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<b>INDIVIDUAL:</b>		
WITNESS NAME: <b>ARNIE C. AC DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MARIA WALDEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>573-634-4300</b>
REPRESENTING: <b>MISSOURI RETIRED TEACHER ASSOCIATION</b>		TITLE:
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CITY: <b>JEFFERSON CITY</b>		STATE: <b>MO</b>
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: <b>4/11/2023 12:00 AM</b>
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WITNESS NAME: <b>MIKE WOOD</b>		PHONE NUMBER: <b>800-392-0532</b>
REPRESENTING: <b>MO STATE TEACHERS ASSOC.</b>		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>PHILLIP ARNZEN</b>		PHONE NUMBER:
REPRESENTING: <b>MO CHAMBER OF COMMERCE</b>		TITLE:
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WITNESS NAME: <b>KORTNIE HUDDLESTON</b>	PHONE NUMBER:	
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I urge you to oppose SB247, which propose freezing property taxes only for senior citizens in Missouri. While I recognize the importance of providing support for our seniors, I believe that this bill is unfair and would create significant challenges for Missouri's communities. Freezing property taxes only for seniors would be discriminatory and unfair, as it would provide preferential treatment to one group of citizens over others. This would create an unequal tax burden and could potentially violate the constitutional requirement of equal protection under the law. Furthermore, freezing property taxes for seniors could have significant negative consequences for Missouri's communities, particularly those that rely on property tax revenue to fund essential services like schools, roads, and public safety. These communities could face significant budget shortfalls and may be forced to cut essential services or increase taxes on other groups of citizens. In addition, freezing property taxes for seniors could have long-term economic consequences for Missouri, as it could discourage young families and businesses from relocating to the state, leading to a shrinking tax base and a weaker economy. I also oppose the provisions in this bill that allows all taxpayers, regardless of filing status or adjusted gross income, to have the maximum deduction to their Missouri adjusted gross income for certain retirement and Social Security benefits. Additionally, the maximum deduction for retirement and Social Security benefits may disproportionately benefit higher-income taxpayers, who are already more likely to have retirement savings. It is important to support our seniors, but we must do so in a way that is fair and equitable for all Missourians. I urge you to oppose this bill and to work towards policies that support our seniors while also ensuring a fair and equitable tax system for all.



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WITNESS NAME: <b>MICHAEL DREYER</b>	PHONE NUMBER:	
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