote to **OPPOSE** HB 485.



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My name is the Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieley. I am an Episcopal priest and the Missioner for Public Advocacy in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. I am also the mother of 3 young children who have been subjected to numerous, traumatizing intruder drills in their elementary school and middle school, as well as a very real lock down on October 24, 2022 - the day that a teacher and a student were killed down the street at CVPA by a distraught former student who WOULD NOT have had a gun if Missouri had a red flag law. I am writing in opposition to HB 485, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." This is important to me as a priest. Because there are so many guns in Missouri and such a lack of common sense gun control laws, every time I step into a pulpit to preach or step behind the altar to preside at the Eucharist, I try to figure out the best way to respond and the best way to protect my parishioners in the case of an active shooter. A religious community should be able to decide if it is consistent with their values for individuals to bring guns into their holy place. HB 485 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in houses of worship setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. HB 485 clearly crosses the line of separation of church and state. Our constitution protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This bill takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 485. Thank you. Faithfully, The Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieley, Missioner for Public Advocacy, Episcopal Diocese of Missouri