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WITNESS NAME: AL F. BARBAGALLO		PHONE NUMBER:	
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As law abiding citizens we should be able to carry firearms anywhere we go in order to insure our ability to protect ourselves and others in public places. Our rights should not be limited.



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Law enforcement needs to know a person who conceal carries is a "good" guy rather than a "bad" guy by use of a background check.



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WITNESS NAME: ALETHA MCDANIEL		PHONE NUMBER:
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I support HB 1708 because all law-abiding citizens should be able to protect themselves and others, if necessary, from criminals who aren't ever going to obey the laws - that's why they are criminals. They will and do take weapons with them on public transportation; therefore all others should be able to carry self protection.



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WITNESS NAME: ANES NURKIC		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: nurkic.anes16@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 6:29 AM
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Our God given, constitutionally protected right to self defense has no borders.



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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE AC "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: arniedienoff@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: In-Person	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 11:51 PM	
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I am in full Support of this Bill with an Amendment allowing ALL people who are legally authorized to carry a gun onto Public Transportation. I am in agreement that with approval of a Religious Organization, it is a Private Matter to allow individuals attending religious services or events to carry. Please review my full video of my On The Record Testimony before the House General Laws Committees on January 9th, 2024.



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WITNESS NAME: ARTHUR KOHLBERG		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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EMAIL: art-kohl@live.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:30 AM
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I support HB 1708.



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WITNESS NAME: BARBARA PERKINS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: perkins.family@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 6:46 AM
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Please support



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WITNESS NAME: BARCLAY RIVAS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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EMAIL: barclay354@outlook.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 10:58 PM
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I am writing to ask you to please support HB 1708. We need to be able to defend ourselves on public transportation. Criminals know that the law-abiding citizen is helpless on public transportation and takes advantage of that fact. Removing the prohibition of lawful carry on transportation reduce the risk of falling prey to criminals who prowl on innocent citizens. Just the idea that one may be armed could mean the difference between being a public transportation rider and a victim. So please, I urge you, to support HB 1708.



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WITNESS NAME: BELINDA HASCHKE-GREEN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: belindahaschke@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 8:47 PM
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I support this bill because it allows an individual to transport an unloaded and/or non-functioning firearm on public transit buses. Criminals routinely ignore the many gun laws on the books and gun free zone designations. By repealing this prohibition, it will ensure that law-abiding citizens are not forced to choose between utilizing public transportation and exercising their Second Amendment Rights



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WITNESS NAME: BRIAN SCHLUETER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: baschlueter@me.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 7:14 AM

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Please consider voting in support of HB 1708. I believe that it is important to ensure my 2nd amendment right to protect myself and my family when using public transportation is Please help protect law abiding citizens using public transportation. Make public transportation safer through supporting HB 1708.Thank you



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION:		
WITNESS NAME: BYRON KEELIN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-402-0655
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: FREEDOM PRINCIPLE MO		TITLE: PRESIDENT
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CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 63110
EMAIL: freedomprinciplemo@protonmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 11:55 AM

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The Freedom Principle MO supports the right for citizens with concealed carry permits to be able to carry them onto public transportation, such as Metrolink in St. Louis, and into places of worship. Given St. Louis City's constant defunding of the police and the shortage of St. Louis County police, citizens are vulnerable to the increased crime on public transportation. Many of the Metrolink platforms do not have police or they may have untrained, private security guards who are unable to effectively protect citizens. Citizens who have a concealed carry permit have been trained on the proper use of guns and understand the severity of using a weapon in confined spaces. Additionally, we support the right for concealed-carry citizens to carry guns in places of worship. According to the Family Research Council, there were 69 churches attacked in the first three months of 2023. This marked a significant increase from previous years. While most of these attacks were acts of vandalism, several included arson, bomb threats, and gun-related incidents. Given the attacks on religious institutions, citizens must have the right to protect themselves.



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WITNESS NAME: CARL REED SMART		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: carl2dbh@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 1:09 PM	

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This bill has passed the House twice and the Senate leadership has allowed to die on the Senate floor in the last two years. I take this as an insult to the hard work done by the House, Senate committees and the citizens who have worked so hard on this essential bill .I ask that we rush this bill though as fast as possible so it can get on the Senate calendar with less chance of it just being left to die as happened before. A resent news cast has revealed that the buses are more dangerous because the homeless ride all day because of no fare rides in KC. Criminals are predators. Like all predators they want to attack with as little chance of harm to themselves. Concealed gun carry introduces an element of drought whether their prey will fight back. It is an element of prevention. Ultimately what we want not filling out a police report after the crime.This is the twentieth anniversary of the passage of concealed carry weapon licensing. We were promised blood in the streets and shoot outs in the OK corral. None of this has happened. It is past time to put away the hysterical claims. Yes we have had record shootings in St Louis and Kansas City but these were by criminals who ignore all laws. Even those from a higher power who start with the words "Thou shalt not---." CCW holders are part of the solution and not the problem. There has been a sea change in gun laws. The Heller decision established that the second amendment is an individual right that includes the right of self defense. The Supreme Court did establish that in certain limited sensitive gun position could be limited. Places like court rooms, poling places and committee rooms. The McDonald case established the second amendment against the states. The resent Bruin case has set the standard for interoperating the second amendment as it was meant at the time of adoption. Several states adopted laws that in essence declared most of the state to be prohibited spaces. These included public transportation. In the case of Rino v. Bonta this was declared to be unconstitutional. Presently this is under appeal but it is likely to be upheld. The point is that this restriction is most likely to be unconstitutional and should be corrected as son as possible



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WITNESS NAME: CHARLES E. KNOX		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: trail.rat@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 11:34 PM
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I support an individual's right to self-defense on public transit property and in public transit vehicles..



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WITNESS NAME: CHELSIE CREPS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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EMAIL: ckkeene89@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 2:22 PM
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Hello, I am in support of this bill to expand my right to carry.



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WITNESS NAME: CHERYL ZACEK		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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Law-abiding people with concealed carry permits should be allowed to carry their gun while using public transportation in order to protect themselves, if necessary.



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WITNESS NAME: CHRISTOPHER O'BOYNICK		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: coboynic@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 10:14 PM
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WITNESS NAME: COLONEL GEORGE R. NIEMANN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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EMAIL: usafcheck6@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 7:08 AM

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HB 1708 supports both the 1st and 2nd amendment to our Constitution. Please support!!!



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WITNESS NAME: DAMIEN JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jj.damien@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 7:44 PM

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Add nonlethal weapons to the list to be allowed. Many people, many women, use nonlethal options as self defense. I support this bill because I believe it's unjust to have a system for drivers but another for public commuters



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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL FARRELL		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: danielfarrell@me.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 7:30 PM
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WITNESS NAME: DANIEL RANDOLPH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: danran79@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 6:13 AM
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WITNESS NAME: DARLA CHILTON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: darla.k.chilton@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:34 AM
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WITNESS NAME: DARYL W JOHNSTON		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: d_w_johnston@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:59 PM

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Given today's lack of respect for property or persons has led to a very high degree of becoming a victim when outside the protection of our homes. Because of the high probability of becoming a victim of some type of assault, I strongly support that any person choosing to use public transportation should have the same ability to protect themselves as in any other situation they may find themselves.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID B AND NORMA J CLARK		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: davidbclark@icloud.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 10:51 PM

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The 2nd Amendment shall not be infringed. It's not a right given (or taken) by OUR government. It is a right given by our Father via our fathers to protect OUR Liberty. It does not end on public transportation. Law breakers don't care what the law is!



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID BARKER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: dbarker51.db@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:28 AM

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It takes only a blink of an eye for bad people to do bad deeds. Law enforcement can't be there all the time so it's up to the people to protect themselves and others, should the need arise.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID S. CARTNER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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EMAIL: dscartner@socket.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 7:28 PM
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I urge you to pass HB 1708.



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WITNESS NAME: DAVID SHARP		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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Gun free places are where the cowards go to kill innocent people. Don't take away our right to defend ourselves. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: DEE ANN DUCOTE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: deeann@gallanthorse.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 8:38 PM
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As a female and a former user of the Metro in St. Louis, I firmly believe that I should have the right to protect myself as I travel. Gun free zones only give a green light to criminals, and increase the chance that I will be a victim. While I worked in St. Louis, I discovered that Metro security guards were not armed, which meant that users of the Metro were vulnerable. I am now a member of my church security team and believe that churches should also not be gun free zones. Safety policies should be implemented at the local level as organizational leaders/members determine, and not be forced upon them by government.



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WITNESS NAME: DOMINIC J VISIONE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: djvisione@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 7:15 PM

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Stop restricting the civil rights of law abiding citizens.**



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WITNESS NAME: DONALD SMITH		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: dsmithflem@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 7:20 PM
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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: DR. FREDERICK A RUECKER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: faruecker@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 11:47 PM
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Dear Committee members: I am writing to respectfully request that you support HB 1708 and pass this bill out of your committee for a vote before the full house. The fact that a duly licensed concealed permit holder cannot legally carry his/her firearm on any Missouri public transportation severely limits their ability to defend themselves when using that means of transportation. There have been many times when I and my wife would avail ourselves to those modes of transportation in the St. Louis metropolitan area: however, given the significant amount of criminal activity surrounding the Metrolink here, I am not willing to risk our wellbeing by traveling on that system. By giving me and others like me the ability to defend ourselves, I'm sure the ridership would increase and the deterrent factor would reduce the occurrence of criminal activity surrounding that transportation system. Again, please support this important bill. Thank you for your consideration of my request. Sincerely, Dr. Frederick A Ruecker
 434 Glan Tai Dr Manchester, MO 63011



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: DUANE MUCKENTHALER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: duanemichael58@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:34 AM
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Law abiding citizens should be able to carry their firearms any place a criminal would carry. Since criminals do not obey the law, fire arm free zones are criminal shooting galleries.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: EDWARD L READENOUR		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: ereadenour@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 11:09 PM
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I want to be able to carry my personal protection firearm on the public transportation in the St. Louis area. I should be able to protect myself and my family as I use Bi-State to o to and from downtown St. Louis. At the present time the criminal element knows that people on the bus or the train are most likely law abiding citizens who are easy prey.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: FRANK BARBAGALLO		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: barbagallo.frank@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 10:48 PM

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Please stop the erosion of our right to defend ourselves especially on public transportation. Please pass HB1708. Thank you for representing us well! Frank Barbagallo



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WITNESS NAME: FRANK J BIER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: fjbier@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 7:01 AM

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HB 1708 removes some "gun-free zones" that restrict my ability to defend myself and my loved ones, while criminals routinely ignore such arbitrary boundaries. There is no reason that my right to self-defense should end just because I step onto public transit.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: GARY L RIDENHOUR		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: Mach1Mustang@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 3:20 PM
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I am in support of HB 1708 Citizens have a right to protect themselves in the State of Missouri and the USA Thank You



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: GLENN M KONIECZNY		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: gmkonie@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 7:00 PM
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I do not use public transportation because I don't feel safe using it. Criminals start using public transit soon after it is either expanded or opened to steal and harm law abiding citizens. Until I feel as though I can protect myself against the criminal element, I will not start using public transit again.



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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: HARRY FERRIS		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: info@hjferris.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 1:14 PM

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My belief is those intending to use a weapon in committing a crime will ignore the law and will be more likely to commit the offense if they are reasonably sure that the intended victim and bystanders will not be armed. The shootings in gun free zones appear to attest to that.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: HARVEY A HENNINGTON II		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: harvthesecond@rocketmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 8:38 AM

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Please support this bill, the ability to protect myself no matter my location is very important to me.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: HOWARD BOLTON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: hwbjr3145@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 8:12 PM
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I, nor my family, do not use public transportation as we consider it to dangerous. The last time my wife and I rode metrolink we we accosted and told to get off "their" train. The so called guards are useless so unless I have the ability to protect my family, I refuse to use it.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JAMES BENSMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jdbens123@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 8:22 PM
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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JAMES ENGEL		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jasengl@outlook.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:05 AM

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Criminals don't follow the laws anyway. This bill will give law-abiding citizens the power to protect ourselves.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JAMES ERIC CRIBBETT		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: bilkat90@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:41 AM
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I fully support the legal carrying of concealed firearms on public transit systems by law abiding citizens. To deny this right to bear arms puts ordinary citizens at the mercy of criminals who will ignore any laws barring the carrying of concealed firearms on public transit, and also violates the 2nd amendment to the U.S. Constitution.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JAMES FREEMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jpf312@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 5:33 AM
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I am in full support of this bill as a protection of 2A rights.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JAMES OETTING		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jwo5370-ad4@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:27 PM

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Everything that can be done to support the 2nd amendment. If the liberals want to take away out guns or impede out being able to buy firearms and ammunition, then let them start with the criminals. Who, by the way, won't follow any of these laws!



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JEFFREY LOCKE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jeffreylocke2012@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 9:53 PM
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**I support keeping guns in citizens hands to use when defense of themselves or their families.
Criminals obey no laws and are not affected by laws written to do so. They are only useful to assign
punishment for breaking those laws.**



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JERRY WIDEMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jdwideman@icloud.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 10:24 PM
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WITNESS NAME: JOHN ABRAMS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: papajohn457@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 3:41 PM

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Travelling by any means is hazardous, but travelling on public transit is more hazardous than most other means. Minimal security (if any) is afforded by guards or unarmed officers who can do little more than watch an assault take place, then write a report about it after the fact. The second amendment is very clear about people being afforded the right to carry weapons in their homes, in their daily affairs, and especially when travelling. All we ask is that the playing field be levelled, since so many criminals use public transit, and carry weapons in defiance of the laws in place.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN LENA		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mrjohn8201@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 9:06 PM
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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: JOSEPH ANTHONY ZERILLI		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kingjoez67@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:36 AM
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WITNESS NAME		
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WITNESS NAME: JOSEPH PAUL STABLE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mclruth@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 2:46 AM

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Please support our Second Amendment rights by passing this bill.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: KEITH FOURNIER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: ksfournier@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 3:26 AM
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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: KELVIN CURTIS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kelvincurtis@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 7:21 PM

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Safe is my main concern when I am on public transportation with my wife when we visit St. Louis. This bill will provide me with the comfort that my Second Amendment rights do not end when I or anyone else get onto public transportation in Missouri.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: KENT ARNOLD		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kenta556mm@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 9:39 AM
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I believe that this bill would increase the safety of law abiding citizens.



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WITNESS NAME: KEVIN GROMER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: silvermax07@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 7:53 AM
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I'm in support of being able to protect my family on public transportation.



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WITNESS NAME: LEWIS R. GIBSON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lgibson@greenhills.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/7/2024 6:02 PM

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I completely agree that concealed carry should be allowed on public transportation



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WITNESS NAME		
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WITNESS NAME: MARK LUTHER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mark.luther@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 4:22 PM

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People need to defend themselves and others in general, and in specific in places where the threat is higher than in general. The St. Louis-area metro is one such place there the threat of violence is so high, that many no longer use the service. I am one such person...who no longer rides the Metro because it is too dangerous. I used to ride it to go to St. Louis and elsewhere. No more. And, not for several years now. The landings are too dangerous, too...not just in the cars.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MARK TAYLOR		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mark@indigoskies.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 11:41 PM
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There have been instances where public transit would have been the most convenient option for me, but I had to arrange other travel in order to be able exercise my right to self-defense, especially within one of the highest crime rate cities in the state



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MATTHEW GRAHAM		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mlgraham231@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 7:55 AM

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The only people "safe haven" areas keep from carrying firearms is law abiding citizens.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL A DENATALE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mikedenatale@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 8:25 AM

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Please support HB 1708 for the safety of our people. I don't carry a firearm but would be glad to know a good person might be if one is needed.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL A WELLS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lawdawg149@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 10:51 PM
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Please support our right to carry



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL B ROGERS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: matterstomike@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:55 PM
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I would appreciate very much your support of conceal carry on public transportation.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL SMITH		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
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EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:		SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:00 AM
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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL SMITH		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: msmith10203@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:24 AM
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As a fellow Missouri resident, I ask you to please support House Bill 1708. Laws are made for the law-abiding. HB 1708 removes some "gun-free zones" that restrict my ability to defend myself and my loved ones, while criminals routinely ignore such arbitrary boundaries. There is no reason that my right to self-defense should end just because I step onto public transit. This ensures that citizens with varying commutes throughout their day, and of various economic means, are able to exercise their Second Amendment rights and defend themselves. Thank you. Sincerely, Michael Smith



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL WESTEN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: MichaelWesten.3up@protonmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 3:09 PM

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I enthusiastically support HB1708 as originally written. I urge you to vote do pass on this bill as originally drafted. This bill will make Missourians significantly safer. The only thing that stops a "bad guy" with a gun, is a "good guy" with a gun. CCW permit holders are predominately "good guys", and are often in a position to respond to a violent threat much sooner than law enforcement officers are. The sooner a violent criminal is stopped, the fewer lives are likely lost. Armed violent criminals prefer unarmed potential victims. Nothing is likely more attractive to an armed and violent criminal than an advertised gun-free zone. When a criminal sees a gun-free zone, they know the chances of them encountering armed opposition is likely low to none. We want to keep armed violent criminals on their toes. Please protect our inherent God-given right to self-defense.



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WITNESS NAME: MIKE THEISMAN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mltman74@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:35 AM
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I support this bill. It will ensure that law-abiding citizens are not forced to choose between utilizing public transportation and exercising their Second Amendment Rights.



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WITNESS NAME			
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:			
WITNESS NAME: NICHOLAS BUGGIA		PHONE NUMBER: 517-662-8924	
REPRESENTING: NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA		TITLE: STATE DIRECTOR NRA-ILA	
ADDRESS: 11250 WAPLES MILL RD			
CITY: FAIRFAX		STATE: VA	ZIP: 22030
EMAIL: nbuggia@nrahq.org		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:20 PM

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December 9, 2024
 The Honorable Alex Riley
 MO House of Representatives 201 West Capitol Ave
 Room 201-E
 Jefferson City MO, 65101
 Dear Representative Riley:
 On behalf of the National Rifle Association (NRA) and our members in Missouri, I would like to express our strong support for House Bill 1708. This legislation would remove the prohibition on law abiding concealed carry permit holders from exercising their fundamental right to self-defense while using publicly funded transportation systems and expand that right in places of worship. Many individuals across Missouri utilize public transportation for a variety of reasons, either personal or economic. For some, it is their only or most reliable form of transportation. Citizens should not lose their Second Amendment rights because they choose to or must rely on the public transportation system. HB 1708 would also allow for those with a concealed carry permit to carry in Churches and places of worship. Unfortunately, as we have seen, crime does not stop in these locations. Currently an individual must seek permission from a minister or a person representing the religious organization to carry on the premises. This legislation would allow for concealed carry unless the institution expressly prohibits it. Concealed carry permit holders are one of the most law-abiding demographics in the U.S. If the State of Missouri entrusts these individuals to carry a firearm in most every other aspect of their lives, they should not lose that right when the need for public transportation is required or when they participate in an event housed in a place of worship. This bill ensures that citizens have the ability to exercise their Second Amendment rights by repealing arbitrary "gun-free zones" that do nothing to deter criminals. For I would encourage you to support HB 1708. Sincerely, Nicholas Buggia-State Director NRA-ILA



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: NICHOLAS TIETSORT		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: nmtietsort@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 10:20 PM
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I support open and concealed carry on public transportation. Open and concealed carry should be allowed in public places (streets, parks, buildings and buses) and the rights to protect ourselves should be upheld.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: PAT MEARA		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: pmeara@att.net		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 8:58 PM
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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: PAUL C. GEISLER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: possibles44@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:48 PM

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Supreme court decision Favoring concealed carry away from home



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WITNESS NAME: PAUL M FIELDS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: Fieldspc1@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 2:53 AM
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Please pass this, it's been way too long in process. Thank you for all your efforts.



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WITNESS NAME: PETER G LOMBARDO		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: petenmarr@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 11:42 AM
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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: RALPH BRANCATO		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: engralphb@swbell.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 6:19 AM
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I am in support of this bill. Citizens need to be able to exercise their Second Amendment rights. Criminals know that the majority of Missourians are respectful and will be weaponless, on public transit. Criminals in the St. Louis area have committed great bodily harm against our fellow citizens. This causes fewer Missourians to support the needed public transit services and places transit users riders into greater jeopardy. There is a deep economic hurt as it sends a red flag to employers and out of state investors to avoid our State, as their potential clients will not be safe.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: RANDALL LAWLESS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: randalllawless@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 11:20 PM
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WITNESS NAME			
INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: RANDALL S. MALL		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: randallmall.rm@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 11:04 AM
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**We must protect our right to keep and bear arms! We must protect this vital national defense posture.
We must protect our liberty within the states and nation.**



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WITNESS NAME: RAYMOND YORK		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: Rayy56@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 6:37 AM
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I support concealed carry on public transportation



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WITNESS NAME: RICHARD G FELDMEIER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: rgf499@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:37 AM

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History indicates that most crimes committed against individuals or mass shootings occur within "gun free" zones where the criminal knows that law abiding citizens are unarmed and defenseless. Elimination of these "gun free" zones will make the criminals at least think twice with regard to their own vulnerability.



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WITNESS NAME: RICHARD M ROGERS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: rogerssummerwind@centurytel.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:24 AM
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WITNESS NAME: RICHARD PATTARINI		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: onepatt@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 4:17 AM

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ALL LAW ABIDING CITIZENS SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO CONCEAL CARRY ANYWHERE.**



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WITNESS NAME: RICKFORD COUNTS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: vadis251@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 11:28 AM
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I would like to go record stating my total support for HB1708-Schnelting-CONCEALED CARRY PERMITS



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT HOUSE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: MissouriGambler@comcast.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 2:08 PM

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If I use public transportation I am unable to exercise My second amendment right to protect myself while doing so.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT LUMLEY		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: treboryelmul@me.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 5:31 AM
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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT N. BOYER JR		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: bbspin@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 11:14 AM

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It is incredibly important that a citizen feels safe while using public transportation. One way is to feel safe is to have on your person a firearm for self defense.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: RONNIE KING		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: spyder4913@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 10:46 PM
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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: SANDRA BURGDORF		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: sandy@burgdorf.us	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 8:36 AM

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Under 2A we have the right to bear/carry a firearm. Not being allowed to do so in certain areas has to stop. Criminals don't care where they carry. They know citizens are unarmed and easy targets in these areas.



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WITNESS NAME		
INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: SCOTT HAWKE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: scotthawke@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 7:51 AM
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Our right to depend ourselves does not end at the door of a bus.



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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT RARDEN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: scott@scottrarden.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/7/2024 9:27 PM

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Public transportation is something that should be open to all citizens, especially when they are exercising any of the rights afforded by the US Constitution. As long as the individual is carrying lawfully, then they should be able to use public transportation. The government does not provide the guarantee of protection while on public transportation, but removes the ability to defend yourself. That is not right. Please support this bill.



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INDIVIDUAL:			
WITNESS NAME: STEPHEN CHRISTOPHER FILLA		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: scfilla2001@yahoo.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:01 AM

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Please pass this bill so I can legally protect myself and my family on public transportation.



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INDIVIDUAL:		
WITNESS NAME: STEVE CLAY		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
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Police or the government are not and can not be held responsible for any private individual's personal defense against crime. As a husband and a father, it is ultimately my responsibility to protect my family wherever we may be since the police will more than likely take several minutes to respond only if notified in time. Then it may be too late! I am also a corrections officer so it is very likely I could run into a former inmate that may harbor ill intentions toward me. If you can't guarantee my protection, then at least give me a chance to protect myself and my family if need be.



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Law abiding citizens should have and keep means to defend themselves.



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I appreciate the chairman scheduling this hearing so soon after receiving it, and I am sorry to miss attending in person due to the weather. We are not defenseless females, except that is when you disarm us. Gun-free zones, make easy targets of the women who would otherwise arm themselves having realized that no one will ever be in a better position to come to their aid than they themselves. Since the Supreme Court's NYSRPA v. Bruen decision, many gun-control states have enacted response bills, seeking to severely limit the places in which those holding permits are allowed to carry. Prior to Bruen, only 3 states restricted carry on public transit, MO, IL and NM. After Bruen NY, HI, NJ and CA have all passed bills that were challenged and are now making their way through the courts. At the district court level the states are 0-4 so far in gun-free zone cases against the 2nd amendment. While some circuit courts have stayed those favorable rulings while the cases continue, it is looking more and more like we will eventually get to the place of many of these gun-free zones (including public transit and places of worship) finally being declared as unconstitutional. I would strongly advise that the Missouri Legislature get out in front of this, act like the pro-2A state we're supposed to be, and get the gun-free zones out of our statute. Susan Myers, Missouri State Director - Women for Gun Rights



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Law abiding citizens need to have the right to protect ourselves from the criminals who don't obey the laws!!!!



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Yes in full support of this Bill,, again. Seems this has been brought up in previous years so maybe it'll get passed? Sure would be nice to have a Republican Majority get things done??



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Please support this bill



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I believe that we should have the right and the ability to defend ourselves and protect loved ones from those who do not follow the word of the law. Please vote to protect our right to self defense. The police are only minutes away when seconds count. God Bless:



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The ability of law abiding citizens to defend themselves in this dangerous world shouldn't stop at a doorway to transportation. You shouldn't have to pick, do I want to make it to work or do I want to be safe?



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Current law prevents law abiding citizens from exercising their 2A rights any time prior to boarding a public conveyance, and between the conveyance and anywhere else. This is especially dangerous late at night. CCW permit holders are not the problem. They have been photographed, fingerprinted, investigated, and vetted. They have to demonstrate competency with a firearm. According to the Crime Prevention Research Center, Police officers are six times more likely to commit misdemeanors or felonies than CCW permit holders. I have testified before in support of bills similar to this one. I have heard testimony that the presence of CCW permit holders would unduly alarm many passengers and they would abandon public transportation although it was not explained how passengers would be aware that a CONCEALED weapon was present. Also, it is curious to me that these same passengers are not alarmed to the point of abandonment by criminal elements carrying illegal firearms. Fearmongering is coming from those in opposition. Every time someone proposes a bill that would strengthen our Second Amendment rights the usual suspects cry out "there will be blood in the streets" or "this will turn us into the wild, wild, West." None of this has ever happened. A representative from the Kansas City ATA has testified that buses were safe because there were security officers on SOME of the buses. This is merely an advertisement as to which buses are most vulnerable.



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These changes go against any common sense and do no more than continue alienating our values as people, masquerading them as "patriotism" and "freedom". I will continue to vote against these republican ignorant and hidden agenda changes, and will proactively encourage all friends and family to do the same. I am at awe about how people supporting this Can sleep at night. Selfish, ignorant, greedy, manipulative and abhorrent are some words I would like to sent their way



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I am worried that this law is taking power away from churches to decide how to manage their own property. I am also concerned that this law will increase violence on public transit.



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This bill would directly impact our places of worship amongst the other entities described in this bill, taking power away from those entities to regulate whether or not they want firearms within their premises. This bill is oppressive big government at its finest.



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As a mother and pediatric provider in a childrens hospital, I beg of you please do not allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship, transit or trains. Please do no lower the concealed carry age to 18 years. Our children are dying in school and guns are the tools being used by sick people to do harm, places of worship and public transit should be gun free so that conflicts do not escalate to severe injury or death. Please for our babies and our children keep guns out of church.



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As a Missouri resident, I wish to express my opposition to the passage of HB-1708. I am deeply concerned that the passage of this bill would cause our public transportation systems to be much more unsafe, would reduce ridership, and would disproportionately affect communities of lower socioeconomic status who rely on safe public transportation to work and school. I stand with the Missouri Public Transit Association in their opposition to allowing concealed carry on public transit. Allowing firearms in places of worship likewise troubles me, as our congregations should be safe spaces where worshippers should not be fearful of who may be carrying firearms. To present a bill that simultaneously lowers the permitting requirements (allowing younger, less mature individuals and even people who have recently been convicted of violent crimes) and expands the reach of concealed carry permits to allow people to carry firearms on public transit and in worship spaces is dangerous to our public safety. Please do not continue to pursue this legislation. We see too many firearm casualties as it is, and I refuse to support this action.



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Thank you, Committee Members, for taking the time to read this testimony. I write to you today in opposition to HB 1708. With gun violence always on the rise, we do NOT need more, easier access to firearms. We should be increasing restrictions, not loosening them. Missouri is already the fourth most lethal state in the country for firearm deaths; increasing access to firearms and allowing them in more public places will only make this statistic worse. The research is very clear that the prevalence of firearms and access to those firearms strongly correlates to an increase in gun violence and gun deaths. By allowing the presence of firearms in more locations and lowering the age requirements for a conceal/carry permit, you are knowingly inviting an increase in gun violence and gun deaths. I cannot sit idly by while you make Missouri more unsafe for my family and my community. As even Justice Scalia said, "... the Second Amendment is NOT unlimited. It is NOT a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose." (Emphasis added). Please take this bill no further and help create safe spaces for our children instead.



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Allowing guns into sensitive areas like churches, busses, and trains is a mistake: Churches should be allowed to make this decision for themselves, they should not have people with guns forced into thier sacred spaces due to a state law. To my knowledge, ZERO public transportation services want concealed guns on thier vehicles. This is a recipe for disaster. Allowing 18yos to conceal carry is also a mistake: Firearms are the leading cause of death for young people ages 18 to 20, and the firearm suicide rate among this group has increased 41% in the last decade. Eighteen to 20-year-olds commit gun homicides at triple the rate of adults 21 years and older. Allowing 18yos to CC is a HUGE MISTAKE. Missouri already has some of the weakest gun laws, and the MOST gun violence in the country. Please don't make things worseby passing this bill into law.



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I am very concerned about requiring places of worship to allow concealed carry. Guns in more places does not keep us safe.



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We already have too much gun violence in this state and too many guns. Why would we pass these bills? My church has signs on the door not allowing guns and we lock the doors when our service begins. Please do not lower the age of conceal carry to 18. 18 year old brains and bodies are not fully developed. They do not always make the the best decisions. You all should know this as their car insurance is expensive. Please pass some bills to better protect and educate students in place of these bills. I am a public school special education teacher and mom to a college student, public high school senior and a 7th grade public student.



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Oppose all contents of bill



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I am opposed to bill number 1708. I do not believe the age should be changed from 19 to 18 for concealed carry. We need to strengthen guns laws not weaken them. Please ban weapons of war. These weapons do not belong on the streets of Missouri.



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I'm opposed to legislating what houses of worship, particularly while being negatively targeted in politics (at least six religious denominations including my own Christian denomination were recently referred to as the Church of Satan on talk radio by an elected official), must allow on their campus. We already have the choice to allow firearms at our house of worship, pushing the issue empowers armed terrorists to be welcomed in with open arms. And, how are you going to expect a bus driver to be doing ccw screenings?!Opposed.



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We need to limit access to firearms, and where they can be carried, not increase access. "...the Second Amendment right is not unlimited. It is not a right to keep and carry any weapon whatsoever in any manner whatsoever and for whatever purpose..." (Former Supreme Court Justice Scalia, 2008 DC vs. Heller) Missouri is the fourth most lethal state in the country for firearm deaths. More people having access to guns and being able to bring them to more places, is going to make this worse, not better. Please vote NO on this bill.



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My name is Rev. Ann Dieterle and I serve as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. I am the Rector at Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia. I am writing in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." This is important to me as a minister who has responsibility for my congregation. A religious community should be able to decide for itself if they desire for individuals to bring guns into their holy place. But HB 1708 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. HB 1708 clearly crosses the line of separation of church and state. Our constitution protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This bill takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 1708.



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EMAIL: annwinkc@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 12:14 PM
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This would be dangerous with the concealed carry license would be like a vigilante. They are not trained well enough to be safe. No additional training needed per this bill. I would not want to be on a bus with a gun fight going on. I do not want guns in my house of worship either. It does not show respect for God's house. Please do not pass HB1708 out of committee. Thank you. Ann Weaver 415 7066478. 4577 Walnut Street Kansas City, Mo 64111



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My name is the Rev. Anne Kelsey and I serve as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri at the Church of St. Michael and St. George in Clayton. I am writing in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives the consent of the minister or representative of the organization that controls the place of worship. This issue is of vital importance to me as I share in responsibility for the members of my congregation. A religious community should be able to decide for itself to permit individuals to bring guns into sacred space. HB 1708 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into any house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entrance. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. HB 1708 abrogates the rights of clergy and religious communities to determine policies for the use of their worship space. As citizens we rely on our constitution to protect a citizens' right to religion as they please, so long as it does not the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 1708.



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I strongly oppose any legislation that allows for more guns in public spaces and lowers the minimum age for concealed carry. People deserve to take public transportation and attend a house of worship without fear of gun violence. In addition, firearms are the leading cause of death among 18-20 and such individuals commit gun homicides at a much higher rate than those over 21. Lowering the minimum age for concealed carry makes all of us less safe.



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Absolutely horrible ideas - both these bills #1708 and # 2291. Insane to allow cc in churches and public transportation and 18 is too young ?? You are scaring your constituents!



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I strongly oppose this bill. I go to church every Sunday and I want my church to be a SANCTUARY, a place where I can feel calm and peaceful. Having people inside the church carrying weapons is the opposite of calm and peaceful.



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WITNESS NAME: BISHOP DEON K. JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:	
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EMAIL: djohnson@diocesemo.org		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 4:57 PM

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I am the Rt. Rev. Deon K. Johnson and I serve as the Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, which covers the eastern half of the state. The Episcopal Diocese of Missouri, along with worshipping communities, includes campus ministries, intentional communities, and other service organizations including the St. Luke's Hospital System. I am writing in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." This is important to me the Bishop of the Diocese with responsibilities for the worshipping communities in my charge. Religious communities should be able to decide for themselves if they desire individuals to bring guns into their sacred spaces. HB 1708 would make carrying a concealed weapon in my faith communities the default, thus negating the authority of religious communities like mine, and countless others, from the separation of Church and State. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. Religious communities have always been places of peace and sanctuary and I hope that they will continue in that tradition. HB 170y crosses the line of separation of church and state. Our constitution protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This bill takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces.



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Once again, Missouri is moving in the wrong direction regarding gun legislation. As a citizen of this state, I ask for laws to be created to protect all residents and not just those who feel the need to be constantly armed! Totally absurd!



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Every change in this bill makes our communities less safe. Removing required safety training, lowering the permit age, allowing guns on public transportation and houses of worship are all reckless actions to take in a state with nearly the MOST DANGEROUS existing gun laws in the union. Further, exempting members of the Assembly and Judiciary from being prosecuted for gun crimes is hilariously anti-democratic and pure nonsense. I fully expect current and former members of the Judiciary and General Assembly to be held to the same legal standard in regards to unlawful use of a firearm as a regular citizen like myself.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: WORD & WAY		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
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Missouri should lead the nation in gun-sense laws. The right to carry should be limited. It can't supersede human rights to life, liberty, freedom, pursuit of happiness. The type of weapon should also be better regulated with liability insurance for some weapons ownership. Our lax state laws are embarrassing and barbaric. Wild, Wild West stuff. Legislative Sessions must do better and start being accountable to constituents. Gun manufacturers need to contribute to funding victims of shootings until legislation passes. Not one more. Please.



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HB1708 elevates a Concealed Carry License holder to the level of a vigilante. They are not sufficiently trained in marksmanship or situations. The bill has no provisions for this. Public transportation is no place for a gunfight. Innocent people would be caught in the crossfire and be injured or die. Luckily houses of worship have the right to not allow guns regardless of this bill. Please do not pass HB1708 our of committee.



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WITNESS NAME: CAROL WESLEY		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: robbiepug@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/7/2024 3:43 PM

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My name is the Rev. Dr. Carol Wesley and I serve as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. I am writing in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." This is important to me as a minister in my congregation. A religious community should be able to decide for itself if they desire for individuals to bring guns into their holy place. But HB 1708 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. HB 1708 clearly crosses the line of separation of church and state. Our constitution protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This bill takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 1708.



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Public transportation is no place for guns and bus drivers shouldn't have to be the gate keeper to determine who is legally carrying a gun and who isn't. Innocent people would be caught in the crossfire and be critically injured. Neither do I want guns to be allowed in my church. Do not pass HB1708 out of committee.



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Strongly oppose



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Expanding the places where conceal carry is permitted will not make Missourians safer. On the contrary, it will increase the likelihood of increased gun violence. In recent years we have seen gun assaults in bars when patrons returned to their cars to retrieve a firearm; such violence would increase if the patron had only to reach into his or her pocket to pull out a gun. Places of worship are opposed to the provision related to conceal carry in their sacred spaces. As a Catholic, I stand with the church's opposition to this proposal in the last legislative session.



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EMAIL: terrycatallbiz@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:49 AM
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I am in strong opposition to this bill. I cannot believe that we are still fighting this issue. If more guns in the hands of more people, and younger, impressionable people, made us safer. we would be the safest country in the world. Instead, we lose 120 people EVERY DAY to gun violence and there is no end in sight. In addition, I work on a college campus and do not want guns allowed on campuses or day cares or anywhere else where young people are tryint to work and learn.



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Assault weapons should not be carried nor should they be concealed. How many children/student need to die? The second Amendment was not intended to protectCriminals and the expense of innocent children.



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EMAIL: chanellenwalsh@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 5:11 PM

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Against. We are experiencing a public health emergency related to rampant gun violence. Increasing access to firearms will only add to the horror. With nearly 300 fire arm related deaths in 2023 in St. Louis City a County alone, we need to focus our energies on passing laws that regulate the use of firearms—we do not need more access. We need regulated, restricted access.



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I oppose guns in Churches and public transport, but I especially oppose lowering the age to 18. Instead, you should be raising the age to 21!



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EMAIL: cheryldillard2@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 6:02 PM
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I am Cheryl Dillard. I live at 1246 West 67th Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64113. I am a member of St Paul's Episcopal Church at 49th and Main in Kansas City. I'm writing to oppose HB 1708-Guns in Church. I'm wondering what problem this legislation is designed to remedy. Are constituents contacting their legislators, demanding to be able to carry concealed weapons in houses of worship? Those constituents can do that now, under current law, with the permission of the minister, the priest, or the rabbi. This resolution seems fair and reasonable. There is no need for HB 1708. If HB 1708 is enacted, the State of Missouri will be entitled to involve itself in the operation of houses of worship across the state. Giving this authority to the state, seems in conflict with the separation of church and state called for under the US Constitution. I'm asking that you vote AGAINST advancing HB 1708 out of committee. Respectfully, Cheryl Dillard cheryldillard2@gmail.com



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"The bill lowers the age requirement from at least 19 to 18 years of age or older for concealed carry permits." That will not help lower gun violence. Eighteen year olds brains are no mature enough. Teenagers and early 20's are the shooters in mass killings most of the time. Why bring more immature brains into conceal and carry legality. "The bill repeals the prohibition on the concealed carrying of firearms in churches and other places of worship by a person with a valid concealed carry permit." How many church leaders have you spoken to about this bill? Almost all church leaders would prefer that guns stay out of their churches and depend on having the ability to prohibit gun in their churches.



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My name is Christie Daly, I am a MO resident living in St. Louis City. I am writing to oppose HB1708. As the spouse of a high school teacher, I often hear about the inability of young people to resolve conflict with civil conversation and debate. I don't think adding a potential hidden weapon to the mix will be helpful. Additionally, I am a nurse at a level 1 trauma center and we care for gunshot wound victims often. I see the daily toll of gun access on our community. Injuring someone or taking a life is traumatizing and difficult for these young people to recover from. I would encourage the committee to consider raising the age for concealed permits instead of lowering it. Thank you for your time and service to the community.



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I am submitting this testimony in strong objection to HB1708. Allowing 18-year-olds to conceal carry weapons can only lead to horrible consequences. However unintended they may be. This bill will make it extremely easy for an 18-year-old high school student to now carry a gun into school. The fact that weapons are not allowed in school is not the point. Vaping is not allowed in school, plagiarism is not allowed in school, sheeting is not allowed in school. Yet all of these things happen. Putting a concealed weapon in the hands of the wrong 18 year old, the 18 year old who wants to show off or boast, the 18 year-old who is depressed or doing poorly in school, the 18 year old who just broke up with their significant other, the 18-year-old who is pissed at a teacher, can all become dangerous people when they have easy access to conceal weapons. Concealed weapons on a person of any age is extremely dangerous. If someone feels they need to carry a concealed weapon as protection don't get on public transportation. Allowing weapons into a place of worship, especially in today's climate, is just ridiculous. It kind of puts fear into going to church, the place where we all should feel safest. It's the guns. I strongly urge everyone to consider children, 14-year-old 15 year-old 16-year-old 17 year olds that could be in school, or on public transportation, or at church with an 18-year-old carrying concealed weapons. You have to ask yourself what you're trying to prove.



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I strongly disagree with this expansion of concealed carry allowances. Our churches are sacred places where even the hint of violence should not be a concern. All of our citizens should feel secure on our public transportation, and the possibility of gunfire should also never be a concern, especially since altercations are an unfortunate possibility and the addition of someone pulling out a gun has a strong chance of escalating into tragic loss of life for anyone in this vulnerable enclosed space



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Stand in opposition to having weapons in public places. Concealed weapons allow no rights to the public and are a danger to all who are in proximity of those weapons. Oppose HB 1708



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Firearm fatalities are the greatest cause of death in children under the age of 18. A 19 year brought a gun to my daughter's school and left it with one dead student, one dead teacher and a gunman who himself was shot. Although the physical wounds have healed there is still a lot of mental trauma to students and parents alike. There is no need to have weapons of destruction present at houses of worship where individuals are are trying to reflect on how to be a better human being. Please rethink this House Bill 1708 allowing 18 years to conceal and carry weapons as it is not the right or just action to continue forward in our democracy.



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Religious institutions should be able to decide for themselves if GUNS should be allowed. We have had enough people killed at synagogues and churches. This is a HORROBLE idea and should never be Law. Allowing an 18 year to have a concealed weapon on a BUS is a recipe for disaster. Can't legally drink at 18 so give them a gun on a bus! 18 year olds with guns has be proven over and over again to be a horrible idea. Look at all the dead kids killed in Uvalde, Texas by a teenager that just turned 18. We don't need more of that in Missouri!



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I strongly oppose HB 1708. Missouri is already a dangerous state due to gun violence, and lowering the concealed carry age and allowing firearms in churches, public transportation, and other sensitive places, would make it even more dangerous. The extremists republicans that keep bringing this up either seem to enjoy the bloodshed or must be paid off by the Missouri Firearm Coalition. As a healthcare provider, I'm tired of seeing the results of their irresponsibility. They are out of touch with every day Missourians. Missouri is listed as among the highest for gun violence rates and among the weakest for gun law strength according to Everytownresearch.org. I STRONGLY oppose.



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I would urge our representatives to resist lowering the age for concealed carry even further. The tragedies in Uvalde and others make us aware of the hazards of letting very young people have easier access to guns. An 18 year old is still in high school and subject to pressures there. Even a year may make a difference. Also, law enforcement will be assisted by having less crisis and conflict to deal with.



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I am opposed to several of the proposed changes! We need tighter gun laws, not excusing people by singling them out bc of flimsy delineations of job descriptions or status. Proposed wording on page 7, lines 5 and 6, directly contradict the whole point of the section. This whole suggested document is bogus. Vote NO



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I am opposed to HB 1708. A sacred space should not have to be concerned with concealed weapons.



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I am opposed to this bill for a number of reasons. I'm a gun owner and a Christian who believes that places of worship should be able to set their policies and practices, full stop. I do not believe in the "good guy with a gun" trope. I believe that more access is exacerbating a problem we have in MO. After all, good guys with guns look like bad guys sometimes, but if carrying a weapon is prohibited, then places have cause to keep folks, or at least the weapon, out. Protect citizens and protect places of worship from having potential violence thrust upon them.



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HB2291 will take away funding for education, social services, and public safety. Removing sales tax from firearms and ammunition only benefits someone who wants to buy a gun. I oppose HB2291 and feel it laughs at every citizen of Missouri that still must pay taxes on groceries. Do not pass HB2291 out of committee.



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Please stop making it easier to access guns and actually do something to lessen the impact guns have on our lives.



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Missouri's current laws are adequate. It makes no sense to make the age for concealed carry younger than the age to buy tobacco. Just plain silly



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This Bill is completely ludicrous, and does not take into account the safety of your constituents. I strongly am opposed to this bill. Do what is right for once!



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As a pastor of a 650 member congregation in Webster Groves, I oppose having weapons in God's sanctuary. A sanctuary, by definition, is a place "set apart". God's house is a place of peace and reconciliation set apart from the world filled with the fear that leads people to think they need to carry a weapon. It is a place of transparency and openness. Concealed guns place the children and everyone else in danger as they can be carried in by people with zero training in this state. Guns increase danger. The statistics about guns and the increased risk of death is overwhelming clear. Secondly, the state interfering with religious bodies and their places of worship is against a basic tenet of our American democracy separating church and state which is protected in the U.S. Constitution.



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Please vote against this Bill. It is just another attempt to throttle the Constitutional Rights of law abiding citizens. Those of us who have CCW permits have had extensive training. Most of us are Vets who have served in combat situations. I see no reason that a law abiding citizen should be deprived of the right to defend him or herself just because they are using public transportation. I myself am a Vietnam vet, the son, and son-in-law of two WW2 Combat vets. A member of the Arnold Rifle and Pistol Club. I know of no one who has used a firearm in "any" unlawful instance. We may be the last bastion of civilized society. If we can prevent one tragedy, save one life we will do it at peril to ourselves. It's just what we have been trained to do. Thank you.



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Missouri legislators have shown no momentum for passing gun safety protections, despite the fact that St. Louis is among the top US cities with the highest gun murder rates in the country. In states where elected officials have taken action to pass safer gun laws, fewer people die by gun violence.



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Allowing concealed firearms on public transportation and in houses of worship will only help disgruntled people kill more humans. This is a dangerous bill and it's going to cost many, many hours of performative "thoughts and prayers" from the very people who are trying to shove it down our throats when we don't want this.



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The first priority of government is to protect the life and wellbeing of its citizens. We have a right to safety from gun violence in public transportation and to worship in peace and without fear in our churches. Common sense gun safety makes sense for law-abiding gun owners and everyone alike.



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I wish to submit my opposition to the HB 1708. I feel very unsafe knowing people around me, who have not been trained in our laws or have bad tempers, may be carrying guns. The more that guns are carried around, the better the chance of being lost, being stolen, or someone in the heat of anger deciding an argument with violence. The age should continue to be 19. Another year of growth can help a person's judgement



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Guns do not belong on public transit.



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I am staunchly opposed to this bill. Having a daughter who survived a school shooting that could have been prevented with common sense gun laws has made me strongly opposed to ANY loosening of gun laws. This bill is not necessary and I believe would make us less safe.



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Too many guns in up in the wrong hands and there is no reason to make it easier to have guns where they have no business being



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You are weakening our gun laws even more. As a teacher, I do not want to practice armed intruder drills with 5 year olds! No parent should worry about their child's safety at school, church, the zoo... THINK about what you are doing! I will work to vote out anyone who further weakens our gun laws.



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I am a Missouri citizen and I submit this written testimony in opposition to HB 1708. This bill would, among other things, allow firearms in houses of worship throughout the state. Statistics show that more arms in houses of worship do not make us safer. Indeed, many people will feel threatened and frightened by the prospect of anyone coming into their sanctuary of holy worship with a gun or guns that might be used against anyone in that house of worship. Finally, it violates the Constitutional separation of church and state for a legislative body to tell a particular clergy member that he or she is not allowed to prohibit firearms in their own house of worship. This is a terrible bill that I strongly oppose.



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My name is Rev. Geneva Allen-Patterson (known as Pastor Gee). I am the Pastor of St James African Methodist Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau, MO. I'm a native Missourian, raised in the inner city of St Louis, MO. My late husband, Rev Allen was an ordained itinerant Elder in the AME Church. While pastoring in the Kansas City, Missouri area, we became- not by choice- Survivors. As we were celebrating our wedding anniversary, we received a call that our daughter had been shot and was enroute to a trauma hospital. We later learned as part of a gang initiation process, a gunman sprayed bullets at all three of our children (the youngest 7 at the time). A bullet hit our eldest and lodged in her back so close to her spine that it remains buried in tissue. Thank God she survived. Like me, now a Pastor, many come to houses of worship not only to receive the Word, but also as a place of refuge- a safe space. As a Pastor, I reside over worship services, baptisms, weddings, funerals, homeless and food security outreach programs. All the while, my eyes are questioning unknowns due to security concerns. Our mission is to save souls, so seeing new people should bring joy, not concern. As a Pastor, parent, grandparent, and definitely an advocate for humankind, I definitely look for any opportunity to reduce the number of people killed or injured by gunfire. As clergy persons and religious leaders, we are charged with the safety and security of the members of our communities and our physical space should reflect that safety and security. But this bill would bypass and completely disregard the authority of religious organizations and religious leaders to make decisions about their own places of worship. I know that all of us want to keep houses of worship safe from gun violence, but we, the religious leaders, should be able to decide how best to do that. This bill takes the authority of deciding whether or not to allow firearms onto their property away from churches, synagogues, mosques, temples, and any other place of worship which desires to protect their children, youth, and adults from firearms. That's a decision that should be ours to make. We should be able to worship free from the threat of armed intimidation and gun violence and this bill would infringe upon the first amendment right that all Americans are afforded. I urge members of this committee to please oppose HB 1708 and keep Missouri houses of worship safe from firearms. Thank you.



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18 year olds being able to conceal carry, means high schoolers. What could go wrong with that?When concealed weapons are allowed in churches and on public transportation, I lose my right to worship and travel with no or less guns, instead of more.



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Why is it necessary for young men to be able to sneak weapons into a church or onto a bus or Metrolink? Have we not had enough of the needless killing going on here? All passage of this awful bill will do is make it easier for bad guys to murder more innocent people. This bill is incredibly stupid and serves NO GOOD PURPOSE. VOTE NO! .



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EMAIL: gbarnett4411@gmail.com		ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 2:03 PM

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My name is Greg Barnett and I am a member of the Episcopal Church of the Transfiguration in Lake Saint Louis. I am writing in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. This bill is an affront to religious liberty. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives “the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship.” Thus, it is up to the minister if concealed weapons are allowed, and if so, who is allowed to carry them. Our church does not allow concealed weapons, which I believe is in keeping with the Gospel of Jesus. If a minister were to allow the carrying of concealed weapons, I also believe he or she would want to do so as part of a security plan and would want to choose which individuals to arm. Not all individuals who carry concealed weapons have the skills and temperament needed in the event of an active shooter event (in fact, I would argue, few have). But HB 1708 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. Gun rights advocates often argue that schools are a target of active shooters because the shooter knows there are no guns in the school. By having to prominently display that concealed weapons are not allowed, does not this put churches who restrict concealed weapons in the same position? The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution prohibits laws impeding the free exercise of religion for its citizens. HB 1708 clearly crosses the line of separation of church and state and takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces. The State Legislature has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 1708.



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This bill would discriminate against religious institutions by allowing, as a default, the insinuation of firearms into houses of worship, whereas they are, by default, not allowed into many secular places of business or governmental facilities. Secular and religious organizations should be treated equivalently, and the government should not be placing this additional burden on religious organizations. If guns are not allowed into casinos, they should also not be allowed into churches.



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WITNESS NAME: HEATHER MASSMANN		PHONE NUMBER:
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We need improved/comprehensive gun laws, not loser ones! This is ridiculous!



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I am writing to vehemently oppose this bill. Allowing weapons to enter more public spaces will only result in more gun violence and deaths. This bill is out of touch with the needs of Missourians.



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I am opposed to concealed carry. More guns in public places are a risk; we need fewer, not more. I worked in hospitals for 32 years, much of that time in transfusion services, so I am familiar with misuse of firearms, which would certainly take place more often if this bill is passed.



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I am appalled that with the things that Missouri needs to do to improve people's lives the first bills filed and brought to committee involve more lenient laws for guns! I realize that some of you have a love relationship with guns but HB 1708 i feel is dangerous. Forcing concealed guns in sensitive areas such as churches and on buses and trains puts all of us in a dangerous position. Missouri already has a failing grade as we are in the top 10 for gun violence and also for spending billions of taxpayer dollars due to gun violence. And to lower the age of concealed carry puts all of us at a greater risk I think. Firearms are the leading cause of death for those 18-20 and also this age group commits gun homicides at 3x's the rate of people 21 or older. You should be raising the age...not lowering it!! Please wake up! I try to live as our purpose in this life is to help others. And if we can't help them, at least don't do things to hurt them! You all need to focus on helping Missouri in areas of education, health, etc. and not focus on guns. Do the job you were elected to do and that is to help us and not hurt us!



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EMAIL: jacque@bardgett.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 3:09 PM	

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Please find below a letter from St. Louis City Public Safety Director Chief Coyle outlining his opposition to HB 1708: Dear Chairman Riley and members of the House Committee on General Laws, As the Director of Public Safety for the City of St. Louis, I write to oppose HB 1708. St. Louis' Metro Transit system provides millions of rides each year, helping residents across the region get back and forth to work every day. While we share a common goal of improving safety on Metro Transit safer for both staff and passengers, the proposed legislation allowing guns on transit vehicles would take us backwards, impeding progress on a system that is already working to address safety concerns. The City of St. Louis is working together with St. Louis County, St. Clair County, Illinois, and each of our respective law enforcement agencies to improve the safety of the St. Louis system. The St. Louis region invested in a recent study of the St. Louis Metro Transit Security plan by national transit security experts; allowing concealed carry weapons on transit was not one of the 99 expert recommendations in that report. Metro Transit continues to implement the recommendations outlined in the experts' analysis to improve public safety on its routes. More guns on our transit would be a disservice to our frontline essential workers who keep our transit system running. Through their union, Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 788, operators have made clear their opposition to loosening gun laws on transit. Furthermore, as a multi-state transit system, federal rules prohibit Bi-State Development employees and contractors from carrying weapons that can cause bodily harm, even if passengers would be able to do so. The experience and input of transit workers, who keep our region's economy moving, is critical while considering these kinds of major policy changes. This bill goes beyond removing prohibitions on the metro to also include a ban on prohibitions of firearms in religious spaces. The committee must understand that this is a dangerous development. In my role, I work very closely with our City's 911 system. 911 calls from concerned citizens about people openly carrying firearms in these spaces can create confusion for responding officers and can endanger officers, gun carriers, and bystanders. Firearms on public transit and in churches creates a chaotic environment where it will be difficult to distinguish between assailants and victims and risks the safety of any individual who may encounter the vehicle in transit during this period of upheaval. Beyond these objections, the City also opposes lowering the conceal carry permit age from 19 to 18. As the committee is aware, youth shooting incidents are a source of great tragedy in our region. In St. Louis, youth shooting incidents are down by 47 percent this year and youth victims of shooting are down 50 percent. We must maintain this promising progress. Lowering the age for a concealed carry permit is a step backwards. In 2021, the Missouri Independent noted that the State of Missouri's repeal of permit to purchase led to at least a 25%, and as much as a 47%, increase in firearms homicides and a 23.5% increase in firearms suicides in Missouri. Continuing to lift restrictions will lead to a further proliferation of guns in public spaces while negatively impacting public safety. The City of St. Louis is

opposed to this policy, and I urge the committee to vote no on this legislation that would make our transit system more dangerous for riders and staff alike. Sincerely, Charles Coyle Public Safety Director, City of St. Louis



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I live in 63126 and I do not want firearms in my church and on public transit.



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I am **AGAINST** HB1708 which promotes being able to conceal carry firearms in churches and on public transportation. There are so many deaths and injuries resulting from gun violence that the last thing we need or want is to give people more opportunities to carry guns in the name of safety.



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The Missouri Catholic Conference (MCC) respectfully opposes the portion of HB 1708 that repeals the prohibition on the concealed carrying of firearms in churches and other places of worship by a person with a valid concealed carry permit without the permission of the pastor. Under current Missouri law, gun owners with a concealed carry permit are prohibited from carrying a weapon into a church without the permission of the pastor. Missouri properly recognizes that churches are spaces in which guns have no place as a matter of public policy. Like amusement parks, airports, casinos, childcare facilities, and schools, churches are appropriately considered gun-free zones. HB 1708 changes this paradigm. It makes churches places gun owners can lawfully carry concealed weapons, rather than recognizing them in law as gun-free spaces. Churches wishing to remain gun-free would be required to post signage in a conspicuous place, likely near the sacred space of worship. The MCC views this as an inappropriate and unnecessary intrusion upon religious freedom, which is guaranteed under the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution. The MCC recognizes that we now live in a society where legally recognized gun-free zones have, in some instances, become susceptible to gun violence. Churches are free under current law, however, to address these situations by establishing security protocols tailored to meet their situation. The MCC believes this is a more appropriate way to address the current proliferation of gun violence than removing churches from the list of places guns are not permitted as a matter of law. The Second Amendment of the U.S. Constitution ensures the right to bear arms, but it should not be used to justify infringing upon the Constitutional rights of others. The Missouri Catholic Conference urges you vote "NO" on HB 1708.



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I am in opposition to this.



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My name is Janet Hyde and I attend St. Peter’s Episcopal Church in Ladue. I am writing in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives “the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship.” But HB 1708 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship. HB 1708 clearly crosses the line of separation of church and state. Our constitution protects citizens’ right to practice their religion as they choose. This bill takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces. In addition, if I knew that people were bringing guns into my church, I would feel intimidated from attending services, thereby stamping on my freedom of religion as guaranteed in the First Amendment. I urge you to oppose HB 1708.



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We should be discontinuing concealed carry permits, not making them easier to obtain.**



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HB 1708 seems to be a very unwise piece of legislation. I do NOT believe that each individual in Missouri has a right to carry his choice of weapons into my place of worship. While we welcome everyone, last time I checked, a gun was not a person. The FIRST Amendment guarantees free exercise of religion and freedom of assembly. I have the right to worship and to assemble with like-minded people. It is an infringement of my First Amendment rights to say otherwise. My pastor has the freedom to practice his religion by leading our congregation as his conscience dictates. I believe that he and our church board have the right to set policies regarding firearms via the right to freedom of association.



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HB 1708 seems to be a very unwise piece of legislation. I do NOT believe that each individual in Missouri has a right to carry his choice of weapons into my place of worship. While we welcome everyone, last time I checked, a gun was not a person. The FIRST Amendment guarantees free exercise of religion and freedom of assembly. I have the right to worship and to assemble with like-minded people. It is an infringement of my First Amendment rights to say otherwise. My pastor has the freedom to practice his religion by leading our congregation as his conscience dictates. I believe that he and our church board have the right to set policies regarding firearms via freedom of association. I also believe that the minimum age for a concealed carry permit should not be lowered to age 18. Here is what I have found: "People under 21 should not be able to buy a gun. Laws may provide exceptions for 18-20 year-olds purchasing certain types of long guns in limited circumstances. Eighteen to 20-year-olds commit gun homicides at triple the rate of people 21 years and older" Everytown analysis using FBI Supplementary Homicide Report (SHR) and US Census American Community Survey data 2016–2020. Sincerely, Janice Jean Stallings



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We all know, especially as parents, that 18 year olds are not fully mature in their thinking and planning skills. They are often impulsive and quick to act before considering the consequences of their actions. I don't think it is wise to lower the age to carry a concealed firearm to 18. Especially considering that no training or testing is required before doing so. This bill will result in more lives lost rather than saved. It may make those who are proponents of more guns in public feel safer but not the rest of us. Please do not support this bill.



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Mr. Chair and members of the committee, my name is Jennifer Bernstein and I am submitting this testimony in opposition to HB 1708 on behalf of the National Council of Jewish Women St. Louis (NCJWSTL). NCJWSTL is a non-profit organization in metropolitan St. Louis, representing over 5,000 members and supporters throughout the state. We focus our work on community service, advocacy, education, and philanthropy to improve the quality of life for women, children, and families while supporting individual and civil rights, and have been doing so since 1895. HB 1708 would allow individuals to carry concealed firearms into places of worship without the consent of the religious leaders. By taking power away from religious leaders to decide what happens in their own congregations, this bill clearly violates the separation of church and state. As an organization inspired by Jewish values, we are very aware of how vulnerable places of worship can be to gun violence. In 2018, 11 people were murdered and 6 more injured by a gunman at the Tree of Life Congregation in Pittsburgh. Less than a year later, in 2019, a gunman shot 4 congregants, 1 of whom died, in a Chabad synagogue in Poway, California. And in 2022, 4 people were taken hostage by an armed assailant at Congregation Beth Israel synagogue in Colleyville, Texas. Synagogues, mosques, and churches are already under threat. HB 485 would put congregations at increased risk by removing religious leaders' rights to deny concealed weapons in their places of worship. Lawmakers should reject efforts to weaken the separation of church and state. NCJWSTL encourages you to vote no on HB 1708.



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Until recently I served as pastor of a Mennonite church in St. Louis. Mennonites are a historic peace church, and as such are pacifists. A bill that forces weapons into our places of worship violates our religious liberty. Whether to allow guns or not should be left up to the leadership of individual places of worship, not forced upon us by the government.



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I strongly oppose allowing concealed carry of weapons for younger children.



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We need common sense gun laws for the safety of all. Stop giving guns and gun owners extra special loop holes. Guns kill people. We regulate everything else why would a weapon not be regulated to the highest standard. Please help protect the innocent by not passing HB 1708 and HB 2291.



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I firmly believe in local control and I know that loaded guns should not be forced into churches across the state. No pastor, priest, or parishioner should fear that someone attending a church is carrying a loaded gun. In addition, loaded guns do not belong on city buses. Lowering the age of conceal carry is a liability. I am a Missourian and I am opposed to HB 1708 proposed by Rep Schnelting.



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It is an infringement on the Constitutional right for freedom to practice one's faith without government or other interference. Church leaders and congregations must be left free to act in their own religious beliefs. Anyone refusing to honor those community decisions can simply go to a different church or start their own.



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This is a terrible idea. Why make handguns available to 18 year olds? Their cerebral cortex is not completely developed.



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Gun ownership should be restricted not encouraged or made easier. We need to end concealed and open carry and reduce the number of firearms owned by citizens to save lives and make our society safer.



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I oppose HB 1708. I believe that the governing body of places of worship, made up of its congregants, should have the right to forbid concealed firearms on their premises. The presence of concealed firearms should not be forced upon them by the state government. Every congregation has its own unique safety concerns and attitudes towards firearms, and that should be honored. Similarly, governing boards of public transportation should make their own decisions about firearms. Lowering the age of concealed carry permits to 18 is going in the wrong direction. High school aged students should not be carrying concealed firearms. Their judgment and ability to control emotions is not fully developed. While this might be safe in a rural setting, it definitely is not safe in a densely populated suburban or city setting. Please do not make Missouri even less safe from gun violence than it already is. Several organizations have awarded Missouri an F rating for gun safety due to our already incredibly lax or non-existent gun safety laws. Thank you.



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Forcing guns into churches removes the right of the congregation to choose for themselves. It will reduce church attendance and put people at risk. This is not how we protect the sanctity of life.



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Places of worship should be free from the threat of weapons present. Even the most well-meaning of citizens can create tragedy. The risk of accidents occurring is much greater than that of needing a firearm for protection in these situations and should be left at the discretion of the congregation.



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HB1708 elevates a Concealed Carry License holder to the level of a vigilante. They are not sufficiently trained in marksmanship or situations. The bill has no provisions for this. Public transportation is no place for a gunfight. Innocent people would be caught in the crossfire and be injured or die. Neither do I want guns in my house of worship. It's God's house, have respect. Do not pass HB1708 out of committee.



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We should be passing gun laws that are more restrictive, not less. Gun violence in this state, in this country is out of control. I do not want guns in my synagogue, I do not want guns on the buses, or on the trains, or in any public transportation. I do not want the age of concealed carry to be lowered. It is so often young men that are doing the mass shootings.



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There is no reason to keep expanding the number of people who can carry concealed weapons guns with very little training. They are not "good guys" with guns, they are they are "dangerous guys" with guns. It is t wrong to imply that every situation can be solved with a firearm. As for carrying on public transportation - NOT necessary. If an altercation were to take place - the chance of of an innocent person being shot is extremely high. GUNS ARE NOT THE ANSWER to any and every situation.



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I strongly oppose guns being allowed in church and on public transportation. Church is a sacred space for prayer and community - firearms are not needed. Their only purpose would be to frighten and destroy any sense of community. Public transportation in our cities is a necessity for many. "Concealed carry" laws would cause a sense of mistrust and fear and encourage even more violence than our neighbors who must ride buses already experience.



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This bill would put Missouri's students and educators in greater danger! Schools are already spending too much money and energy on defending against gun violence. This bill is a ridiculous display of disregard for the protection of our children and a misinterpretation of the founding fathers' intention in the Second Amendment. This bill is a terrible idea on every level. You are not playing cowboys! I am a retired school teacher, counselor, and still a volunteer in public schools.



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MO is the fourth most lethal state in the country for guns deaths. We need more gun control not less.**



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WITNESS NAME: KATHRYN QUINLAN		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly oppose HB 1708 because as legislators you should be limiting the use of firearms not expanding use in highly sensitive places such as houses of worship! I presume you are aware of the many mass shootings that have taken place in temples, churches and mosques as of late. In addition lowering the age from 19 to 18 is a huge waste of time and can only appeal to a very small group of rural gun owners while making it more unsafe for non gun owners. Moreover, how does 1708 consider the safety of Missouri citizens in the public sphere? Have these legislators considered our current firearm violence crisis in our state? This legislation will only make it more dangerous to live in Missouri. This gives those considering moving to Missouri another reason not too. Should bad gun laws pass many Missourians may consider leaving. This legislation just adds more negative press to our already troubled track record as a state. We need uplifting and positive legislation that makes living here more meaningful and productive for all Missourians. These are draconian and deeply regressive legislative ideas coming from a legislature that focuses on issues that do nothing to better the lives of Missourians.



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Please do not pass this bill. We need to stop the killing in Missouri



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EMAIL: kathyhemann@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 3:19 PM
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I want legislation that will curb gun violence. This isn't it.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHY PETERSEN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: tjkp67@att.et	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 7:13 PM
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My opposition to HB1708 cannot be overstated. I feel safe in my church, but this bill would allow weapons of destruction in a sacred space. Although I seldom use public transportation, I speak for friends and neighbors who do. We all deserve a modicum of assurance that we will arrive alive and unharmed.



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WITNESS NAME: KATHY STUMP		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kystump52@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 10:01 AM
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As a resident of Riverside, Mo and member of Church of the Redeemer in Kansas City, North, I am writing to persuade you to vote against House Bill 1708. Do not pass legislation to allow guns in churches or on public transportation. This bill is a reckless proposal that threatens the sanctity and security of churches across our state, and furthermore violates our constitutional separation of church and state. The requirement that places of worship post government-regulated signs to ban weapons onsite further interferes with that separation. Missouri's weak gun laws are proof positive that allowing guns in sensitive spaces, including public transportation, does NOT reduce gun violence. Nor is there a reason to purposely place churchgoers in danger by allowing anyone, even strangers to carry a loaded handgun into their place of worship. The potential ramifications of enacting this bill could cause more harm to our communities. Please do not pass HB 1708 or move from committee. Instead focus on supporting common sense gun laws that would actually protect our families from gun violence. Thank you for your consideration of this viewpoint.



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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kgulley1023@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:55 PM
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I think we have enough guns at every location in the country. We don't need them in the hands of 18yr olds. A 18yr conceal carry into a school or other location is absolute foolishness. A power keg for disaster. Think Folks...think! VOTE this bill down please.



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WITNESS NAME: KEN KOTIZA		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: kenkotiza@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:34 AM
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I strongly oppose allowing guns in places of worship along with transit even if the person has a concealed permit.



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WITNESS NAME: KENETHA WEIDMAIER		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: ksweid@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 2:46 PM

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Guns everywhere is not a solution to our ever increasing crime and more importantly deaths by guns. I am a senior citizen that shouldn't have to live in fear of some kind of accident that could occur because of this type of legislation.



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WITNESS NAME: KENNETH HENSLEY		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: khensley55@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 1:01 PM
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HB1708 elevates a Concealed Carry License holder to the level of a vigilante. They are not sufficiently trained in marksmanship or situations that may arise. The bill has no provisions for this and will most likely lead to more accidental shootings and deaths. Public transportation is no place for a gunfight. Innocent people would be caught in the crossfire and be injured or die. Neither do I want guns in my house of worship. Do not pass HB1708 out of committee.



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WITNESS NAME: KEVIN HINK		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: kevin.hink@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:39 PM
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This bill is hammer in search of a nail. No reasonable hardship exists in which an 18 year old is severely inconvenienced in waiting one more year to apply for a conceal carry permit. Indeed, 19 years old is already too young. If anything, the minimum age should be set at 21 to match other states. Additionally, the repeal of the prohibition on guns in public transit is also misguided and unnecessary. Guards are already present on trains and in terminals. Police already assist in providing security in those spaces. I do not want any guns on any buses, trains or planes unless carried by uniformed guards or law officers.



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They're dangerous! We have a community theater in a rural community. No way!



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This is an absurd and dangerous bill. Of all the things that Missourians need help with - carrying a concealed firearm on public transportation isn't one of them. For a party that pretends to be "pro-life", you really don't do anything to actually protect human lives. This bill will endanger (not protect) more people.



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EMAIL: kortniehuddleston@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 1:26 PM	
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I am writing to vehemently oppose HB 1708, which, in addition to its troubling provisions on public transportation and concealed carry permits, introduces measures allowing concealed carry in places of worship and grants exemptions to members of the General Assembly from existing unlawful use of weapons regulations. These aspects further amplify the inherent dangers posed by the proposed legislation. Firstly, the bill's provision permitting concealed carry permit holders to carry firearms on public transportation, including buses, is deeply troubling. By expanding the scope of individuals authorized to bear arms in such environments, the proposed legislation jeopardizes the safety of passengers and exposes them to heightened risks of firearm-related incidents. Moreover, the removal of eligibility restrictions for individuals with a history of criminal offenses, specifically crimes of violence, contradicts the very essence of responsible gun ownership and compromises the well-being of the community. The repeal of the prohibition on concealed carrying of firearms in churches and places of worship, while individuals hold a valid concealed carry permit, is a reckless deviation from prudent firearm regulations. Such locations, traditionally considered sanctuaries of peace, will become potential sites of heightened risk and discord if individuals are allowed to carry concealed weapons within their premises. This measure not only jeopardizes the safety of worshippers but also undermines the sacred nature of these institutions. Furthermore, the bill's provision to exempt current and former members of the General Assembly from certain prohibitions on the unlawful use of weapons is deeply concerning. Granting special privileges to lawmakers in this context is an affront to the principles of equal treatment under the law. Members of the General Assembly should be held to the same legal standards as the rest of the citizenry, and any deviation from this principle sets a dangerous precedent that undermines the credibility of our legal system. In conclusion, the proposed bill not only compromises the safety of individuals using public transportation but also weakens the safeguards in place to prevent the issuance of concealed carry permits to those with a history of violence. The proposed allowances for concealed carry in places of worship and exemptions for members of the General Assembly from existing regulations not only jeopardize public safety but also erode the fundamental tenets of equal treatment before the law. I urge you to reconsider the implications of this legislation and prioritize the safety and well-being of the community over the interests of a select few.



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EMAIL: mrskmac@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:49 AM
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WITNESS NAME: KRISTIN BOWEN		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kristinbowencomo@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:59 PM
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I am writing to share opposition to HB1708 and the lowering of the age for conceal carry in our state. My small city is already struggling to keep guns out of the hands of dangerous people and to enforce Missouri's existing safety laws. Loosening our laws further--putting more hidden guns in the hands of younger people, no questions asked--is not what our law enforcement or our law-abiding families want or need. The measure that would force hidden, loaded handguns onto public transit--specifically the buses in my town--would do nothing to keep us safer and would only increase the danger in these tight spaces. Those of us who live in communities with public transit rely on it--for our students, for workers' access to workplaces, and for those without other means. Forcing communities like mine to allow guns on our buses would only damage public safety and increase risk. If a city wants to allow guns on buses, then the legislature should enact a measure that would allow municipal officials to make such a measure. That there have been zero cities or towns in Missouri looking for this change is because local communities know best what public safety measures work for them.



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I am opposed to this action.



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WITNESS NAME: LAURA BURKHARDT		PHONE NUMBER:	
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I strongly urge the committee to vote against HB 1708. Forcing guns into places of worship as the default law is in direct violation of the 1st amendment. It's gross government overreach in that it strips faith leaders of the power they have now. The Missouri state legislature has absolutely no place forcing their beliefs onto faith leaders and their houses of worship. Guns on public transportation have been proven to not only fail to make passengers safer, but it has resulted in more gun violence. The people pushing this legislation do not utilize public transit. The people who use public transportation have been very vocal, year after year, in their opposition to this legislation. Once again, you must listen to the people who will be directly impacted by this. The carve-out of special privileges allowing current and former lawmakers and judges to conceal carry firearms into sensitive places is lunacy. You are not in any way above, more qualified, or more privileged than the constituents you serve. Not only is this dangerous, but it is the epitome of entitlement. Please find time to do productive work for Missouri. This is not it.



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WITNESS NAME: LEE MICHAELYN		PHONE NUMBER:
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Guns are the leading cause of children's deaths in our nation. More guns does not mean we are safer. Republicans need to just admit they care more about guns than they do our children. These bills are a death sentence to our children.



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WITNESS NAME: LENETTE JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: jhawklenette@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:31 PM
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Hi. My name is Lenette Johnson. I live in Kansas City , Mo. I am a member of Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral and I'm writing to ask Sen. to vote against House Bill 1708 and not allow guns in churches or on public transportation. This bill is a reckless proposal that would threaten the sanctity and security of churches across our state. There is no evidence to support the notion that flooding sensitive spaces with guns will eliminate gun violence. Not is there a reason to purposely place churchgoers in danger by allowing anyone, even strangers to carry a loaded handgun into their place of worship. The potential ramifications of enacting this bill could cause more harm to our communities. Please do not pass HB 282 or move from committee. Instead focus on supporting common sense gun laws that would actually protect our families from gun violence.



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WITNESS NAME: LESLIE ANNE WASHINGTON		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lesliewashington514@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 9:11 PM
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As a survivor of domestic and firearms violence this is a bad bill to have for domestic abusers . If there is a firearm involved in a domestic violence incident it is 5x more likely that woman will be killed. Children are getting a hold of firearms and killing their siblings or themselves Missouri should not allow this bill to pass



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WITNESS NAME: LESLIE JONES		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lesliejones.mo@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:53 AM

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This is an absolutely ridiculous law to be presenting at a time when Missouri already has 8th highest rate of gun violence. Guns are the number one killer of our children and teens and our state lawmakers are doing nothing to address this and make our children and communities safer. More guns allowed in our community will not solve any of the current problems we have with homicide and suicide in this state. Research shows the good guy with a gun theory does not work out majority of the time. Allowing individuals to carry concealed firearms in churches (even if against the church's wishes!), and on public transportation will bring about much more danger than positive change towards safer communities. We can have guns and be safer too, but this is not the way to be going about it.



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA K. JOLLY		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: lindakjolly@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 1:51 AM
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I am appalled that HB 1708 would even be considered. Reducing the age for concealed carry is ludicrous. The brains of teenagers are still in the process of development. Their immature decision making skills are a formula for disaster...In addition, no to guns in churches and public transportation. Please do not support HB 1708



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA KRAM		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: lindakram@charter.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 8:29 PM

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We need to stop the spread of gun violence. Our children deserve to be free from the fear of guns. Our congregants deserve to worship in peace without the fear of violence. There are too many acts of violence. Gun violence is the leading cause of death among children. We can stop this by being courageous.



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA SHILLITO		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: garyandlinda@me.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 6:38 PM
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My name is Linda Shillito and I worship at Calvary Episcopal Church in Columbia Missouri. I am writing to express my opposition to this bill. The existing law banning concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives the consent of clergy to carry should remain. This bill encourages a proliferation of guns.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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EMAIL: l_skolnick@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:23 PM
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**I strongly oppose this bill. We need common sense gun laws that help protect the vulnerable.
Reducing the age for carrying a gun opens up the possibility of more tragedy perpetrated by youth.**



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WITNESS NAME: LINDA STINNETT		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lgstinnett@kc.rr.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 1:18 PM
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lloydk@klinedinst.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:06 AM
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I don't believe in people having guns except when hunting.



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WITNESS NAME: LONA M. HARRIS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lonaneil@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 8:44 PM
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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lmarstew@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:45 AM

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If more guns in more places made Missourians safer we wouldn't be ranked as the 7th deadliest state for gun violence. The legislature should be strengthening our gun laws, not further eviscerating them. I strongly oppose HB 1708. Putting guns in to our church sanctuaries without the knowledge and consent of the church is the state inserting themselves into religion. Lowering the age to conceal carry to 18, increases the risks of gun incidences on our high school and college campuses. And guns on public transportation increases the chances of a shooting. Please, put the lives of Missourians ahead of the gun lobby.



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WITNESS NAME: LYNNE BOCK		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: lynnebock@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:21 AM
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WITNESS NAME: MARGARET E SHEA		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: meshea2154@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 8:18 AM
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I am opposed to these bills. As a former pediatric intensive care nurse I have cared for too many innocent children who have suffered gunshots. Many were accidents because of the irresponsible adult gun owners. This state has the most lax gun laws and I am becoming more fearful of going anywhere because guns in Missouri are allowed almost everywhere.



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WITNESS NAME: MARGO MAINER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: margo.mainer@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:28 AM
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WITNESS NAME: MARIANNE SALCICCIA		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: marianne.salciccia@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/7/2024 2:25 PM
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I am writing to express my opposition to HB 1708 allowing concealed weapons in public places like transportation and churches. As a practicing Catholic, I have a right to feel safe and free from potential gun violence in my place of worship. Guns beget gun violence, and allowing them in churches invites the possibility of shootings in church. A church is a place of peace and sanctity, not a war zone or a battleground. Allowing these weapons into church will severely disrupt the peace and sanctum that churches are designed to provide. There is absolutely no reason for a gun to be present in church. As a concerned MO resident and regular church-goer, I do not support this bill and urge representatives not to pass it.



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WITNESS NAME: MARILYN MARCUS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: marmarglen@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:45 AM
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I was held up at gun point by a young man in 1986 in the Central West End in the city of St. Louis with a girlfriend. We were able to distract him and escape withOut a gun of our own. Allowing guns in church and on public transportation is dangerous and unnecessary. Plus what happened to separation of church and state?? Lowering the age to carry to 18 is wrong, it should be raised to age 21. If a young person wants to carry a gun before then, they can be evaluated and get training by joining the Army. It is the duty of our elected reps to Protect the citizens of Missouri and Not work for the profits of the gun industry. Thank you



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WITNESS NAME: MARION MILLER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mjm314@charter.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 1:52 PM

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Concealed weapons have no place on public transportation nor in churches. The chances for multiple shots fires from multiple weapons is too great. If you are changing the age to conceal carry, I suggest 22. Teenagers are too immature to carry weapons everywhere, very few have good decision-making skills.



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WITNESS NAME: MARK BOYKO		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mark.boyko@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:21 AM
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In 2014 the legislature reduced the age for a concealed carry permit from 21 to 19 and two years later allowed permit-less carry for those 19 and above. The evidence is now in. Missouri's gun death rate was below 15.3 per 100,000 residents in 2014 and has risen to 23.2. Said another way, about 480 more human beings in Missouri are shot to death each year today compared to when the minimum age was 21. Our gun-death rate is far higher than states who continue to have a minimum age of 21, even conservative ones like Florida. There, the minimum age is 21 and the gun death rate is only 14.1 per 100,000 residents. I oppose any effort to double-down on pro-death policies like those passed in 2014 and 2016.



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WITNESS NAME: MARK GRAMLICH		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: 90gramlichm@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:56 PM
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I do not support this legislation.



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WITNESS NAME: MARVIN BODINE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: marvinbodine@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 8:47 AM
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This country is a democracy let the people that run the churches or businesses decide for themselves they are the ones paying the taxes My great grandparents moved here because they were forced to practice a certain religion. Don't force your beliefs on somebody else.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY DEES		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: marydeeshome@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 8:18 AM
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WITNESS NAME: MARY GROSS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: marygva@icloud.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:22 PM
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With the recent advent of shooters who are still in or barely out of school, I object to lowering the age for concealed carry permits to age 18. If HB 1708 passes, high school students, whose brains are not fully developed, would be legally allowed to carry guns into places of worship and on public transportation. According to Everytown for Gun Safety, firearms are the leading cause of death for young people ages 18 to 20, and the firearm suicide rate among this group has increased 41% in the last decade. Raising the age for any gun possession, with the exception of supervised hunting, makes more sense and protects both the potential shooter (mostly males) and the public good. Second, the law as it stands now gives house of worship administrators the authority to accept or deny carrying firearms on the property. Allow this please to stand. It preserves the freedom and autonomy of the parish and leaders to make this decision. As for guns on public transit, this is a very bad idea. I cannot imagine how terrifying it would be to be hostage in a metal box while bullets are flying about. This law reduces safe transit for passengers and security staff. Missouri is awash in guns. If more guns made us safer we would be one of the safest states in the US. Instead we have the 8th highest rate of gun violence in the U.S. I am opposed to this bill in its entirety. Please do not pass it.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY J STRACK		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mojo5575@aol.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 4:00 PM

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We need less guns in public NOT more. We as a community are feeling less safe because of this type of legislation. Stop this madness. Vote no



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WITNESS NAME: MARY KAY NICHOLSON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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EMAIL: marykaynicholson@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:33 AM
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WITNESS NAME: MARY V HASTINGS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mvhastings@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:40 AM
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AGAINST the option of guns everywhere. Locations should have the option to protect their occupants from dangerous guns. No one wants to worship their God next to an item designed to kill. Religious communities oppose this and the Archbishop says he'll take legal action if it passes. Stop this craziness and take care of real problems in our state. My sister-in-law was murdered by a gun brought in to a NURSING HOME.



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WITNESS NAME: MARY WISSMANN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: marye.wissmann@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 5:07 PM
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These bills do nothing to address the gun violence problem that we have in Missouri, and in fact, make gun and ammunition ownership easier. I want legislators to care more about the children of Missouri than their political ambitions and affiliations.



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WITNESS NAME: MEAGAN VAN DAM		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: MEGAN BUTLER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mab2495@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 8:45 AM
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I believe in the right for people to carry firearms, but there are places where concealed carry should not be permitted. If a place or worship does not want firearms in their space, they should be free to have a firearm free zone. Missouri has some of the weakest gun laws and one of the highest gun violence rates. If legislators want to save lives of Missourians, they need to find ways to strengthen our common sense gun laws to keep Missourians safe.



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WITNESS NAME: MEGAN WINFREY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
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WITNESS NAME: MELANIE BUSSE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: melbusse7@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 6:12 PM

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A citizen's 2nd Amendment right is not unlimited. It does not give an individual a right to keep and carry any weapon where ever they want, in any manner they want, for whatever purpose they want. And we must recognize that those of us that live in an urban area want more control over the use of guns then someone in a rural community. So, instead of telling all citizen's that a person who owns a gun has rights that are superior to anyone else's rights, let it be a local decision based on what the constituents of that community believe is best for them



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL DAVIS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: michael0033.md@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:47 PM

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Keep a separate laws pertaining to church and state. Making any laws that violate that separation is an abomination of this concept. Keep your god forsaken hands off my church!!!!



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL DREYER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: mdreyer93@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 1:25 PM

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I am writing to vehemently oppose HB 1708, which, in addition to its troubling provisions on public transportation and concealed carry permits, introduces measures allowing concealed carry in places of worship and grants exemptions to members of the General Assembly from existing unlawful use of weapons regulations. These aspects further amplify the inherent dangers posed by the proposed legislation. Firstly, the bill's provision permitting concealed carry permit holders to carry firearms on public transportation, including buses, is deeply troubling. By expanding the scope of individuals authorized to bear arms in such environments, the proposed legislation jeopardizes the safety of passengers and exposes them to heightened risks of firearm-related incidents. Moreover, the removal of eligibility restrictions for individuals with a history of criminal offenses, specifically crimes of violence, contradicts the very essence of responsible gun ownership and compromises the well-being of the community. The repeal of the prohibition on concealed carrying of firearms in churches and places of worship, while individuals hold a valid concealed carry permit, is a reckless deviation from prudent firearm regulations. Such locations, traditionally considered sanctuaries of peace, will become potential sites of heightened risk and discord if individuals are allowed to carry concealed weapons within their premises. This measure not only jeopardizes the safety of worshippers but also undermines the sacred nature of these institutions. Furthermore, the bill's provision to exempt current and former members of the General Assembly from certain prohibitions on the unlawful use of weapons is deeply concerning. Granting special privileges to lawmakers in this context is an affront to the principles of equal treatment under the law. Members of the General Assembly should be held to the same legal standards as the rest of the citizenry, and any deviation from this principle sets a dangerous precedent that undermines the credibility of our legal system. In conclusion, the proposed bill not only compromises the safety of individuals using public transportation but also weakens the safeguards in place to prevent the issuance of concealed carry permits to those with a history of violence. The proposed allowances for concealed carry in places of worship and exemptions for members of the General Assembly from existing regulations not only jeopardize public safety but also erode the fundamental tenets of equal treatment before the law. I urge you to reconsider the implications of this legislation and prioritize the safety and well-being of the community over the interests of a select few.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL J. SONNTAG		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: michaeljsonntag@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 11:50 AM
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As a resident in the City of St. Louis, Missouri, I am completely opposed to the expansion of a concealed carry permit to allow guns to be permitted on public transportation and in churches. I beg that you vote NO on HB 1708. As an active parishioner at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church, I cannot tell you how frightened I feel to think that very soon in my church pew someone may be carrying a loaded weapon. I go to my church to pray with my family - I have three elementary school-aged children. I do everything in my power to keep my kids safe from guns. The very idea that I would need to worry about this while in the sanctuary of God's house is abhorrent to me. Please do not do this. Guns are already everywhere in my state, and we hear gunshots most nights - within earshot of my children's bedrooms. That's bad enough. Do not next bring these weapons of war right next to them in the pew, into our holy places of peace and worship. Please vote NO on HB 1708!



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL KELLEY		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: michaelckelley22@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 5:34 PM

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I ask you all to vote NO on HB 1708. Public transit in Missouri fails to work for the people who need it most for a plethora of reasons. Keeping guns off of buses and trains is not one of those reasons. Instead of pushing this legislation, I ask the Missouri legislature to work with transit workers, riders, and advocates to better understand issues of safety on our public transit options and use those insights to guide future legislative considerations. I ask all of you to vote NO on HB 1708.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL V STANFIELD		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: mstanfield@trinity-presbyterian.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:51 AM
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My name is Rev Dr Michael Stanfield. I am pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Columbia and I am vehemently opposed to this bill. Forcing religious leaders to admit people with concealed weapons into their churches is a clear violation of all that Jesus and the Christian Religion stands for. This makes this proposed law a clear violation of the separation of Church and State. It will also force churches to unknowingly place people in harm's way. Jesus advocated sacrificial love unto death, not willingly and forcibly exposing the beloved community to violence and killing.



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WITNESS NAME: MIKE WINTER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-230-6644	
REPRESENTING: MO PUBLIC TRANSIT ASSOC. AND CITIZENS FOR MODERN TRANSIT		TITLE:	
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CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: nineweight1@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 11:38 AM
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Missouri has had enough gun violence. These senseless killings need to stop and passing this bad bill will only make it worse. Who needs a to carry a concealed gun in church or on public transportation? Or anywhere else? Only people (mostly young men) who intend harm to others. Passage of this dirty bill will only result in more deaths.



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EMAIL: mintowe@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:56 AM
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We need less guns in this country not more guns. There is no evidence that a good guy with a gun stops a bad guy with a gun. It's a myth. In fact there is evidence that more guns in more places INCREASES gun violence. This bill needs to go away if we want our communities to be safer.



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WITNESS NAME: NANCY AKERLEY		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: njanancy@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:19 AM
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This bill would take away the freedom of religious leaders to decide whether they want to allow firearms in their places of worship, would make public transit more tense and less safe, and would increase gun violence in our teenage population by lowering the age of concealed carry.



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I am asking you to vote AGAINST HB1708. Before there was a Second Amendment, there was the Declaration of Independence which promised everyone “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.” The right to bear arms should not be placed above the right to life. We need to protect victims of gun violence. In the 2008 U.S. Supreme Court case of DC vs Heller, even Justice Scalia, a very conservative and textual judge, stated that the right to bear arms is not unlimited. The government can place regulations on this right. In particular, some areas of Missouri are struggling to keep their murder rate down. Missouri is the fourth most lethal state in the country for firearm deaths. Within the entire country, Americans are killed with guns at 26 times the rate of similar countries. Around the world, stronger gun laws have been linked to fewer gun deaths. Although I will probably not convince anyone that we should exercise more gun control, I question the frequently stated mantra that “The best way to stop a bad guy with a gun is a good guy with a gun.” In a crowded train or church, when law enforcement arrives, this could lead to confusion and delays which could result in more injuries or deaths, including “the good guy.” What I would hope is that we are more judicious about who we allow to carry and not lower the age to 18 or eliminate the ban on those with misdemeanor crimes of violence. Please vote against HB1708 and do not help increase gun violence and tragedies in Missouri. Thank you. HB 2291 Firearms and ammunition sold in MO to be exempt from state and local taxes I am asking you to modify HB2291 to include other, more essential personal care items and groceries in this tax exemption bill. Missouri is one of only 13 states that still tax these items. I feel we need to examine which items are the more essential and fair items to make tax-exempt. Food and personal care items, including diapers and feminine hygiene products, are more necessary and have wider consumption demographics than guns and ammo. What message does this bill, as currently written, send to Missourians about our priorities and our compassion for our neighbors? Yes, our grocery and personal care tax revenue is substantial, but preferentially exempting guns, when most owners already have a gun, does not seem consistent with our vision for Missouri’s values. Again, please also include tax exemption for more essential personal care items. Thank you.



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WITNESS NAME: NIMROD CHAPEL JR		PHONE NUMBER: 816-309-5009	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: MISSOURI STATE CONFERENCE OF THE NAACP		TITLE: PRESIDENT	
ADDRESS: 111 W. DUNKLIN			
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO	ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:00 AM	
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WITNESS NAME: PAMELA JEAN RUPPERT		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: pamelaruppert56@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 11:17 AM
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I AM AGAINST THIS BILL!!! If approved it would: Force guns in houses of worship, taking discretion away from religious leaders as to whether they want to allow guns. Force guns on buses and trains by allowing people with concealed carry permits or endorsements to carry a firearm on public transit. Lower the age of concealed carry a firearm from 19 to 18.



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WITNESS NAME: PATRICIA C SILVER		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: pac1silver@icloud.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:33 AM
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Due to the expanded issue with poor mental health support in our country and state I plead that this bill not be supported. The people attending religious services and/or public transportation are some of the most vulnerable in our society. They should not have to worry that a vigilante person will feel empowered to carry weapons while attending or using these services.



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EMAIL: patohearn54@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:23 PM
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This is a stupid, dangerous bill.



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WITNESS NAME: PETER FISHER HESED		PHONE NUMBER:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: phesed@stmargaretstl.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/7/2024 5:32 PM

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Changes in Missouri law regarding concealed carry permits must make the concealed carry permit subject to increased scrutiny, not less. A high bar must be set for individuals who can demonstrate the responsibility that is appropriately commensurate to the responsibility for safe gun ownership. Tighten, don't loosen these laws.



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BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: jugglers@centurytel.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:25 AM
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As a concerned Missourian and a responsible gun owner, I strongly urge you to vote NO on HB 1708, which would decrease public safety and likely lead to an increase in violent crime and suicide. Compelling religious leaders to allow guns in houses of worship, allowing concealed carry on public transport, and lowering the age for concealed carry to 18, are all dangerously unsafe and unnecessary measures. Act to protect Missourians, not endanger them.



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EMAIL: priya.pal789@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 6:26 PM	

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Dear Missouri House Representatives, I am writing in strong opposition to HB2991 and HB1708. We are only nine days into 2024 and there have already been 5 mass shootings, one school shooting, resulting in 5 deaths including that of a sixth grade child. There is clear evidence that shows that access to more guns does not curb violence, it only enables it. As a physician I have seen the damage that easy gun access can do to our community. I've seen children shoot themselves in the eye and brain from unlocked improperly stored guns, their lives forever changed. I've seen mass casualties in emergency rooms and patients in the ICU with limited chance of recovery from gun violence. Human beings are prone to emotion; people are bound to have bad days. When a person's anger and bad days are coupled with easy access to firearms- this is when mass casualties and homicides occur. As lawmakers, I implore you to think about what the consequence of reducing taxes on ammunition and guns will be on our community. Consider how much more unsafe public transit will become when folks can conceal and carry. I ride the train to work every day. At least once a week, someone has a "bad day" whether they get angry, curse, scream and even and even get into physical altercations with nearby passengers. Imagine how these incidents would end if multiple people on the train had guns- there would be an abundance of unintended victims and more mass shootings. In Missouri necessities like food and diapers are taxed. Why should guns and ammunition be tax free? As elected representatives your task is to help the community you serve. Allowing easy access to guns and ammunition on public transit while making them tax free is not going to do anything but harm the folks who elected you. Please vote in opposition to these bills and keep Missouri safe. Sincerely, Dr. Priya Pal, MD PhD



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WITNESS NAME: RACHAEL KAUCHER		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: rachaelizabeth7@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 1:26 PM
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This bill MUST NOT be passed. I want my 2 young children to have a chance to make it to a ripe old age and more guns in public areas are not a smart way for that to happen.



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There is no need for concealed carry permits to apply to public buses or houses of worship, or any other public place in which they are currently legally proscribed. In the current environment in which mass shootings are not sufficiently prevented or resolved, and people have no recourse, it is irresponsible to make it easier for people to bring weapons into public places.



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Dear Committee Members, I am writing to oppose HB 1708 for the following reasons: 1. Passengers should not be carrying weapons onto public transportation. 2. Our state should not be expanding the opportunities for concealed carry permits. 3. 18 year olds, many of whom are still in high school, should not be able to obtain concealed carry permits. 4. Repealing the ban on bringing deadly weapons into houses of worship neglects the agency of the clergy and their members.



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I can not believe that one of the first bills this committee is hearing is to make our gun laws even weaker. We all know that Missouri has a problem with firearms and making them more accessible and allowing them in even more places is not the way to make us safer. It is very clear that stricter gun laws in fact lower gun deaths and states with the strictest laws have a lower gun death rate than those states, like MO, with loose gun laws. Please don't pass this bill out of committee and make us all even less safe than we are today.



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Why can our state not lead the way towards a safer society with reasonable and common sense gun reform laws? Rather, our representatives choose to focus on an out of context interpretation of the second amendment in order to boost their political accolades and further the careers/deepen their pockets. Innocent Americans suffer as our conservative representatives lack the courage to lead.



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I don't want the Missouri legislature deciding whether or not there can be guns in the church that I go to. If the priest doesn't want guns in there, you shouldn't be able to force them.



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I oppose this bill for 2 primary reasons. 1, this is a decision that should be left up to the individual church and its authority. The state telling the church what it can and can't allow is an overstep and not in line with conservative principles. 2, we should be raising the minimum age to purchase a deadly weapon, not lowering it. You have to be 21 to consume alcohol, but you can buy a firearm? Firearms are the leading cause of death for young people age 18 to 20, and they commit gun homicides at triple the rate of adults 21 and older. Please do not advance this bill.



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We need to ensure safety of our children and community members



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WITNESS NAME: REV ERIN PICKERSGILL		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: erinpickersgill@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 12:41 PM

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My name is Rev. Erin Pickersgill and I serve as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. I serve as the Diocesan Ministry Developer for Children and Youth. I am writing in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." This is important to me as a minister who has responsibility for my congregation. A religious community should be able to decide for itself if they desire for individuals to bring guns into their holy place. But HB 1708 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. HB 1708 clearly crosses the line of separation of church and state. Our constitution protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals"; or a "compelling" governmental interest. This bill takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 1708.



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WITNESS NAME: REV. JOSH HUBER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: revjosh@calvaryonninth.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 9:24 AM
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My name is Rev. Josh Huber. I am an Episcopal priest serving a church in Columbia, MO. I am writing in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." This is important to me as a minister who helps lead a congregation. A religious community should be able to decide for itself if they desire for individuals to bring guns into their holy place. But HB 1708 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless we posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 1708.



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WITNESS NAME: REV. MARY HAGGERTY		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: haggertymary79@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/6/2024 5:12 PM
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My name is Rev. Mary Haggerty and I serve as a priest in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. I also serve the as the diocesan Missioner for Gun Violence Prevention. I am writing in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." This is important to me as a minister who has responsibility for my congregation. A religious community should be able to decide for itself if they desire for individuals to bring guns into their holy place. But HB 1708 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. HB 1708 clearly crosses the line of separation of church and state. Our constitution protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This bill takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 1708.



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WITNESS NAME: REV. SUSAN CANDEA, BISHOP		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: scandea@css-elca.org	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 2:16 PM
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My name is Rev. Susan Candea and I serve as the bishop of the Central States Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America which includes congregations in Missouri and Kansas. I strongly urge you to vote against HB 1708 and NOT make it easier for concealed guns to be in places of worship and on public transportation. We live in a world of too much gun violence. As people of faith we are called to work for peace not continue to foster fear and violence. Having more guns, particularly when people come to hear those words of peace, to travel alongside neighbors, will not prevent more violence. It is time to do the hard word of having sensible, not reactionary, laws that curb rather than promote the use of guns. Thank you for your consideration and leadership in this important matter.



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WITNESS NAME: RHONDA TORNO		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: kcmomrhonda@gmail.com.	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 9:06 PM

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I oppose guns in my place of worship. There is zero need for guns in churches. More guns do not make us safer.



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WITNESS NAME: RICHARD EGAN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: egan.egan@att.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 10:03 AM
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I am opposed to this bill. Do not lower the age any further. In fact, raise the age to 21, when young brains are better developed.



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WITNESS NAME: RIKE REUTER-HART		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: rarh1@msn.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 6:54 PM

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We do not need to put more guns in the hands of youth. Our legislators need to focus on reducing the deaths, not increasing. Gun Violence is #1 killer of our youth. Address that issue instead.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT JOHNSON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: cerrmj@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 8:01 PM
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I am opposed to all aspects of this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBERT L CRECELIUS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: robert.crecelius@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 8:10 PM
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I am adamantly opposed to weapons being brought into any house of Worship.



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WITNESS NAME: ROBIN DUNTZE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: spinynorman@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 1:20 PM
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This will lead to more gun deaths.



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WITNESS NAME: ROSALIE METRO		PHONE NUMBER:	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:	
ADDRESS:			
CITY:		STATE:	ZIP:
EMAIL: rose.metro@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written		SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 9:16 PM
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We should be raising the age to conceal carry a firearm, not lowering it. Please do not force religious leaders to have armed people in houses of worship if they do not think it is right for their congregation/community. And guns on public transit will be a nightmare, with unintentional shootings, arguments turned deadly, and innocent people shot in the crossfire.



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WITNESS NAME: RUTH MILLEDGE		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: ramilledge@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 1:13 PM
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No church should be required allow firearms. That would be against some religious beliefs, Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) for example. It would also remove the right to set policy from a churches own governing body. The lowering of permitted age for purchasing firearms is dangerous. Death rates from firearms is already to high in this age range. Neuropsychological research demonstrates that the development of the adolescent brain doesn't support the executive function required for the sort of decision making involved in firearm safety.



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WITNESS NAME: RYAN TINKER		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: ryantinker27@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 1:20 PM
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First of all, it should NOT be easier for anyone in this state to get a firearm. It makes zero sense to allow firearms into places of worship or onto public transit. And it makes even less sense to allow those under 18 access to firearms - if you can't even legally vote you shouldn't be able to legally purchase and carry a firearm.



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WITNESS NAME: SALLY AMARAL		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: sally_amaral@hotmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 11:50 AM
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I am opposed to allowing Guns in Churches, especially if the Congregation and the Ministers are opposed to this also. I do not want to go into a place of worship and worry that someone is going to use their gun! It is a totally ridiculous idea and especially in a place of worship. I am also opposed to lowering the age for lowering the age to 18 for concealed carry and concealed carry on transportation. St. Louis is a city with too many gun deaths, please don't allow more to happen with these ridiculous bills.



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WITNESS NAME: SALLY BOYD		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: sboyd001@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 8:32 AM
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Please oppose HB 1708. My son was murdered by a gunshot to his chest. Since I have personally experienced the devastating loss as have my family and friends I am opposed to this bill. This state needs a more reasonable response to gun violence not one that encourages the use of guns.



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WITNESS NAME: SALLY J SILEA		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: sallysilea@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 1:22 PM
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Guns should not be allowed everywhere. They should not be present when children are around such as schools, daycares, parks, etc. They should also not be allowed where alcohol is served. No one or organization should be forced to allow guns to be present. Many churches advocate for peace and should be allowed to guns off of their property. Guns should not be in the hands of young people. Most are not mature enough to handle them in many situations.



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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT BROWN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: scott7832@sbcglobal.net	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:03 AM
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I want to be able to pray in peace, without presence of weapons.



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WITNESS NAME		
REGISTERED LOBBYIST:		
WITNESS NAME: SHANNON COOPER		PHONE NUMBER: 660-890-1432
REPRESENTING: CITY OF KANSAS CITY, GREATER KANSAS CITY CHAMBER		TITLE:
ADDRESS: 208 MADISON		
CITY: JEFFERSON CITY		STATE: MO
		ZIP: 65101
EMAIL:	ATTENDANCE:	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 12:00 AM
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WITNESS NAME: SHARI FRANK		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: franksrf@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 8:54 PM
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I am in complete opposition to this bill. This does nothing to address gun violence and only increases its chances. No responsible gun bill should force guns in houses of worship, taking discretion away from religious leaders, or allow people to carry firearms on public transit. Lowering the age of concealed carry to 18 is irresponsible and will only increase gun violence.



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WITNESS NAME: SHERI STEWART		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
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CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: sherilynn61@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 8:14 AM
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WITNESS NAME: SHIRLEY BILD		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: bild.shirley@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 5:15 PM
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Religious leaders should be able to decide whether or not they want to permit guns in the building. Lowering the age for concealed carry and allowing anyone to take a gun on public transit will cause more unnecessary deaths.



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WITNESS NAME: SHIRLEY BOLDEN		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: shirleybolden727@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/8/2024 10:21 PM
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Hello. My name is Shirley Bolden from Lee's Summit, Mo. I am a member of St. Augustine's Episcopal Church in METRO Kansas City and I'm writing to ask Rep Keri Ingle to vote against House Bill 282 and not allow guns in churches or on public transportation. This bill is a reckless proposal that would threaten the sanctity and security of churches across our state. There is no evidence to support the notion that flooding sensitive spaces with guns will eliminate gun violence. Not is there a reason to purposely place churchgoers in danger by allowing anyone, even strangers to carry a loaded handgun into their place of worship. The potential ramifications of enacting this bill could cause more harm to our communities. Please do not pass House Bill 1708 or move from the committee. Instead focus on supporting common sense gun laws that would actually protect our families from gun violence.



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHANIE GREENWOOD		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: stephgreenwood93@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 5:12 PM

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I do not agree with guns being carried on public transit or into places of worship. We should not be further encouraging issues to be resolved via gun violence. Religious leaders should make their own decisions about guns in their places of worship. Further, reducing the conceal carry age to 18 is ridiculous. We are not safer as a community or society by having more guns in public places.



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WITNESS NAME: STEPHEN BERKWITZ		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: sberkwitz@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 9:04 AM
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There are no good reasons to loosen state regulations for concealed carry permits. Houses of worship and public transportation companies ought to be allowed to decide whether or not to allow concealed carry. Lowering the age to 18 is also a risky proposition. If teens are not old enough to drink responsibly, they are also not old enough to carry concealed weapons.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN E. ORIS		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: susan.oris@yahoo.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/9/2024 3:46 PM
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I wish to be able to worship without arms present in the worship space.



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WITNESS NAME: SUSAN GIBSON		PHONE NUMBER:
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME:		TITLE:
ADDRESS:		
CITY:		STATE: ZIP:
EMAIL: Onesuegibson@protonmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 1/7/2024 5:00 PM
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This big government overreach would usurp local control. As a public transportation activist, I oppose allowing firearms on public transit, and so do the bus drivers I know. Something to consider: On buses, there is no glove compartment for safe storage of a firearm. There is also no requirement that a gun be properly holstered. I have been on a bus when the driver had to slam on the brakes and everyone's belongings went flying, including a toddler. A gun could have clattered to the floor and discharged, or landed under a seat unnoticed for a child to find at a later date. I am writing to reiterate that guns on public transit are a bad idea.



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I am totally opposed to all facets of HB 1708. The most salient reason for all legislators to oppose such a ludicrous bill is that guns are not allowed in their own workplace or courthouses, law enforcement offices, or polling places. Therefore, any gun advocate legislator should FIRST work to allow all guns in their own government buildings. The U.S. constitution, which you are sworn to uphold, provides for freedom of religion, which obviously means that citizens have the right to worship and to worship where they choose. There is nothing in the constitution (including the 2nd amendment) that stipulates the government has the authority to mandate churches/houses of worship/congregations /or religious leaders must allow weapons in their House of God. "Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of other." Phillipians 2:3-4



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I have a concern with lowering the concealed carry age as many 18 year olds are still in high school. There is no positive reason to lower the age to 18. We do not need more guns available near and in schools. Ex judges and general assembly members can carry wherever they want. Just because you were a judge/legislator should not put you above the law. Why does this group get special treatment especially after they leave their job? This is a terrible part of the law and needs to be removed. I do not understand the difference between pleading guilty to a crime vs being found guilty. If you have a guilty behind your name on a violent crime, it should stay until it has been overturned. Place of worship- This should be up to the location. I heard that most clergy want guns in their church. This is true for the Baptist churches, but not true for many other places of worship. If this law passes, there should be a set sign issued by the state free of charge to any place that does not want guns on their premise.



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Guns should not be allowed in sensitive places like churches and buses where there are a number of people and children at risk. My church hires its own security through the police department. Also, age limits should be considered very seriously. Many of the killings in our schools have been by young people under 21. As a retired counselor, we have studied that the brain has not matured until the age of 23.



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I am Tara Bennett, and I attend Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Kansas City. I am writing to ask committee members to vote against HB 1708, especially due to the provisions changing the concealed carry permit requirements for churches. Churches and pastors already have a mechanism to allow firearms to be carried into spaces, and many churches like mine contract for outside security during services and events. Changing this causes a problem vs. solves one, as it removes discretion from those who know their congregation best. Without large ugly signage near sacred spaces, anyone with a CC permit, even if unknown to the pastor or church council, could bring a firearm into a church. Whether or not the person means harm may not be known, which could cause misunderstanding and put many at risk. Especially at an urban church in the city core, controlling who walks in the doors and if they are armed is a church by church process, and it should remain the prerogative of the clergy to determine if and who can carry a weapon. Many who seek solace in a church have been affected by gun violence, and bringing more armed people into churches or seeing signs about guns disrupts the peace sought by so many in our communities. There is no evidence to support the notion that flooding sensitive spaces with guns will eliminate gun violence. Not is there a reason to purposely place churchgoers in danger by allowing anyone, even strangers to carry a loaded handgun into their place of worship. The potential ramifications of enacting this bill could cause more harm to our communities. With the number of shootings at places of worship of all denominations, let churches determine their own security plans vs forcing something that is not helpful and could be more dangerous on churches across Missouri. Please do not pass HB 1708 or move from committee. Respectfully, Tara Bennett



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Many gun owners are responsible, but definitely not all. Young people especially can lack perspective and do rash things when they experience strong emotions. My stepdad was a police officer and he already had a hard enough time with people with mental illness or addiction or just going through a hard time getting access to guns and killing themselves or loved ones or complete strangers out in public. Until there are ways to reduce access for people doing rash things or with histories of violence, these bills will make our state less safe for everyone.



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Let church leadership vet and decide who will carry firearms. I don't want concealed firearms on buses or trains. I don't want 18 year olds carrying concealed firearms. More guns in more places don't make us safer.



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Name: **The Rev. Paul A. Metzler, D.Min.Priest:** **Episcopal Diocese of Missouri.**
Residence: **5305 Kenrick View Drive, St. Louis (Shrewsbury), Missouri 63119**
Legislation:
HB 1708 I write in opposition to HB 1708 which I understand would allow concealed carry of firearms into places of worship. Currently our laws automatically ban concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives “the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship.” The current law is important to preserve for both clergy and members of Christian congregations, of Jewish synagogues, of Muslim mosques, and so forth to all houses of worship. If HB 1708 is passed it would mean worshippers and faith leaders would lose their right and freedom to keep weapons from their holy places of worship. It blurs the line of separation between state and church. I cannot think of any reason a change such as HB 1708 is even under consideration, but ask you to use your political skills and abilities to oppose and table this proposal forever.



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My name is the Reverend Barbi Click and I serve as a Deacon in the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. I write to you in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow the concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives “the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship.” While I believe it is ridiculous for anyone to carry a weapon that can kill any of God’s children into a worship space, at the very least, a religious community should be able to decide for itself if they desire for individuals to bring guns into their holy place. I do hear a lot of talk about the need for big government staying out of the personal lives of individuals. But HB 1708 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a weapon meant to kill humans into a house of worship that preaches “Love thy neighbor” unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government- mandated signs on their sacred space. HB 1708 clearly crosses the line of separation of church and state. Our constitution protects citizens’ right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a “public morals” and “compelling” governmental interest. This bill takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. There are two commandments greater than all the others -- Love God and love your neighbor. Guns signify an intention to kill. These should not be allowed in places of worship. Please oppose HB 1708.



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My name is the Rev. Dr. Teresa Danieley. I serve as Priest Associate at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in the City of St. Louis and as the Missioner for Public Advocacy for the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri. I am also the mother of 3 young children. I am writing in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently automatically bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." This is important to me as a priest who has responsibility for the congregation in which I am presiding at mass (the Holy Eucharist, Holy Communion) or preaching. A religious community should be able to decide for itself if they desire for individuals to bring guns into their holy place. HB 1708 would make the carry of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. HB 1708 clearly crosses the line of separation of church and state. Our constitution protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This bill takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 1708.



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To those whom it may concern, in the Missouri House of Representatives. I was honored to be invited by Rep. Aaron Crossley to speak in opposition to HB 1708, in its current language. I was looking forward to speaking in person, but am submitting my statement in writing instead, due to inclement weather. I am a resident of Kansas City, Missouri, and an ordained minister at a church in Independence, in Mr. Crossley's district. Before moving (back) to Missouri, I lived in Virginia, on a street called Quaker Lane. Living in one of the oldest parts of our nation, on a street by this name, gave me opportunities to reflect on the influence of the Quakers, who are known in part for their adherence to religious pacifism. Although various traditions within Christianity may differ sharply on the question of nonviolence, it is clear that their position is a deeply held belief, as an application of the teachings of Jesus Christ. As such, the convictions of the Quakers (and other pacifists) have been protected by American democracy. Some pacifists have even volunteered for service during times of war, with the assurance that they would not be expected to handle a weapon, or bring harm to another human being. This is a rare and precious jewel in the American crown: the ability to disagree strongly with our neighbor, while fiercely protecting their right to speak as they speak, believe as they believe, and worship as they worship. Although I do not formally consider myself a pacifist, I am compelled by the convictions of the Quakers, and nonviolent activists, to gather and worship without weapons in their midst. So when I was made aware of HB 1708, and the push to require houses of worship to allow firearms on their premises, I had to speak up. If we, as Missourians and as Americans, are truly committed to the First Amendment's Freedom of Religion, we must respect the rights of religious groups to gather and practice according to their firmly held beliefs. Yes, that will mean that many churches, synagogues, mosques and other congregations will conduct themselves in ways that I would not choose, but that is the price of religious freedom. Therefore I urge you, Missouri Representatives, to amend House Bill 1708 in a way that protects the Freedom of Religion in our state, or to defeat the bill in its entirety. Thank you, and may God bless you. The Rev. Ryan Wiksell, Independence



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AGAINST because people should be able to ride public transportation in safety.**



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I am opposed to HB 1708. Guns should not be allowed in sensitive areas, such as churches. I do not want to attend my church and worry that someone has a gun there. There are children, including mine, and we should be able to feel safe. I oppose lowering the age to own a conceal carry gun from 19 to 18. I think 19 is also too young. Teens and adolescents should not carry concealed weapons. I do not think they can be responsible gun owners at that age when they're brains have not fully developed. Teens are known to make poor decisions and I don't think legal guns should be another option.



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Lowering the age at which people can carry a concealed weapon is a very, very bad idea. Teenagers do not have the emotional maturity needed to use a gun responsibly in public. That change in the law would only make juvenile crime worse. I also think that having people carry guns on buses and trains is a horrible idea. The strong consensus among gun violence researchers is that having more people carry guns in more places does NOT correlate with lower violent crime rates. Please vote against this proposed bill. Dr. Tim Knapp Brookline, MO



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My name is Rev. William R. Nesbit, Jr. the Rector (Sr. Pastor) at Grace Episcopal Church in Jefferson City. I am writing in opposition to HB 1708, which would allow concealed carry of firearms in places of worship. Missouri law currently bans concealed weapons from houses of worship unless an individual receives "the consent of the minister or person or persons representing the religious organization that exercises control over the place of religious worship." As the primary person responsible for the physical and spiritual health and safety of my congregation, the authority to allow firearms into our worship space rests with me. HB 1708 would take that authority out of my hands. A religious community should be able to decide for themselves how they will manage their own safety. HB 1708 would make the carrying of a concealed weapon in my church setting the default. Individuals with a concealed carry endorsement or permit could automatically bring a firearm into a house of worship unless that religious group posted significant signs at every entry. A church, synagogue, mosque, or other house of worship would not be able to determine its own policy regarding concealed guns without either accepting weapons or posting government-mandated signs on their sacred space. HB 1708 clearly crosses the line of separation of church and state. Our constitution protects citizens' right to practice their religion as they please, so long as the practice does not run afoul of a "public morals" or a "compelling" governmental interest. This bill takes away the right of clergy and religious communities to determine how they will worship in their private spaces. Government control has no place in our houses of worship. Please oppose HB 1708.



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I am against the changes that would be allowed by this legislation. We are participating in fewer and fewer activities in the Greater St. Louis area because we do not feel safe. We do not feel safe because Missouri's laws have become less restrictive about who can carry guns. We don't think the people carrying the guns will save us from a crime. We think that these people carrying guns are the ones more likely to lose their tempers and shoot people. This proposed legislation hurts community safety.



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????? HB1708 elevates a Concealed Carry License holder beyond a reasonable level. They are not sufficiently trained in marksmanship or situations. The bill has no provisions for this. Public transportation is not equipped to respond to the type of escalation. Innocent people would be caught in the crossfire and be injured or die. It is also unreasonable to invite guns into places of worship. Do not pass HB1708 out of committee.



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As a Christian pastor I strongly oppose this unnecessary legislation.



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Hello, My name is Zenga Stroff, my pronouns are she/her/hers and I am a volunteer leader with Students Demand Action. In October of 2022, a 19 year old gunman entered my school and killed two people, wounding several more. That day was horror. I'm not sure if any of you can imagine what it's like to huddle in the corner of a classroom, holding your classmates' hands, wishing they would cry quieter. I'm not sure if any of you can imagine the terror that our guardians felt that day, as they abandoned their cars in the middle of the road to see if their babies survived. According to Gun Violence Archive, there have been more than 300 homicides already this year. Every year, nearly 18,000 people die by gun homicide. And House bill 1708 would do nothing to combat this, allowing guns to be more readily available than ever, and providing adolescents with the power to carry hidden, loaded, guns in public and kill before they are fully able to comprehend the consequences their actions may have. According to research, the prefrontal cortex is the part of the brain that allows us to predict the consequences of our actions, adjust our behavior when inappropriate, and, most importantly, control strong emotions. This part of the brain is not fully developed until the age of 25. I ask you: why would allowing someone with limited impulse control to carry a hidden, loaded, deadly weapon keep us safe? Why would we want someone to have this ability when they aren't yet able to regulate strong emotions? Wouldn't this increase the instances of gun violence? Not only is this issue important to protect people around teens, but the teens themselves. One-third of gun-related deaths are suicides in children between the ages of 0 and 19.