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WITNESS NAME: CARA HOOVER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-356-9698	
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WITNESS NAME: DAVID WOODSMALL		PHONE NUMBER:
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WITNESS NAME: FRED DREILING		PHONE NUMBER: 816-806-6335	
REPRESENTING: MISSOURI ASSOCIATION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES		TITLE:	
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WITNESS NAME: FRED J DREILING		PHONE NUMBER: 816-806-6335	
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This change from annual to scheduled will help small towns save money on unnecessary work.



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WITNESS NAME: J TRENT FORD		PHONE NUMBER: 314-409-6812	
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WITNESS NAME: JAMES OWEN		PHONE NUMBER: 417-496-1924	
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January 31, 2024
 Renew Missouri Advocates, Inc. 915 East Ash Columbia, Missouri 65201
 Re: Written Testimony to the House Utilities Committee on House Bill 1746
 To the Chairman and Members of the House Utilities Committee, Renew Missouri, a 501(c)(3) organized to promote clean energy policy, wishes to testify in support of House Bill 1746. Specifically, we support the section applying retroactive property tax assessments to solar equipment without reservation. This will provide regulatory certainty to those seeking to develop independent power solutions in our state. But we would also urge this body to expand the language so the concept in the current text involving the assignment of RECs to apply more broadly to businesses throughout Missouri. Allowing corporations to retain RECs - or "renewable energy credits" - could and should be a powerful economic development tool to attract and retain businesses. Historically, RECs are retained by the utility that generates renewable energy, which can sell these RECs in the marketplace. For a long time, it made sense for utility companies to retain these credits because they were the only parties with a vested interest in them. But now, industrial and commercial customers are becoming more and more connected to renewable energy. Companies have sustainability goals. Shareholders are demanding business leaders embrace the clean energy future. Corporations are selecting locations for facilities where renewable energy access is guaranteed. To meet this demand for clean energy, utilities in Missouri will produce renewable energy specifically for a certain customer or facility, with the approval of PSC regulators. Examples of this include a recent decision by the PSC to approve solar arrays for several Ameren corporate customers - including Wal-Mart. Many of these corporate customers stated they would have relocated outside of Missouri if the solar projects were not approved. While this legislation targets specific customers on the western side of the state, Renew Missouri sees the larger benefit of HB 1746. Offering large-scale customers the ability to retain RECs for the energy produced at their behest is yet another opportunity for businesses to embrace clean energy. This opportunity could be presented as part of a larger package of incentives to recruit and retain large-scale customers to do business in Missouri. Any opportunity to make renewable energy a plus for business is something this Legislature should embrace. In sum, I urge this Committee to reconsider the existing language and expand the concept in terms of RECS and allowing all Missouri businesses can take advantage. In terms of the property tax assessment portion of this bill, we urge you to pass that without revision. With respect, James Owen Executive Director, Renew Missouri



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WITNESS NAME: JAY HAHN		PHONE NUMBER: 919-960-6015	
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WITNESS NAME: JONATHAN DOLAN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-540-4400	
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WITNESS NAME: LARRY PLEUS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-821-2999
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WITNESS NAME: RAY MCCARTY		PHONE NUMBER: 573-634-2246	
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF MISSOURI		TITLE: PRESIDENT/CEO	
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Associated Industries of Missouri supports two provisions of this bill in particular that clarify the sales tax exemption of items used in the transportation and distribution of electricity and the depreciation of pipelines for property tax purposes.



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WITNESS NAME: REBECCA EICHELBERGER		PHONE NUMBER: 573-659-3401	
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WITNESS NAME: SCOTT A ROBBINS		PHONE NUMBER: 573-686-2459
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: KENNEDY, ROBBINS, YARBRO & HENSON, LC		TITLE: ATTORNEY
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I am an attorney in Poplar Bluff, Missouri. Since 1996, my practice has focused upon working with citizens to form rural water and sewer districts. I donated legal services to help create the Missouri Association of Sewer Districts and to draft the legislation that ultimately was amended and passed by the Legislature allowing the formation of reorganized common sewer districts throughout the state. One of the sections that was removed when the bill originally passed was the provision for payment of Board members. This bill is needed as it has become increasingly difficult to find quality board members to serve without pay. The bill is similar to the payment provisions for water district board members contained in Section 247.060.5 RSMo. I can tell you that the caliber of board members for my water district clients has improved since this provision became law. I think the same would be true for sewer districts as well. The majority of the boards I represent go above and beyond the call of duty to serve. This attendance fee would help compensate them for just some of the time spent on behalf of their communities. I recommend that the bill be passed. I am unable to attend the hearing in person, but I am willing to discuss this with any of the committee members in detail at your convenience.



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WITNESS NAME: ZACH MONROE		PHONE NUMBER: 573-508-2467	
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WITNESS NAME: ZACH POLLOCK		PHONE NUMBER: 573-645-3210
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