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Improving the ticket to work health assurance program in Missouri will help people with disabilities break down the barriers they face to life the life they choose.



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This bill increases access to employment and allows fair wages to be paid. We had workers success in our small business who participated in this program. Please fund it.



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Thank you for hearing HB 970. As an individual with a significant disability, work incentive programs like Ticket to Work are crucial to my survival. If I lose my access to Medicaid because of a job that pays a living wage, I will not have access to the Personal Attendant Support (PAS) that I need to live independently and go to work. I have a Master's in Public Administration and am applying to get my Doctorate of Occupational Therapy, yet I cannot earn even one dollar over \$49,608 without losing my Medicaid-funded PAS. If I lose Medicaid-funded PAS I would have to pay out of pocket for care. At a minimum, I need 18 hours of assistance a day because I can not be alone overnight. I private pay at \$15/hour because I believe in paying workers a living wage. A whole year of coverage at that rate would cost me about \$98,550, meaning I would have to have a jump in income over \$40,000 even to be able to afford to get out of bed and use the restroom. Not to mention other living expenses such as rent. Without a robust Ticket to Work Program, disabled people have lower incomes than they might otherwise have, limiting their economic participation.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN GIBSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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After getting clarification on this bill from Rep. Unsicker, I am in favor.



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My name is Tracey Bloch and I am writing on behalf of Missouri Disability Empowerment Foundation. As an organization that focuses on educational advocacy for children with disabilities, it is no secret that many of the children we advocate for will grow up to become working adults who will contribute to society. We want to ensure that children receiving social security disability benefits will grow up to have increased opportunities to obtain employment, vocational rehabilitation, and other support services. Missouri Disability Empowerment Foundation stands behind organizations such as MARF (Missouri Association of Rehabilitation Facilities) and the provider agencies that they represent who will be seeing the benefits of this law first-hand. Thank you



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This Bill needs Work and Debate in its present form.			



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As a nurse practitioner, I have met many associates of mine with Masters degrees who are practicing as NP's. Many are very competent while others are incompetent. The competent ones are those with years of experience with a great collaborating physician who explains things. The incompetent ones are new out of school and have done their clinical training under another poorly trained NP. If the state decides to continue in the direction, I would require minimally 5 years of experience under the direct supervision of a physician in their speciality. The state requires physicians to complete 3 years of residency after 4 years of professional medical training before they can practice independently. You can expect a nurse, trained by a nurse in nursing to know medicine! Even though I am an NP, I have also graduated from medical school and now understand the wide divide in education and know first hand what nurse practitioners lack in education. Carolyn Tucker, MD, NP



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