



MISSOURI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WITNESS APPEARANCE FORM

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WITNESS NAME: DEE MILLER		PHONE NUMBER: 816-258-3346
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It will prevent people who are not qualified in law enforcement from seeking this office.



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WITNESS NAME: DIANE STOCKMAN		PHONE NUMBER: 314-630-3468	
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**Please ensure that a sheriff or anyone involved in law enforcement is qualified to be in this position!!
Our citizens deserve basic common sense protection. As a teacher, I must have training and certification. So should a law enforcement official!**



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WITNESS NAME: DON BICKHAUS		PHONE NUMBER:
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Yes, support this bill.



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WITNESS NAME: JEROME S. JACOBSMEYER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-591-2968	
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The office of Sheriff should require a Valid Peace Officer License. This is needed as a first step to verify that the candidate is serious.



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WITNESS NAME: JOHN WEBB		PHONE NUMBER:
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– We support this bill because it will prevent people who are not qualified in law enforcement from seeking this office. – This bill would require the sheriffs of St. Louis City and St. Louis County to hold a valid peace officer license to be eligible to hold the office of sheriff.



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WITNESS NAME: KEVIN MERRITT		PHONE NUMBER: 573-301-7728	
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The sheriffs of Missouri support this bill. It is paramount that any sheriff be trained in the profession.



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WITNESS NAME: KIRK HILZINGER		PHONE NUMBER:
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Living in St. Louis City since the mid-1990s and seeing the crime problems get out of control, and seeing just how corrupt City Hall is and how "defund the police" they still are, but do not say it (loser for the voters), I have to insist we support this bill. You cannot get placed in charge of the police unless you are a friend to the far-left faction of the democrat party in St. Louis. And when you take a look at the aldermen representing each ward, you see how further and further left the city is becoming. I, myself, have seen how those in power in the city push the further left of two candidates in a democrat primary. I saw the sample ballots the democrats were handing out when Megan Green won the election as Board of Alderman president. Both her and Jack Coater are democrats and both were on the ballot. It is no surprise that after losing, Jack Coater left the state. Right now, Megan Green and the rest of the far-left city politicians in St. Louis are pushing for Cori Bush over Westley Bell. I have seen time after time that the democrats in this city see it as their exclusive domain and anyone outside of that "need not apply". Some of the mayor's committees, such as the city charter committee requires republican representation on these committees. I know republicans that applied. Not a single one was picked. No one believes the crime numbers coming out of City Hall. Ask any person in the St. Louis region if they believe St. Louis is getting safer. I know people who now refuse to come to even a Cardinal's Game citing crime as their concern. I, personally, know of someone who was delivering a pizza where the customer slapped down \$2 and ran off with the pizza on Hampton Avenue. That is a strong-armed robbery. The police reported it as a "disturbing the peace". Police moral is all but gone so I understand undercharging a crime. They are usually to busy going from 911 call to 911 call so property crime and traffic enforcement has to basically be left to the side when they occur. That means they are extremely stressed out, and as you probably can understand, working in a high-stress environment, with little break, mandatory overtime, severe issues with getting the equipment they need and a city hall and citizens that refuse to support them can cause issues. I can't blame a police officer to move to a neighboring county when they offer more money, better benefits, a safer environment, better equipment, better support from both local government and its citizens, and now credit for your seniority to move on. Plus, just because you have a badge number doesn't mean you are a number. The better police, which we desperately need, are getting these better opportunities and moving on. There is a petition going around to audit St. Louis City Hall and I think it is desperately needed to uncover the corruption going on as well as the fake numbers coming out. We all know about aldermen taking plain envelopes filled with cash to get things done. We don't need that corruption to move into our Sheriff's office. Plus, making sure we hire good, quality leadership for the Sheriff's office with actual experience, will go a long way to retaining the officers we have as well as help recruit the people we so desperately need to fill the roles we have open. People complain all the time about problems in our jails. Do you think having quality leadership would go a long way to making sure those issues stop? What we don't need is someone who tows the far-left Democrat line and does whatever the mayor

wants him or her to do.



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WITNESS NAME: MARGARET UNGER		PHONE NUMBER: 314-550-4377
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Any candidate for Sheriff should have to have a valid peace officer license as a condition for eligibility.



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WITNESS NAME: RODNEY R. HUBBARD		PHONE NUMBER: 314-308-3709
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WITNESS NAME: SHAWN RHOADS		PHONE NUMBER: 417-293-0471	
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WITNESS NAME: STEVEN R. CARROLL		PHONE NUMBER: 573-761-5952	
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WITNESS NAME: TIMOTHY HAILL		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: VERNON BETTS		PHONE NUMBER: 314-622-4131
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION NAME: ST. LOUIS SHERIFF'S OFFICE		TITLE: SHERIFF
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CITY: ST. LOUIS		STATE: MO
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WITNESS NAME: ALFRED MONTGOMERY		PHONE NUMBER:	
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WITNESS NAME: ARNIE C. "HONEST-ABE" DIENOFF-STATE PUBLIC ADVOCATE		PHONE NUMBER:
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I am Opposed to this Bill. 1. This is taking away "Local-Control" of the City of Saint Louis Alderman to decide what is Best for themselves and their City. 2. Where will the \$1.8-Million Dollars in Pay-Raises come from? 3. Is this being done for Political Power, Attention and Control? 4. Why is a Representative from Pike County Sponsoring this Bill? Shouldn't this Proposed Bill come from a House Member in the City of Saint Louis? 5. This is very unfair to Missouri's other] 1,330 Counties, Cities and Villages.



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WITNESS NAME: KORTNIE HUDDLESTON		PHONE NUMBER:
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I urge you to oppose this bill. Any legislation designed to take away local control or meddle in the internal police affairs of the City of St. Louis is unacceptable. What our city needs is partnership with state officials to continue to identify strategies to improve public safety, not continued efforts to place SLMPD under state control. I implore you to listen to the voices of the people and vote against all proposed legislation that seeks to limit or remove local control over SLMPD from the people of St. Louis.



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WITNESS NAME: MICHAEL DREYER		PHONE NUMBER:
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EMAIL: mdreyer93@gmail.com	ATTENDANCE: Written	SUBMIT DATE: 2/5/2024 3:42 PM
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