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The Freedom Principle MO is encouraging members to support HB 1481 "Law Enforcement Agencies" sponsored by Representative Christ. This bill, if passed by the House and Senate this year could be one of the most significant pieces of legislation passed by the legislature in 2024. It will send a strong message to the men and women of the Metropolitan St. Louis Police Department that someone has their back. The St. Louis Police Department morale is at an all-time low. Police officers are frustrated and fleeing the city at a faster rate than ever leaving residents vulnerable and fearing for their safety. We are supporting this bill because it will require a minimum level of staffing for police officers. But most importantly it returns control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to the State Board of Police Commissioners. This means the men and women of the St. Louis Police Department will have people who support them and not despise them when it comes to making decisions about their department. The Freedom Principle MO has been one of the strongest voices for St. Louis City residents in Jefferson City. The citizens of St. Louis City are frustrated by their elected officials demeaning, dismantling, and defunding the police. They want safer streets and the only way to give them safer streets is to have more police. Having a safe St. Louis City means having a stronger economy in Missouri and that means better jobs not only for the metropolitan area but for the entire state of Missouri. Returning control to the State Board of Police Commissioners is the first step in building a stronger SAFER Missouri.



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As a city resident for approximately 20 years, I echo those who say that things crime-wise in the city have gotten much much worse. I am a resident of the Lindenwood Park/Tilles Park area. I have had my car broken into twice, new items from my garage stolen, and an attempted break in of my house in the last couple of years. Police were unavailable the last time my car was broken into. The time before that, when I asked a police officer who did show up about the likelihood of the perpetrators being caught, he laughed, I walk around the neighborhood and parks for exercise during daylight hours and my husband now worries every time I leave the house. The stores and sidewalks of Hampton Village regularly have panhandlers. I have witnessed shoplifting more than once. The clerk of one store said to other employees- "That guy was in here yesterday! Really makes you want to work hard to pay for your things doesn't it?" And downtown is much much worse. My friends and I do not even consider going down there. It is now an embarrassment to tell people that I live in the city of St. Louis. Why am I still living in the city? That is a very good question that many of us ask ourselves regularly. The main reason is a poor real estate market . I have no loyalty at this point to a city so out of control, with a government that is failing its citizens in every way. If and when I move out, I will not even look back. THE CITY CERTAINLY CANNOT CONTROL CRIME AND HANDLE POLICING HERE. LET THE STATE DO IT FOR GOODNESS SAKE!!!



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I am a City resident. Local control of our police has simply NOT worked out. We are going down the wrong road. The "woke" politics and drama just never seems to end. Time to change direction and go back to to "state" control.



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My name is Joe Steiger, I am a retired St. Louis City Police Officer. I am currently employed as the Business Manager for the St. Louis Police Officers' Association. Due to a conflict, I am unable to be in Jefferson City to testify in person. Therefore, I am writing today on behalf of both current and retired St. Louis City police officers in favor of HB1481. The management and operation of the St. Louis City Police Department has degraded over the last eleven years since St. Louis gained local politician control of the Police Department. We are asking for a return to a Governor Appointed Board of Police Commissioners made up of local St. Louis city citizens. It took the intervention of the State of Missouri and a Governor appointment to get the St. Louis Circuit Attorney's Office on the right track. We believe this bill will keep political meddling out of policing, will help stabilize the St. Louis Police Department and stabilize the Policing profession within the City of St. Louis. Here is why. City government is dysfunctional and does not operate efficiently. The St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department is losing applicants within the hiring process due to the bureaucracy and red tape in the City's processes. The process is drawn out, sometimes taking six months or more to complete and many applicants are being hired by another agency while still waiting in the City's process. There is currently no recruitment plan in place and only one police officer is assigned to recruitment, while other cities are actively recruiting our officers by holding seminars and hosting recruitment days in St. Louis and paying for recruitment billboards within our city. The budget process and management of the Police Department is not efficient. The Chief of Police is forced to jump through too many hoops in order to run his department. To pass the budget, the Chief of police must get approval from the Board of Estimate and Apportionment which consists of the Mayor, the President of the Board of Alderman, and the Comptroller. Pay increases are negotiated between our organization (SLPOA) and the city but the city's side requires at least five different divisions to agree. These divisions consist of representatives from the Police Department, The Director of Personnel, the Mayor's Office, the Public Safety Director's office, and City Attorneys. In addition, the City's Budget director must be consulted and give his approval as well. All police salaries must then be approved annually by the Board of Alderman in a compensation ordinance before they can be implemented. For issues involving maintenance on Police facilities, the Chief must report to the Board of Public Service - Facilities Management Division. For actual policing issues, the Chief must report to the Director of Public Safety, the Mayor and frequently report to the Board of Alderman's Public Safety Committee. There are too many layers of political influence and interference which restricts the Chief's ability to be an effective leader and manager. Recently the city switched software for payroll which has led to a multitude of problems. Officers' paychecks did not include the overtime they earned, Officers' paychecks have been incorrectly taxed, or the system failed to take out taxes at all which has led to a hardship for many officers. Retirement contributions or other deductions were incorrect or not taken out at all.

There have been instances where some officers did not receive a check or the overtime they earned was not included in their paychecks. In one instance, an officer was made to wait two weeks for the next pay period in order to get his paycheck. That is unacceptable. The city has been unable to address errors in the collection of SLPOA membership dues since September of 2022. Included in these errors are failing to collect dues from over forty members, collecting the wrong amount of dues and failing to implement a self-imposed member dues increase. All of these combined errors have cost our organization over \$100,000 in lost revenue and as of this writing the situation has still not been resolved despite countless, repeated pleas for assistance. Essential equipment is constantly broken or there is a lack of basic maintenance. A urinal at the Police HQ building was out of order for over a month. The A/C at an off-site undercover building (with no windows) was not functioning for the entire summer. The sallyport door at the Central Patrol Division was not functioning for months. Apparently, this was due to an outstanding debt the City owed to the overhead door company and they would not address the issue until the past debts were cleared. In the meantime, not having a properly functioning sallyport creates a dangerous situation for officers when transporting prisoners and leads to a greater risk for prisoner escapes. The city has not been responsible with the management of their money. Even though this change to local politician control of the police department was initially sold as a way to save costs by eliminating duplicative services, the city and the Department have realized no savings. In addition, the city failed to file the proper paperwork for the recreational marijuana tax costing the city over \$500,000 in revenue. The St. Louis Rams settlement money was initially allowed to sit in a low interest-bearing account for seven months and then took an additional six months to finally move their \$280 million dollar portion into a secure account with the MOSIP – Missouri Securities Investment Program. Although City leaders are celebrating a dip in crime, homicide rates still rank among the worst in the United States per capita. St. Louis City's 2023 murder total of 158, ranks in the top fifteen all time in murder rate per capita for St. Louis. This January we saw one of the highest totals in history with twenty-one murders in the month of January. St. Louis ranks at or near the bottom on crime even after the reported drops in crime. WalletHub ranked St. Louis last out of 180 cities in the country in an October 2023 article on their safest city in America list. Vivint home security company ranked St. Louis the #1 most unsafe place in the United States on their latest list. St. Louis City population is dropping dramatically which also contributes to crime reduction. Less people create less victims and some victims do not bother to report less serious crimes due to long wait times from the extreme lack of police officers. To address this, residents are taxing themselves by voting for Special Taxing Districts in order to ensure public safety in their neighborhoods. Less affluent neighborhoods cannot afford these special taxing districts, so their neighborhoods are neglected and suffer the most from this lack of manpower. Reduction in crime can be related to the new Circuit Attorney who was installed in May of last year. Crime rates began to drop because Circuit Attorney Gabe Gore and his team started prosecuting criminals. This is a direct result of the Governor appointed Circuit Attorney which is solid evidence that Governor appointments work. This is what we are asking for; a Police Board appointed by the Governor and made up of the mayor and four St. Louis City residents. The comparison to Kansas City is often made since they are under the system of a Governor appointed Police Board, yet they have seen an increase in crime. Kansas City's crime issues can be attributed to a similar issue with their progressive prosecutor, Jean Peters Baker. Kansas City has nearly two times the population of St. Louis but had only twenty more murders than St. Louis in 2023. The high crime rates are predominantly in the county in which she presides. The Kansas City Mayor and City Council attempted to literally defund the police by cutting forty-two million dollars from the Police Department budget back in 2022. The money was eventually restored thanks to the actions of the Kansas City Board of Police Commissioners who sued to restore the money and won. Without the intervention of the Governor Appointed Police Board made of local Kansas City residents, the money would have been cut and crime would have certainly been much worse. As a retired member of the St. Louis Police Department and someone who worked under the current system of local politician control and the previous system of a Governor appointed Police Board made up of local St. Louis residents, I can tell you with certainty that we did not have these types of issues under the Governor appoint Police Board. On behalf of all the men and women of the St. Louis Police Officers' Association I am asking for your support for HB1481. Respectfully submitted, Joe Steiger Business Manager St. Louis Police Officers' Association SLMPD Retired





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As a resident of the city of St Louis President of Boulevard Heights Association and an executive member of the Neighborhood of Coalition of 21 neighborhoods we need to get city politics out of the St Louis City police department. Facts be known we have under 500 policemen in the city of St Louis to cover 62.3 Square miles. Calls are backed up on shift changes 24 to 25 deep. They are not allowed to enforce all the laws as they're written only the laws that the executive allows them to. The current crime stats are not represented correctly because the information is hidden. Currently we are exceeding the murders in 2020. Crime is not down in St Louis city and the surrounding jurisdictions because of the availability of criminals to be mobile. The law-abiding citizens in the city of St Louis North and South are all requesting additional police on the streets along with the ability to enforce the existing laws as they are written. Police officers don't join the force to become rich. They join to support their families and protect civilians. When the city government doesn't have their backs and they are exposed there's no reason for them to further stay in law enforcement. The St Louis city politicians have made it abundantly clear they don't want State control because they don't want Republicans in the city of St Louis. This is a fallacy there will be a police commission appointed by local residents but the local politicians refuse to allow any help from the outside. I have been told this from more then just a few City politicians. It's imperative that the state step in and protect law abiding citizens for their quality of life and that the essential life services are once again provided. I would love to give additional testimony in person if allowed to or by web. I would love to answer any questions from people who do not want to get the city politics out of the St Louis City Police Department in person. Facts are so often disputed by our local politicians but when confronted they cannot deny them.



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I have lived in St. Louis City ever since the mid-1990s. The normal limited government stance is to allow local control of everything however, when St. Louis City police control was given back to the city, Francis Slay was mayor. Since then, we had Michael Brown happen and I can tell you with certainty that even though Megan Green and Tishaura Jones no longer scream "Defund the Police" at the top of their lungs like Cori Bush, they govern as if they do. We are down at least 500 police in the city. We have 6 districts throughout the St. Louis City area and it is not uncommon to only have 2 officers patrol some of these districts. We had an incident where both officers had to call in sick, so that meant no one was available and other districts had to help out. When something bad happens, these police have to move to the areas in need, leaving their area unpatrolled. Since living here, I would notice the number of cars passing my house at shift change. I never see one, now. Our police spend their days going from 911 call to 911 call because they are so short-staffed. That means the long hours they work are spent in some of the most stressful situations all day. It wears down on a person, after all these people are still human, except when you make a mistake at your job, it isn't on the 5 O'clock news and people don't show up on the streets to protest. Because of the higher priority 911 calls, police simply do not have the time to address other crime, like property and traffic. Good luck if you ever have anything stolen and given the lack of ability to address it, these crimes will happen over and over again. The city's answer to the traffic problems is to install speed humps all over. We have temp tags old enough to go to preschool. Tishaura Jones does not want these cars towed even though they are not licensed and 40% of city drivers are uninsured. Store theft, even grocery theft, will cause stores to close. We see that all over in other cities. Businesses do not pay for the goods stolen from them. Those costs are passed down to the paying customers, just like increases in taxes. At some point, the price becomes too high for the area to sustain and theft increases and sales decrease. Further on, the store no longer remains profitable and it closes and not only is that resource now gone from the area, so are the jobs that it supported along with the taxes it pays into local, state and federal governments. Police in this city are getting offers from surrounding counties and beyond that give them more pay, better benefits, better safety, better support from governing bodies, better support from the citizens, better equipment and their seniority transfers to their new location. Why would someone stay on in St. Louis. Even though police have badge numbers, much like you at your job, they are not just a number. Better police are getting these better offers and the crime issues in St. Louis require us to have the best police. We are told by City Hall crime is down but no one believes it. Do any of you think St. Louis is safer? So far in 2024, we have the same number of homicides this year as we started with in 2021. Triple homicides are being reported as one instance of murder. 30 car break-ins at Busch Stadium were counted as one incident. I know many people who live outside of St. Louis who refuse to go to another Cardinals game until crime gets under control. A friend of mine who

delivers pizzas delivered a pizza off of Hampton Avenue and the customer slapped \$2 down and ran off with the pizza. That is a strong-armed robbery. It was reported as a disturbing the peace. We are also calling for an audit of the numbers coming out of City Hall. Businesses and fleeing the St. Louis area and businesses are closing. We lose about 2% of our residents per year. I, myself, am wondering why I still stay. Crime is the number one reason they are leaving, followed by the second biggest reason, which is the 1% City Earnings tax. That tax also does a great job keeping businesses from coming in. Crime is also deterring tourism. We all heard about the volleyball player who lost her legs when a person who was braking parole for the 61st time blew through a stop and crushed her. Why was this criminal still out? Unfortunately, when tourism dries up in the city, it dries up for the entire region as hotels, restaurants, and neighboring attractions also will not receive the extra revenue. The St. Louis Crime problem is not only a serious problem for the city, it harms the entire region and it also harms the entire state. We lack leadership in City Hall and that is not only in managing the police but also in managing the city in general. Look at the options we had for spending the Rams money? They give us a 40% increase in our water bill to address the failing infrastructure and do not think to use the money for that instead of the price increase. They could use it to fix 911 that has caused deaths because no one can get a hold of people. They could use it to hire more police and better equip them. They could use it to fix the roads. They could use it to empty the trash. We can't even get that done. Their suggestion on how we use it? Pay for daycare for citizens. At least fixing the leadership issue with the police would go a long way to keep the few police we have from leaving and it would also go a long way to help recruit more police to help carry the load. But policing is only one part of the solution. We can arrest criminals every day. We have to keep them in jail. We all remember Kim Gardner. Gabe Gore is doing a lot better job but the bar was so low, it is easy to do. You see how no bail in New York and other cities is doing. You do not want that mindset to infect this state. Not only do we need to arrest the people who are terrorizing our streets, we need to hold them accountable. If we get another prosecutor in St. Louis City that does not hold criminals accountable, we cannot afford the 6 years it took to get rid of Kim Gardner. We need the state to intervein. Those criminals do not just stay within the city limits. They travel to Jefferson County, St. Louis County and St. Charles county and commit crimes there. This issue, along with IP Reform, are my number 2 issues I have wanted the state to fix for years. I also think that by removing control from the city and giving it to competent people, it would go a long way to show the citizens in St. Louis City that maybe there is a better way. By improving things by moving it to the state, you will show the citizens that city leadership has failed them and I hope it is a start, along with the ever increasing frustration they have, to vote a different way.



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The STLPD was appropriately staffed and supported before City took control (@2012) and now crime is on the rise (22+muders in Jan '24) and city administration wants to replace cops with social workers to respond to crime. Police officer ranks are down by 25% to 33% at any given time and officers are required to work large amounts of overtime just to have minimum coverage. We MUST have state control to remedy this issue.



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**I am Opposed to this Bill and its intension of Power and Control. This takes away Local Control of the City of Saint Louis Mayor and Board of Alderman. The General Assembly gave back control of the Police Department to the City of Saint Louis and wants to take it back. The Fiscal Note is \$1.9-Million over three (3) years and Unknown expenses. This Bill is very wrong and Unconstitutional!**





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I am writing in strong opposition to House Bill 1481. I am a lifelong St. Louisan and for 13 years have worked at Equal Justice USA – a national leader in building community safety. Last year St. Louis had the fewest homicides in a decade as well as significant drops in every category of crime. St. Louis police reported shootings were down 24%; felony thefts were down 39%; auto thefts were down 19%; and shootings involving juveniles were down 47%. The St. Louis crime drop was lower than national averages for the year. Contrasting that, Kansas City which recently was placed under state control, defied national trends with a 7% increase in homicides. What St. Louis is doing is working. There is no need to make a change now. Like other major cities seeing significant drops in crime St. Louis is implementing a comprehensive crime prevention strategy that utilizes policing, community engagement, and coordination of service providers to effectively address the root causes of crime. St. Louis is not defunding the police. The FY24 police spending package is up 6.6% from FY23, including raises for officers and a \$2M increase to its capital equipment allocation to update and expand its vehicle fleet. Local control of police is the standard across the country. Those closest to the problem should be the closest to the solution. The Leadership in St. Louis has shown that they can implement effective crime prevention. Please allow them to continue their work. Please oppose HB 1481. Sincerely, Colleen Cunningham Senior Strategist, St. Louis Equal Justice USA



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My name is Jamie Howard, I'm 30-year-old resident of Jefferson City, 6th generation Missourian, and candidate for MoHD60 and I oppose HB1481, which allow the state to take control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD). It has become clear over the past few years that many elected officials are willing to go to extreme lengths to override the will of voters and limit local elected officials' ability to effectively govern their own constituents. We've seen an assault on our power as voters; with recent attacks on our state's century old Ballot Initiative Petition Process, the attempts to disregard Medicaid expansion, the attempts to enact Right to Work despite Missourians voting it down, and now continued attempts to strip control of the SLMPD from the people of St. Louis. I am staunchly opposed to all these attacks. Eleven years ago, after years of grassroots community organizing and advocacy, St. Louis City gained control of the SLMPD through the passage of Proposition A. Voters in St. Louis City and across the state overwhelmingly agreed that the residents of St. Louis should have control over their policing. Local Control ensures direct accountability and guarantees that communities can enact a vision of public safety. Local elected officials are working to keep the residents of St. Louis City safe by addressing contributing factors of violence, such as economic insecurity, mental health challenges and substance abuse. In the last several years, the current city administration created the Office of Violence Prevention within the Department of Public Safety and allocated resources to create intervention programs to make the city safer. These programs, which coordinate with SLMPD, have been effective in curtailing violence throughout St. Louis, with violent crime down over 20% last year. Compare that statistic to Kansas City, the only city with a state-controlled police department in the nation, where violent crime has significantly increased over the same period. Any legislation designed to take away local control is unacceptable. What the city of St. Louis is asking for is partnership with state officials to continue to identify strategies to improve public safety, not continued efforts to place SLMPD under state control. I implore you to listen to the voices of the people and vote against all proposed legislation that seeks to limit or remove local control over SLMPD from the people of St. Louis. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.



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<b>I urge you to keep St Louis police under local, NOT state control.</b>			



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**Please invest in the principle of local control. But if you want to mimic the failure of the state to reduce crime in KC here in STL, please provide the fiscal back up from state funds.**



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I urge you to vote NO on HB1481 (Christ), which allow for the state takeover of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD). It has become clear over the past few years that many elected officials are willing to go to extreme lengths to override the will of the voters and limit local elected officials' ability to effectively govern. We've seen an assault on our power as voters; with the passage of restrictive voting laws, the relentless attacks on the initiative petition process, and now continued attempts to strip control of the SLMPD from the people of St. Louis. We are vehemently opposed to these attacks. Eleven years ago, after years of organizing and advocacy, St. Louis City gained control of the SLMPD through the passage of Proposition A. Voters in St. Louis City and across the state overwhelmingly agreed that the residents of St. Louis should have control over their policing. Local Control ensures direct accountability and guarantees that communities can enact a vision of public safety. Local elected officials are working to keep the residents of St. Louis City safe by addressing contributing factors of violence, such as economic insecurity, mental health challenges and substance abuse. In the last several years, the current administration created the Office of Violence Prevention within the Department of Public Safety and allocated resources to create intervention programs to make the city safer. These programs, which coordinate with SLMPD, have been effective in curtailing violence throughout St. Louis, with violent crime down over 20% last year. Compare that statistic to Kansas City, the only city with a state controlled police department in the nation, where violent crime has significantly increased over the same period. Any legislation designed to take away local control is unacceptable. What our city needs is partnership with state officials to continue to identify strategies to improve public safety, not continued efforts to place SLMPD under state control. I implore you to listen to the voices of the people and vote against all proposed legislation that seeks to limit or remove local control over SLMPD from the people of St. Louis. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.





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The Mayor of St. Louis has spoken against this legislation. The St. Louis City Police Chief has spoken against this legislation. The St. Louis Director of Public Safety has spoken against this legislation. The elected St. Louis Board of Aldermen has spoken in opposition to this legislation. The elected Representatives and Senators from St. Louis have spoken against this legislation. The citizens of St. Louis have spoken against this legislation. The Representative from St. Louis County who is sponsoring this bill would better serve his own district if he were focusing on those residents, rather than this big government overreach into a community that does not want him or his colleagues intervening. I strongly urge the committee to stick to small government and local control by voting no on House Bill 1481.



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Date: February 8, 2024 To: Representative Lane Roberts, Chair, and Members, House Crime Prevention & Public Safety From: Mallory Rusch, Executive Director, Empower Missouri Re: Our opposition to HB 1481 On behalf of the staff, board, and statewide Criminal Justice Coalition convened by Empower Missouri, I am here today to oppose the bills referenced above. I am also a lifelong resident of and long-time homeowner in the City of St. Louis. First and foremost, there is simply no logical explanation for pursuing this type of legislation at this time. St. Louis saw a 21% drop of homicides, more than 40 cases, in 2023 from 2022. St. Louis police reported 158 killings in 2023, marking its fewest in a decade. The same was true for other types of reported crime: Shootings were down 24% from 772 in 2022 to 552; felony thefts were down 39%; auto thefts were down 19%; and shootings involving juveniles were down 47%. And, contrary to what many in this legislative body have feared, St. Louis is not defunding the police. The FY24 police spending package is up 6.6% from FY23, including raises for officers and a \$2M increase to its capital equipment allocation to update and expand its vehicle fleet. On the contrary, Kansas City, whose police force is managed by the state, saw a 7% increase in homicides last year, in defiance of national trends. Missouri voters overwhelmingly voted to return local control of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department to the City of St. Louis only ten years ago. Proposition A passed in 2012 with a whopping 64 percent of a statewide vote. Missouri voters believe in local control of police. You will hear others testify today that voters made that choice because St. Louis made certain promises about outcomes if they were to regain local control. However, I pulled the ballot language from 2012, and this is not reflected in the ballot language. Missouri voters support local control unreservedly. This legislation not only undermines the will of the people, it forgoes putting the issue back in front of voters to hear their voice. This is remarkably undemocratic. Local control is important for accountability. As a country, we have generally come to a consensus about the type of policies that should be handled at the federal, state and local levels. Generally, if a service is paid for by taxpayers at a local level, it is governed by local officials. If services are paid for by state taxes, they are governed by state officials. And if services are paid for by the federal government, they are governed by Congress. Municipal law enforcement budgets in Missouri are funded by local taxes, and should be governed by local governments. This is the case in every Missouri municipality/county but one. Missouri has maintained control of the Kansas City Police Department dating back to the Civil War, and quite frankly, we believe that local control of that department should be returned to Kansas City's mayor and city council. I have been unable to find any reporting or data that suggests that any other city in the country has their police department controlled by the state. The only other city that was engaging in this practice was Baltimore, and they just regained local control in a November 2022 vote. (Interestingly, Baltimore has the second highest murder rate in the country, so it doesn't make a compelling case for state control of the police. Neither does Kansas City, which has the ninth highest

murder rate.) In the last ten years since St. Louis has regained local control, there is more accountability of the police department to local government and therefore local taxpayers. In November 2020, a mere 17 percent of St. Louis city voters cast a ballot for Governor Mike Parson. While the state has elected him as their leader, city voters clearly preferred another candidate. It is unjust to give control of our police department to a board appointed by a governor who wasn't elected by the people most impacted by these policies. In March 2021, 57 percent of St. Louis city voters cast a ballot for Mayor Tishaura Jones. She has the confidence of the residents of the City of St. Louis, and she and our locally elected Board of Aldermen should continue to be entrusted with making public safety decisions for our city. As an anti-poverty organization, Empower Missouri holds a strong belief that crime is often a symptom of poverty. Some people break the law in a desperate attempt to provide for their families. Others live in communities, both urban and rural, where there is an abiding sense of hopelessness. The disinvestment and poverty in these communities is often overwhelming. In the City of St. Louis, over 20% of our residents live below the federal poverty line. Communities ravished by poverty can become breeding grounds for drug use and other illegal activities. We can choose to address these issues through policing alone, or we can seek to address the root cause of the issue, working to ensure that every Missourian has an equal opportunity to thrive. Mayor Jones has demonstrated time and time again that she cares deeply about decreasing poverty across the City, and in the first two years of her administration, she has committed significant time and resources to this cause. Last year, she committed to rehousing 800 persons and building 500 new units of affordable housing by the end of this year as part of a federal housing initiative. She's committed to put \$5 million towards expanding Cure Violence and other community violence intervention programs. She has launched "Social Workers for St. Louis," an innovative new program aimed at hiring social workers and public health professionals to intervene in nonviolent situations such as mental-health crises as an alternative to the criminal justice system. Her administration is actively investing in youth programming and job training. The city has also invested millions of federal funds to provide relief to families who were hit the hardest by the pandemic, with a focus on helping families stay housed. The people of St. Louis are in good hands with Mayor Jones, our Board of Aldermen, and our Chief of Police, who has made remarkable strides in decreasing crime over the last three years. They are choosing to focus simultaneously on both public safety and decreasing poverty. Decreases in poverty will mean decreases in crime. Decreases in homelessness will mean decreases in crime. Increases in mental health services and addiction treatment will mean decreases in crime. These efforts need to go hand in hand and be managed by local leaders. As a final note, I feel confident that the sponsors of these bills will be speaking today about the need to place the St. Louis Police Department under local control because St. Louis City has a bad reputation for crime that impacts the rest of the state. I don't disagree that we have a bad reputation. However, I think that it is very important to remember that St. Louis's crime statistics are skewed since we are one of the only cities in the country where the city is a separate municipal entity from the county. Every major city in the United States has concentrated areas of poverty and crime, but the impact of those areas is diminished by being part of a larger urban area. If you were to combine St. Louis City and St. Louis County into one entity and look at our crime statistics per capita compared with other major urban areas, our crime rate drops significantly. According to a 2019 study of per capita murder rates, St. Louis City ranks number one in the nation at 64.54 murders per 100,000 residents. However, when you combine the murder rates in St. Louis City and St. Louis County, our per capita murder rate drops to 22.63 per 100,000 residents. The combined entity drops us into 14th place, between Washington DC, and North Charleston, South Carolina. I think that it is also important to mention that the crime rate has not changed significantly since St. Louis took back local control. When you look at index crime data for the years immediately preceding and following the state regaining control, there is little indication that any major change in power happened. As previously mentioned, but worth repeating, even under state control, Kansas City has the ninth highest murder rate in the country. If nothing else, this should be a strong indicator that state control of the police force would do little to curb high crime rates. This isn't about public safety— it is about control. The answer to addressing crime is to address poverty.



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I urge you to vote NO on HB1481 (Christ), which allow for the state takeover of the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department (SLMPD). It has become clear over the past few years that many elected officials are willing to go to extreme lengths to override the will of the voters and limit local elected officials' ability to effectively govern. We've seen an assault on our power as voters; with the passage of restrictive voting laws, the relentless attacks on the initiative petition process, and now continued attempts to strip control of the SLMPD from the people of St. Louis. We are vehemently opposed to these attacks. Eleven years ago, after years of organizing and advocacy, St. Louis City gained control of the SLMPD through the passage of Proposition A. Voters in St. Louis City and across the state overwhelmingly agreed that the residents of St. Louis should have control over their policing. Local Control ensures direct accountability and guarantees that communities can enact a vision of public safety. Local elected officials are working to keep the residents of St. Louis City safe by addressing contributing factors of violence, such as economic insecurity, mental health challenges and substance abuse. In the last several years, the current administration created the Office of Violence Prevention within the Department of Public Safety and allocated resources to create intervention programs to make the city safer. These programs, which coordinate with SLMPD, have been effective in curtailing violence throughout St. Louis, with violent crime down over 20% last year. Compare that statistic to Kansas City, the only city with a state controlled police department in the nation, where violent crime has significantly increased over the same period. Any legislation designed to take away local control is unacceptable. What our city needs is partnership with state officials to continue to identify strategies to improve public safety, not continued efforts to place SLMPD under state control. I implore you to listen to the voices of the people and vote against all proposed legislation that seeks to limit or remove local control over SLMPD from the people of St. Louis. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.



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**HB 1481 would further transform St. Louis into an open air prison camp, policed with impunity by an armed and hostile force answering only to rural Republicans in Jefferson City, not subject to local law. St. Louis would become Missouri's Gaza.**



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