



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 93</b>		DATE: <b>4/3/2023</b>
COMMITTEE: <b>General Laws</b>		
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES		
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>		
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE:      ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>arniedienoff@yahoo.com</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>4/3/2023 11:10 PM</b>
<b>THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.</b>		

I am in Support of this Bill and Protecting Residential Neighborhood from Transfer Stations and Solid Waste Facilities. I am Proposing an Amendment from the Bill Sponsor's 1,000-Feet to 2,500 Feet from any Zoned Residential District.



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 93</b>		DATE: <b>4/3/2023</b>
COMMITTEE: <b>General Laws</b>		
TESTIFYING: <input type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES		
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>		
<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>VINCE RATCHFORD</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: <b>vince.ratchford@stcharlescitymo.gov</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>3/31/2023 4:46 PM</b>

**THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.**

My name is Vince Ratchford, and I serve on City Council in St. Charles, representing the citizens of Ward 3. I urge you to support this regulation of Waste Transfer Stations to keep them at least 1,000 feet from residential areas for the following reasons:1. Property Values. Facilities like this are better-suited for industrial areas, not residential. A 2006-2007 study in the Waste Management Journal (see link: [http://nearwestside.bloomington.in.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/49/2013/01/bbc\\_report\\_carbondale\\_final.pdf](http://nearwestside.bloomington.in.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/49/2013/01/bbc_report_carbondale_final.pdf) ) showed a reduction in residential property values for homes within 1.75 miles of such facilities. The homes within one-quarter mile of the facilities lost 9% of their value, while those 1.75 miles away lost up to .8% of their value. 2.

Traffic Safety. Based on data from the applicant for one such Transfer Station proposed for St. Charles, a facility such as this would see a minimum of 125 incoming trucks and 40 outgoing trucks per day. Factoring in inbound and outbound trucks, that will add a total of 330 trucks per day. Adding 330 large trucks per day to a residential area will cause issues for school busses, children at bus stops, pedestrians & bicyclists, and everyday commuters.3. Guarantee of responsible operation and maintenance of facilities such as this are very difficult to provide. 4. Negative impact on existing business. A facility such as this will damage the business community and tax base of the surrounding community by reducing the number of people that visit the area.5. Negative impact on future economic development. A transfer station will have a chilling effect on economic development in the surrounding area.Thank you for your consideration.



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
**WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM**

BILL NUMBER: <b>HB 93</b>		DATE: <b>4/3/2023</b>	
COMMITTEE: <b>General Laws</b>			
<b>TESTIFYING:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> IN SUPPORT OF <input type="checkbox"/> IN OPPOSITION TO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES			
<b>WITNESS NAME</b>			
<b>BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:</b>			
WITNESS NAME: <b>MELISSA VATTEROTT</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>314-581-0561</b>	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: <b>MISSOURI COALITION FOR THE ENVIRONMENT</b>		TITLE: <b>POLICY DIRECTOR</b>	
ADDRESS: <b>725 KINGSLAND AVE., STE. 100 ST. LOUIS, MO</b>			
CITY: <b>ST. LOUIS</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>	ZIP: <b>63130</b>
EMAIL: <b>mvatterott@moenvironment.org</b>	ATTENDANCE: <b>Written</b>	SUBMIT DATE: <b>4/3/2023 1:26 PM</b>	

**THE INFORMATION ON THIS FORM IS PUBLIC RECORD UNDER CHAPTER 610, RSMo.**

April 3, 2023 Chairman Alex Riley General Laws Committee MO House of Representatives 201 W Capitol Ave., Rm. 201-E Jefferson City, MO 65101 Dear Chairman Riley 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. HB 93 is a step in the right direction, it modifies provisions in relation to solid waste management. Currently, facilities designed to incinerate solid waste must provide a health and safety buffer of at least 50 feet from a facility located in a nonresidential area in St. Louis City and at least 300 feet from a facility anywhere else in the state. This bill adds a new buffer zone determined by DNR that must extend at least 1000 feet from the transfer stations located in residential areas. It is critical that we protect people's homes as well as where people interact daily in nonresidential areas from the potential harms of waste. We think this bill is a great first step but should be broadened to ensure adequate protections from all types of "solid waste processing facilities" and in all parts of the state where such facilities are located, not just in any county with a charter form of government. The bill as written only applies the new buffer to transfer stations, which are a subset of solid waste processing facilities. Solid waste processing facilities, as defined by 260.200(62), also includes "an incinerator which operates with or without energy recovery but excluding waste tire end-user facilities; or a material recovery facility which operates with or without composting; or a plasma arc technology facility." (1) All of these subsets could pose health and environmental concerns for residents who live, work, dine, and conduct business near them. Please ensure all of these facilities are required to have at least a 1,000 foot buffer zone before the DNR can issue a permit. Missourians' health and safety are at risk without their knowledge of the harms of improper solid waste disposal. Solid waste management is essential to prevent exposure to hazardous waste materials by nearby residents as well as protect the environment. Once again, Missouri Coalition for the Environment believes HB 93 as written provides important protections for those who live, work, and play near transfer stations in St. Louis City. MCE respectfully urges this committee to amend this bill to ensure the entire state has adequate protections from the harms posed by all subsets of solid waste processing facilities. Thank you for your time. (1) RSMo. 260.200, available at <https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=260.200&bid=51146&hl=>. Sincerely, Melissa Vatterott  
Melissa Vatterott, JD Policy Director Missouri Coalition for the Environment  
mvatterott@moenvironment.org (314) 727-0600, ext. 111