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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVO		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am in Support and requiring County Developmental Disability Resource Boards and Tax Levies to go to the Mission and cause with out requiring additional hurdles, red-tape and Certifications from Applicants. To see more of my On the Record Testimony, Please view the House archived under "Media" and the Committee Hearing.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT F. LIBERA		PHONE NUMBER: 314-374-9409	
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WITNESS NAME: WM. BRUCE YOUNG		PHONE NUMBER: 573-808-1997	
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WITNESS NAME: ED THOMAS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-469-5851	
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WITNESS NAME: LORA DICKEY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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My name is Lora Dickey, I am the Executive Director of Madison County Service Coordination / SB40 Board. I would like to express and highlight potential concerns that Madison County SB40 Board members and myself warrant regarding House Bill 1436 sponsored by Representative Sherri Gallick of district 062. While the intension behind HB 1436 may be to support the establishment and maintenance of county sheltered workshops, it raises some concerns that should be addressed to the Local Government Committee members. The bill mandates the collection of SB40 tax levies for specific purposes, limiting flexibility in resource allocation. This strictness overlooks the dynamic needs of the community and hinders the SB40 board's ability to address emerging challenges. Furthermore, the provision restricting additional certifications or requirements for applicants could inadvertently compromise the quality and standards of sheltered workshops. If SB40 boards are restricted to imposing additional criteria beyond those set by DESE, there is a great risk of overlooking crucial factors that contribute to the effective operations of sheltered workshops. As it stands, local SB40 boards can address the unique needs of each county and allow the flexibility to adapt to changing circumstances. If this House Bill is enabled, then SB40 boards would lack control and accountability regarding the use of taxpayer money and could drastically affect the needs and services of the intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD) people who reside in our community. Senate Bill 1361, as written, has empowered the Madison County SB40 board to thoughtfully allocate and oversee the utilization of tax levy funds. This has enabled our board not only to provide constant support for our local sheltered workshop but also to address the diverse and distinctive needs of I/DD individuals within our community. These needs contain necessary areas such as community inclusion, affordable housing, employment support, personal assistance, communication devices, therapies, therapy equipment, adaptive equipment, transportation, and more. The local board's ability to exercise control and ensure accountability for each tax dollar expended has been instrumental in the successful funding of these crucial programs. Without this fiscal oversight, the comprehensive support and resources offered to our I/DD community members in areas ranging from social networking to essential services would not have been attainable. This demonstrates the positive impact SB40 boards have in facilitating a responsible and effective distribution of funds that are tailored to the specific needs of our community.