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April 3, 2023
The Honorable David Evans and members of the House Committee on Judiciary
House Committee on Judiciary
201 W Capitol Avenue, Room 302-1
Jefferson City, MO 65101
Dear Chairman Evans and members of the House Committee on Judiciary:
On behalf of the Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce and our 1500-member businesses, please accept this letter of support for House Bill 720, sponsored by Representative Alex Riley. Attracting, recruiting and retaining a skilled workforce remains one of the top barriers to business growth and success in the state. As employers seek qualified workers, a large untapped pool of workers includes justice-involved individuals. The Springfield Chamber supports addressing workforce barriers by growing the pool of accessible and quality workers. However, there are always certain risks in hiring any individual, including those who have been previously incarcerated. This bill would provide liability protections for employers who have hired those who have been convicted of certain offenses. This will encourage employers who are desperate for workers to consider employment for justice-involved individuals who have significant skills to offer. Ultimately, this legislation will further the goal of reducing recidivism rates with stable employment opportunities and community involvement. The passage of this bill is an important step in the right direction for protecting employers as we look for innovative approaches to growing our state's workforce pool and we encourage your support. Sincerely, Matt Morrow President and CEO, Springfield Area Chamber of Commerce 202 S John Q Hammons Parkway Springfield, MO 65806



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Associated Industries of Missouri supports this legislation providing limited protection to employers of ex-convicts.



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We support this legislation.			



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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