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What's interesting is, if you world have told me in 2019 we'd have to worry about this in America I would have said you were crazy. However, after being told I couldn't participate in society and may even lose my job because I refused a dangerous and experimental vaccine, I now believe this sort of bill is necessary to secure our freedoms.



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Dear Committee: On behalf of the members and supporters of the Freedom Principle MO, we are submitting this statement in support of HB 770. Environmental, Social, and Governance Scoring (ESG) is a new investment scheme, tailored by large investment firms and corporations to do the bidding for Democrats. These corporations and investment institutions leverage their corporate influence as a tool to implement radical agendas that Progressives could never pass in the State Legislature or Congress. Using ESG scoring to influence investment strategies is crony capitalism 2.0. These companies pushing ESG scoring are using progressive-friendly values to deflect attention from their own monolithic pursuit of profit and power. Companies pushing ESG scoring strategies are using it to gain power by dividing us as people. As author Vivek Ramaswamy noted in his book Woke Inc, "When corporations tell us what social values we're supposed to adopt, they take America as a whole and divided us into tribes. That makes it easier for them to make a buck, but it also coaxes us into adopting new identities based on skin-deep characteristics and flimsy social causes that supplant our deeper shared identity as Americans." The truth is we tried ESG scoring in the 1990s and the result of it was the financial collapse in 2008. President Clinton and George Bush attempted to conduct socially influenced economic policy by pushing subprime mortgages to get more low-income families into homes. The only losers in this social engineering scheme were the families who lost their homes that couldn't afford to pay the new mortgages. The winners were the banks and investment companies like BlackRock. Missourians need to understand, ESG scoring and/or investing is just a giant Ponzi scheme. Just like the FTX debacle, it is nothing more than a smoke screen to distract from greed, fraud, and malfeasance. Investment firms like BlackRock profit regardless of whether the funds make or lose money. When these investments crash, which is what happened in 2007, they end up hurting the very causes and people the original policy was intended to help. We shouldn't allow the state, nor should we allow businesses or investment firms to prey on the insecurities and vulnerabilities of their customers by deflecting their focus away from the price and quality of their products. The best way and most equitable way for companies to invest in and advance a social cause; build a better product that happens to help the cause they care about.



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Please SUPPORT HB 770 in it's original form. ESG and social credit scores are evil, and always lead to an increase in tyranny and a loss of freedoms and liberties.



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It prohibits state agencies from setting environmental standards to restrict the abilities of any industry. Vote "no" on HB 770. This keeps state agencies from doing their jobs.



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This bill is ridiculously broad in it's scope. It is vague and undefined. As it reads, not State agency can even publish information on ESG metrics that restrict the ability of any industry to offer products and services. So, for instance, if MDNR publishes a report or investigation that finds a business or industry was responsible for environmental impacts, that would be in violation. This is preposterous. The State should hold the welfare of the PEOPLE as the supreme law of the land, not industry and corporations. Please oppose this bill.



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This should be a no brainer given the toxic sacrifice zones around the country. We need restrictions on any and all businesses that create toxic offshoots. We cannot afford to lose any more good land to malfeasance or create any more ill health in the populace.



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January 30, 2023 Chairman Michael O'Donnell Elections and Elected Officials Committee MO House of Representatives 201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 411-A Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairman O'Donnell and Members of the Committee, The 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. 770 seeks to ban the state from setting regulations based on environmental, social justice, and governance scores or metrics. It prohibits state agencies from setting environmental standards to restrict the abilities of any industry. This prohibits a state agency from adopting laws, promulgating rules, or issuing guidelines on the basis of environmental standards. Allowing government agencies to implement laws to protect environmental standards is imperative for the well-being of current and future generations of Missourians. We need government agencies that are knowledgeable about issues that are affecting the Missouri communities. We need to uphold standards that provide protection for Missouri's environment and public health. MCE opposes prohibiting state agencies from this restriction and allowing state agencies to set regulations in their ordinances. Once again, Missouri Coalition for the Environment respectfully urges you to vote "NO" on HB 770 in order to protect Missouri's initiative petition process. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott
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This type of legislation is costing taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. In just the first 8 months since the passage of the similar legislation in Texas, known as ‘fossil fuel boycott’ law, burdened taxpayers with \$303-\$532 million in additional interest on their bonds, as a result of restricting the number of banks that can finance Texas’ public debt. An analysis by CERES demonstrates that MO taxpayers could collectively face more than \$700 million in excess interest payments on municipal bonds, if restrictions on sustainable investing are put in place.



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It is shocking to even consider giving free reign to polluting industries, when a law to protect our citizens might infringe on their activities. The DNR is already hamstrung by your laws.