



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

BILL NUMBER: HB 491		DATE: 2/8/2023	
COMMITTEE: Transportation Infrastructure			
TESTIFYING: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: BEN TRAVLOS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-893-1400	
REPRESENTING: MO FARM BUREAU		TITLE: 201 SOUTH COUNTRY CLUB DR	
ADDRESS: 701 S. COUNTRY CLUB DRIVE			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65109
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2023 12:00 AM	
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:			
WITNESS NAME: CHERYL BALL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-257-0070	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION		TITLE: ADMINISTRATOR OF FREIGHT AND WATERWAYS	
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WITNESS NAME: JACOB KNAEBEL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-298-2332	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI CORN GROWERS ASSOCIATION		TITLE: STATE AFFAIRS MANAGER	
ADDRESS: 3118 EMERALD LANE			
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WITNESS NAME: JEFF GLENN		PHONE NUMBER: 573-270-4053	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURIANS FOR TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE		TITLE: LOBBYIST	
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WITNESS NAME: LIZ HENDERSON		PHONE NUMBER: 618-719-1032	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI SOYBEAN ASSOCIATION		TITLE: LOBBYIST	
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:
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Our State does NOT NEED yet another Trust Slush Fund and especially NOT in the hands and care of Missouri Department of Highways and Transportation (Mo.D.O.T.) These funds are misspent and not used well. \$50-Million this year alone, while private companies get wealthy. Defeat this Bill as Mo.D.O.T. can NOT be trusted!



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WITNESS NAME: MELISSA VATTEROTT		PHONE NUMBER: 314-581-0561
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI COALITION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT		TITLE: POLICY DIRECTOR
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EMAIL: mvatterott@moenvironment.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/8/2023 10:51 AM

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February 8, 2023 Chairwoman Cyndi Buchheit-Courtway Transportation Infrastructure CommitteeMO House of Representatives201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 236-AJefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairwoman Buchheit-Courtway and Members of the Committee, Missouri Coalition for the Environment is a statewide, advocacy nonprofit organization that works to empower Missourians to protect their environment and health. House Bill No. 491 seeks to fund ports that use Missouri rivers as transportation routes rather than prioritize the recreational and wildlife benefits of those waterways. For this reason, we respectfully ask that you oppose HB 491. Water transportation results in the degradation of water quality and causes eutrophication. The increased sedimentation and pollution in rivers are the result of poor river management, which includes channelization of rivers to allow for more transportation of goods. This can alter the biological makeup of rivers and raise the acidity of rivers to the point of destruction of living organisms.¹ The impacts of waterways transportation will further result in an increase of air pollution from transportation, an increase in greenhouse gas emissions, discharge of ballast water containing aquatic invasive species for the use of transportation stability, usage of antifoulant chemicals, accidental oil, and chemical spills, disposal of garbage, permeated sediment contamination among others as well. Additionally, extreme weather events, intense management and built infrastructure on our rivers, and increased development have all contributed to making flooding more costly and deadly for Missourians. Flooding has impacted Missourians statewide - from rural farmers whose crops are drowned to urban homeowners with flooded basements. Investing more into using our rivers as transportation routes is reckless for the future of Missouri. We urge you to recognize that rivers are natural systems that want to ebb and flow and should not be channelized for transportation. The more we restrict our rivers, the more we set ourselves up for flooding disasters. This Fund will incentivize behavior that fails to acknowledge the benefits to Missouri's people and their environment when rivers are left alone and the risks imposed on Missouri's people and their environment when we view rivers as primarily transportation routes. Our rivers and streams should be valued for the natural systems they are. We don't need to invest in using our rivers and streams for more transportation of goods. We need to protect the water quality, habitat, and floodplain communities from the harms that come from increased transport of goods. Once again, Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully urges you to vote "NO" on HB 491. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott, JD Policy Director Missouri Coalition for the Environmentmvatterott@moenvironment.org(314) 727-0600, ext. 111Source: (1) Walker, T.; Adebambo, O.; Feijoo, M.; Elhaimer, E.; Hossain, T.; Edwards, S.; Morrison, C.; Romo, J.; Sharma, N.; Taylor, S.; Zomorodi, S. (2019). Environmental Effects of Marine Transportation. In World Seas: an Environmental Evaluation (Second Edition) Volume III: Ecological Issues and Environmental Impacts (pp. 505-530). Elsevier Ltd..